

Original Minutes turned in by the County Clerk.
Changes were made, but no motion was made by
the Commission for changes made to the original minutes

MINUTES FOR MARCH 8, 2010

COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

Cherokee County Commissioners met March 8, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hilderbrand and those present were Commissioners Garner and Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and written by County Clerk Crystal Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson brought in a signature card for the Storm Siren Grant Fund for the American Bank, Commissioner Hildebrand, Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood, and Cherokee County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson signed off as trustees.

COMMISSIONERS GARNER, COLLINS, AND HILDERBRAND SIGNED AND APPROVED THE FOLLOWING:

VOUCHER – CHEROKEE COUNTY SPORTSMAN TO PURCHASE CLAY FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE - TO BE TAKEN OUT OF LINE ITEM #89 (OTHER CONTRACTURAL) ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT - \$1,500.00

OTHER BUSINESS

Beckie Purdue and Samantha Nash of First American Title came before the commission to discuss the services their business can provide for the county. Ms. Purdue asked if First American Title, which does title searches, could be considered for future use in future county tax sales. She expressed they were qualified and licensed by the State of Kansas and they have access to county deeds within their office. Commissioner Collins thanked her and referred her over to County Counselor Kevin Cure who is working the current county tax sale.

County Attorney John Bullard brought the ^{Proposed} ~~finished~~ Personnel Book to the commission for review. The commissioners thanked him and the committee for their hard work and will get back with him later on their decisions.

Leonard Vanatta, Road and Bridge Supervisor, came before the commission and brought in estimates for a Track Loader for the county, no decisions were made, just a discussion of new, used, and rentals. He also reported that they were getting phone calls on the county dumpsters. The commission called Environmental Director Carl Hayes to come in and discuss the situation. Carl Hayes reported that County Counselor Kevin Cure had not returned his call regarding the contract with Wheatland Landfill. The commission asked Carl to put together estimates from area trash haulers for pickup and disposal. Carl said he would get back to them when he has the information they are requesting.

Nancy Lamb of Emergency Management came before the commission and reported the county has received final confirmation on the Trece Storm Siren, and Scammon and Mineral Township Storm Sirens work will be starting soon. The county also received a grant from the Route 66 National Park Service for the by pass bridge in Galena, Kansas. She reported the work would be a two phase project. Nancy also reported that Cherokee County received the Neighborhood Stabilization Project from President Obama's Federal Stimulus Funds. The commission expressed that this project would be beneficial for improvements in Cherokee County. The commissioners thanked her for coming in and giving the update.

3 phase with 1 phase already completed.

three phase project with one phase already completed

Pat Collins

MOTIONS

Commissioner Collins made a motion to change cut-off for Accounts/Payable and March Payroll from March 22, 2010 to March 19, 2010, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adopt an Ad Hock committee for Cherokee County for Economic Development, Tourism, and other enhancements, they would work with the Joplin Regional Prosperity Initiative, and each commissioner would submit names for the Cherokee County Ad Hock Board, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor. The commission will make their recommendations on March 22, 2010.

Commissioner Garner made a motion to recess for lunch, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to pay the Joplin Regional Prosperity Initiative payment out of County General Fund, line item Economic Development, for the amount of \$10,000.00 in quarterly payments, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. ~~Initially Commissioner Collins and the commission made a motion on February 22, 2010 to fund this out of County General, using Inmate Funds, but auditor Gene Mense reported it could not come out of that line item because it is a revenue source.~~

*which is also funded by the jail fund.
Pat Collins*

Commissioner Garner made a motion to seek bids from Independent Auditors to audit the books for the Wheatland Landfill and check on Cherokee County's interests, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor. Commissioner Hilderbrand asked County Clerk Gatewood to get the necessary paperwork organized and mailed out. The commission will review the auditor submissions on April 5, 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for eighteen minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, and County Counselor Kevin Cure via telephone conference, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. They went in at 1:05 PM and returned at 1:25 PM.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for ten minutes for Non/Elected Personnel with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, and County Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. They went in at 1:29 PM and returned at 1:37 PM.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for twenty minutes for Non/Elected Personnel with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, Sheriff David Groves, Undersheriff Terry Clugston, and Billy Charles, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand and all voted in favor. They went in at 1:40 PM and returned at 1:58 PM.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for fifteen minutes for Non/Elected Personnel, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. They went in at 2:04 PM and returned at 2:15 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission Meeting will be held March 15, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

Resolved and Ordered this day, March 15, 2010

Cherokee County Clerk

Commissioner

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