

**MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2017**  
**BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Collins called the Special Session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Emergency Management Coordinator Jason Allison reported on a potential ice storm event for Cherokee County later this week. He presented a Declaration of Emergency Resolution for the Board to consider, to be used if needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve Resolution 03-2017, a Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency for Cherokee County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

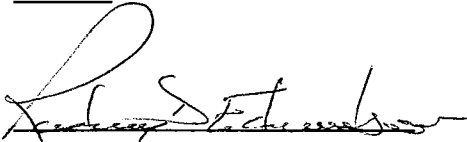
A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Payroll for the period ending January 6, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.

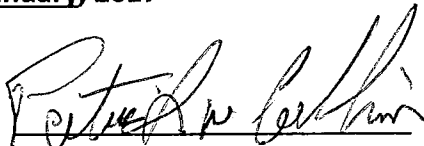
A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the Accounts Payable for the period ending January 9, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to adjourn until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:42 AM.

The Board will not meet on Monday January 16, 2017 due to the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 23th day of January, 2017**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

03-2017  
RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_ AND PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Cherokee County, Kansas:

WHEREAS on the 12 day of January, 2017, the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas finds that certain conditions have caused, or eminently threaten to cause wide-spread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property in disaster property proportion in Cherokee County, Kansas.

WHEREAS, such conditions have created obstructions which endanger health, safety, and welfare of persons and property within the border of Cherokee County, Kansas.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas.

That the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, under and by virtue of the authority vested in it by K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 48-932, does hereby PROCLAIM that a State of Local Disaster Emergency exists.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that the area within the border of Cherokee County, Kansas covered by this proclamation/resolution is the entire area of Cherokee County, Kansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board has all rights and/or powers to perform such functions as are vested in said Board by and through the provisions of the Kansas Emergency Preparedness Act of 1975.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that this resolution shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days unless terminated earlier or renewed by consent of the governing body.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 2017.

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COUNTY COMMISSION

*Patrick W. Collins*  
CHAIRMAN

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MEMBER

*[Signature]*  
COUNTY CLERK

Date: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

To; Board of County Commission

Ref: Upcoming Weather event

NWS Springfield Situation Report Updated 6 AM on 1/11.

Confidence continues to increase that freezing rain will affect a large portion of the region starting Thursday night, and a Winter Storm Watch is in effect from Thursday night through Saturday for a large part of the area. While confidence in freezing rain occurrence is relatively high, confidence in duration and exact amounts remains on the low side. In general, it appears that amounts will be higher as one goes north. The exact location and evolution of the surface freezing line will be key to freezing rain duration and amounts. Please be sure to check back frequently for updates as the temperature forecast is fine-tuned over the next few days.

Latest SitRep: <http://www.weather.gov/media/sgf/EMBriefing1/EMBriefing1.pdf>

We have currently contacted local municipalities checking on generator resources that might be needed.

Are currently making contact with local nursing homes to check on generator resources.

We have contacted Red Cross to verify they have all pre identified storm shelters ready to go and that they can staff them in case they are needed.

Identified contact information with Salvation Army.

Requesting to go ahead and have disaster declaration signed in case needed.

We will have conference calls with State of Kansas at noon, Sheriff department, Health Department, and Emergency Management will be attending call.

There will be a conference call at 1400 hours with Springfield National Weather Service for weather briefing updates.

EOC will be activated to watch status starting Thursday evening and will decide if need to be activated depending on changing weather.

EOC will be set up at Cherokee County Law Enforcement Center.

We are requesting that FACEBOOK be reinstated as soon as possible, This is a main resource for updating the citizens of Cherokee County in the event of severe weather.