

MINUTES FOR APRIL 8, 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, April 8, 2019 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Neal Anderson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Neal Anderson, Myra Carlisle Frazier, 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 April 1, 2019 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Bryce Burgan and a group of concerned citizens appeared before the Board regarding the condition of NW Weir Rd. between 10th and 40th Streets. They have concerns with NW Coalfield Rd. and NW Liberty Rd. in that area as well. The method of grading is creating a ditch in the middle of the road and the rock is being bladed into the ditches. There are water drainage problems from a bad culvert ½ mile west of NW 70th St. on Coalfield Rd. that needs to be addressed. The Board asked Leonard Vanatta to take a look at the roads and culverts in that area.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor, appeared before the Board on county road business. Leonard reported that the path to get trucks into the area to get river rock is too wet right now. He thinks that when it dries out it would be accessible. The Board discussed removing the stop signs on NW 10th St. that were put in place during the Highway 7 Project. Leonard stated that a resolution would be needed to remove them.

Sheriff David Groves and Under Sheriff Terry Clugston, along with Dave Corp, the Law Enforcement Liaison with the Kansas Department of Transportation appeared before the Board. Mr. Corp came to present Sheriff Groves and the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department with the 2018 AAA of Kansas Community Traffic Safety Award. He stated that this is the sixth consecutive year that they have received the platinum level award. They are one of only six departments to receive an award eight consecutive years. They are being recognized for their department policy for employee use of seat belts and their continued support of numerous safety programs as well as enforcement programs that have impacted the citizens of Cherokee County. Sheriff Groves thanked the Board for their continued support of the department.

Leonard reported that work has begun on the Faulkner Bridge. The old bridge is removed and they are getting ready to dig for footings. Leonard provided the Board with a list of the three cemeteries that the county mows.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the payroll for the period ending March 29, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard Vanatta provided two estimates for a new welder. A Lincoln 250 is \$4,688 with a \$700 rebate, or a free 180 Dual MIG Welder valued at \$1,191, and a 50# box of welding rods. A Miller Bobcat is \$4,805 with a \$700 rebate only. The Board approved for Leonard to purchase the welder of his choice.

Raven Elmore, County Treasurer, informed the Board that separate accounts have been set up for Robert Myers and Gene Barrett to deposit the service fees that are being collected by the District Court leading up to the tax sales. The accounts are to be used to pay the invoices from the attorneys as they request payment for their work on the tax foreclosure sales. She provided an update from the Wichita firm regarding their tax sale work. They are getting ready to file with the Court, and they are anticipating a tax sale date the week after July 4th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the accounts payable as presented with the invoice from Robert Myers in the amount of \$33,628.59 to be paid from the Courthouse Fund and that amount to be reimbursed from the collection fund as stated earlier by the County Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Ralph Houser updated the Board on getting bids for the remainder of the flooring on the ground floor that needs repaired after the water leak. He discussed replacing the remainder of the old heat and air units in the courthouse.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session with the Board for the purpose of non-elected personnel discipline. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 10:58 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:48 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:58 a.m.

There is no action from the executive session at this time.

Ralph Houser and Tammie Carlson appeared before the Board regarding the removal of the old tile and the repairing and painting of the drywall in the Court Services Offices. It was agreed to move forward with Ralph doing the work necessary before the carpet installers arrive. Ralph will contact the insurance adjuster about reimbursement for the work being done.

The Board and Ralph Houser viewed the District Courtroom and Judges chambers for the condition of the heat and air units in those areas. Ralph will get the information requested and bring it back to the Board.


A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to recess until 12:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

The meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Mark Hixon, County Appraiser, appeared before the Board for a budget workshop for the County Appraisers Office.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, April 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 1:30 p.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 15th day of April, 2019


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner