

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2019
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

Chairman Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 4, 2019 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Myra Carlisle Frazier opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Neal Anderson, Myra Carlisle Frazier, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to approve the Minutes of the October 28, 2019 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Moates informed the Board that Fabick Caterpillar has agreed to share the cost of the additional warranty on the grader rebuild. The warranty is for three years or 5,000 hours at a cost of \$10,176 to be split 50/50.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to approve the payroll for the period ending October 25, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to approve the accounts payable for the period ending October 31, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Counselor Wright informed the Board that she had received a phone call from Lloyd Hancock with Trail Boss, Inc. regarding the manufacturing of the new recycling trailer. He stated that the axle has been ordered, but it would take three weeks to get it. The first axle arrived without brakes on it. He stated that he has every intention of fulfilling the order, but it would take longer than the 30-day ultimatum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the 2020 contracts with Candace Gayoso, Joanna Derfelt, Melanie Bingham, and Doug Steele for the District Court children and misdemeanor appointment cases. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to pay the \$40 invoice from the City of Columbus for the use of the community building out of the Special Highway Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel with the Board, Counselor Wright, and Clerk Edmondson for approximately 15

minutes. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 9:45 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

No action will be taken at this time as a result of the executive session.

The Board set December 9th for the courthouse Christmas pot-luck lunch with the commissioners providing a ham and a turkey. Commissioner Moates will contact the grocery store regarding the preparation of the meat.

Treasurer Elmore provided details for gift cards for county employees. She stated that there is a \$2.50 charge for each Visa gift card purchased. That results in \$375 of additional costs. Commissioner Moates stated that he had spoken with representatives from Dollar General and that they confirmed that they don't participate in community activities and they have no desire to do so corporately.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to purchase the \$50 Visa gift cards for all county employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0. The \$50 per card costs will come from the Employee Benefits Fund and the additional costs of \$2.50 per card will come from commissioner's recreation funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to purchase the Veterans Day advertisement in the News Report at a cost of \$300 from the Commissioners budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Brian Hillier with Benefit Health Advisors appeared before the Board regarding the county health insurance plan. He reported that from a financial point next year is very optimistic. He stated that several large claimants are no longer on the plan and expenses for 2019 have decreased compared to 2018. He provided insurance renewal options and costs from several providers for the Board to consider. He stated that the renewal quote from the current carrier has a reduction in fixed costs of approximately \$20,000. He detailed a new pharmacy plan that would advise doctors on prescription alternatives and the cost of each. The plan would save an estimated \$20,000 in prescription costs. He stated that the employee insurance committee is recommending renewing with Meritain and the current carrier. They are also recommending that deductibles and payroll deductions not change.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to take the recommendation from the committee and to renew the current plan and keep everything the same. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, November 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:11 a.m.

The Board will not meet on Monday, November 11, 2019 in observance of Veterans Day.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 18 day of November, 2019


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner


County Clerk