

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 29, 2016
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chairman Myers called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 AM on Monday, February 29, 2016 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Charles Napier, Pat Collins, Robert Myers, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, and Jordan Zabel

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Minutes from the February 22, 2016 and the February 24, 2016 meetings of the BOCC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

County Clerk Edmondson informed the Board that he has the CDBG Grant Agreement for the Galena Bridge Project. He will get the packet together and will present it for signatures next week. A copy of the agreement was given to the Board and Counselor Wright for review.

Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor
Gene Langerot - County Lot Supervisor

They appeared before the Board regarding county road business. Gene reported that the tractors and mowers should be shipped on March 31st. Leonard stated that the lawn mower arrived on Friday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to enter an Executive Session with the Board, Counselor Wright, Leonard Vanatta, and Gene Langerot for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:24 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:34 AM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session

Mark Hixon - County Appraiser

He appeared before the Board regarding the 2016 property valuations. He stated that 7,640 notices were printed and mailed. 8,099 property owners will not receive a valuation notice since their values didn't change from last year. He estimates the savings at \$8,100 by using this alternative notification process. The Appraiser's website is available for all property owners to look up their valuations. Owners may request a printed notice to be mailed if they choose.

He stated that the independent appraiser is working on the Galena Medical Properties. The report from him is due April 1st.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to take a 10 minutes recess until 9:53 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:43 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:53 AM.

Terry Eifert - Great American Title Co.

She appeared before the Board regarding future tax sales. She stated they have been in business in Columbus for a year now and would like to get into the rotation for doing property research on future tax sales. Commissioner Myers stated that when we get to the next tax sale, they would be notified what the bid process would be. The Board thanked her for her interest.

Jason Allison - Emergency Management Coordinator

He appeared before the Board regarding flood buyout property on Watermelon Lane that is currently being leased to someone. He stated that the property is not being maintained according to the lease agreement and asked the Board to consider the agreement in default. He stated that an adjoining landowner is willing to sign a lease for the property. Commissioner Myers asked Counselor Wright to give notice of termination of the lease agreement.

Jason stated that the cost of the new flood buyout will be approximately \$1.1 million, with 15 people participating. The county portion of the buyout will be \$283,981. He stated that the SEKRPC has received tentative approval for urgent needs funds from the state that will cover the county match portion of the buyout. If that happens, the county can bid for the demolition of the structures and will not have to do it ourselves.

Chairman Myers signed the Request for Environmental Assessment Comments at the request of the SEKRPC in conjunction with the CDBG Grant for the Galena Bridge Improvement Project.

Betha Elliott - Health Department

She appeared before the Board seeking approval to attend a conference in Dallas, Texas in April. She stated that there are funds available to pay for one half of the costs and she has grant funds that will pay for the remainder. The Board gave their approval.

Barbara Wright - County Counselor

She presented a resolution for the Board to consider regarding the potential condemnation of a property located at 8511 SE 71st St. The property is located in Lowell. A notice of hearing would be publish twice, with a hearing date in April.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve Resolution 03-2016, establishing a time and place for a hearing before the Board of County Commissioners regarding property located at 8511 SE 71 St. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0.

She presented a Corrected Quit Claim Deed for the Board to consider. The original issued by the Board in 2003 was incorrect.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Corrected Quit Claim Deed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0.

She updated the Board on her review of the Personnel Policy for County employees for possible updates. She will continue her review and update the Board at a later time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to enter an Executive Session with the Board and Counselor Wright for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:40 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 10:55 AM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to enter an Executive Session with the Board and Counselor Wright for another 15 minutes for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:55 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:05 AM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Terry Clugston - Undersheriff


He appeared before the Board regarding training for dispatchers for Emergency Medical Dispatch Certification. They are trying to get approval to host the training to help cut down costs. The cost would be approximately \$350 per person, with eight full time dispatchers receiving the training. They are also looking at getting two dispatchers certified as an Emergency Tele-communicator. The cost of the certifications would be paid for with 911 funds. The Board gave their approval.

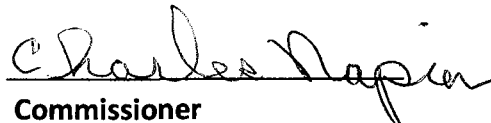
County Clerk Edmondson informed the Board that Gene Mense will be here on Monday, March 14th to review the 2016 Budget and Funds balances. Mense will get those numbers from the County Treasurer prior to the meeting. He also stated that the Mass Mailing for voter registration maintenance has begun. 16,526 postcards were mailed out last week as a first step in the process.

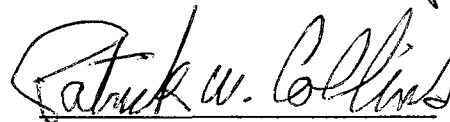
Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:17 AM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 7th day of March, 2016


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2016

A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS, AT WHICH THE OWNERS, HIS OR HER AGENT, LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD, OCCUPANTS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST OF STRUCTURES LOCATED WITHIN SAID COUNTY AND DESCRIBED HEREIN, MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH STRUCTURE SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED AS AN UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURE(S).

WHEREAS, the Enforcing Officer of Cherokee County, Kansas, did on the 22nd day of February, 2016, file with the Governing Body, the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, a statement in writing that the structure(s), hereinafter described, are dilapidated, unsafe and dangerous and a blight upon the neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS:

That a hearing will be held on the 18th day of April, 2016, before the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at Cherokee County Courthouse, 1st floor Commission Room, 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas 66725, at which the owner, his or her agent, any lienholders of record, any occupant and any other parties in interest, as that term is defined by law, of the structure(s) located at:

**8511 SE 71st STREET, BAXTER SPRINGS, CHEROKEE COUNTY,
KANSAS, CONSISTING OF LOT 10, BLOCK 10 IN THE ORIGINAL
PLAT OF LOWELL,**

may appear and show cause why such structure(s) should not be condemned as unsafe or dangerous and ordered repaired or demolished and the debris removed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published and shall give notice of the aforesaid hearing in the manner provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of February, 2016, by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas.

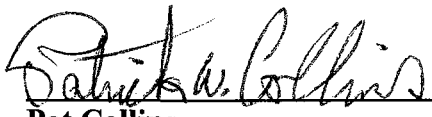
APPROVED:



Robert E. Myers, Chair
Cherokee County Commissioner

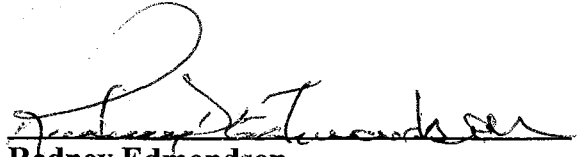


Charles Napier
Cherokee County Commissioner



Pat Collins
Cherokee County Commissioner

ATTEST:



Rodney Edmondson
Cherokee County Clerk
Executed: February, 29, 2016,
by the Board of County Commissioners

