

Minutes for July 13, 2020
Cherokee County Commissioners
Cherokee County Kansas

Commissioner Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commissioner to order Monday July 13, 2020 in room #34 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Anderson opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Corey Moates, and County Clerk, Kyle Rennie were present.

Larry Hiatt member of the press, present.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve the July 6, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve payroll ending July 3, 2020. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve accounts payable Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to nullify the action taken in the July 6, 2020 Commissioners meeting to vacate Oak and Highland Streets in Lawton, Kansas, and move forward with the public hearing to vacate the Lawton streets. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed. 3-0.

Road & Bridge Supervisor, Leonard Vanatta reported to the Commission on county road projects, also requesting to transfer two county lot employees to different positions.

Commissioner Frazier moved to transfer Dustin Spencer from maintainer operator to utility backhoe operator and to decrease his hourly wage from \$16.00 to \$ 15.00 an hour. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to transfer John Kloer from backhoe operator to utility truck driver and to decrease his hourly wage from \$15.00 to \$14.44 an hour. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Leonard reported the new demonstrator road maintainer is working out very well.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adopt Resolution 18-2020 which is a resolution to vacate Lawton alleys. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to adopt Resolution 19-2020 which is a COVID-19 Public Health Order Resolution to opt out of the Governor Kelley's face mask executive order. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed. 2-1. Commissioner Frazier opposed.

Jason Rincker and Gregg DePratt with Stronghold DATA addressed THE BOARD with a plan to match each computer to the department where it is located, instead of all the computers being under one umbrella. Jason and Gregg scheduled an employee training date for August 11th, 2020

Commissioner Anderson moved to purchase a (Welcome to The Fair) ad with Columbus News Report newspaper to be in the Fair Edition Friday July 17th, 2020. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Frazier opposed.

Informal Recess 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Economic Development Director, Janet Miller updated THE BOARD on the number of applications submitted for the CDBG Grant Funds. She reported she had received 25 applications. THE COMMISSION asked Janet to facilitate a meeting with Carey Spoon with the SOUTHEAST KANSAS REGION PLANNING COMMISSION for applications. Possibly July 22, 2020.

Cherokee County Extension Agents Dale Helwig and Christina Holmes addressed THE BOARD volunteering to take the lead and to be the initial contact for the SPARK funds also known as CARES.

Commissioner Frazier moved to instruct County Treasurer, Raven Elmore to open a separate bank account for the SPARK funds, and to name Sheriff Groves, Dale Helwig, Christina Holmes, Commissioner Frazier, and Commissioner Moates as signatories on the account. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed. 3-0.

Sheriff Groves, Betha Elliot, and Janet Miller will also serve as SPARK funds administrative partners.

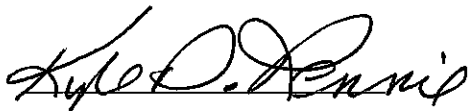
Commissioner Frazier moved to name Dale Helwig and Christina Holmes, as point of contact and Commissioner Myra Frazier as second contact for SPARK funds. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 11:17 a.m. with elected personnel Sheriff Groves, Raven Elmore, non-elected personnel County Counselor Barbara Wright via telephone, Dale Helwig, Christina Holmes, Betha Elliot, Jason Allison, and Janet Miller for contract discussion and to reconvene at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:35 a.m. No action taken.

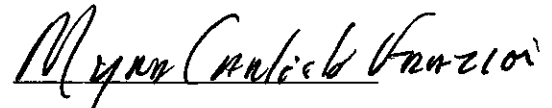
Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 11:37 a.m. with elected personnel Sheriff Groves, Treasurer, Raven Elmore, non-elected personnel, County Counselor Barbara Wright via telephone, Dale Helwig, Christina Holmes, Betha Elliot, Jason Allison, and Janet Miller for contract discussion and to reconvene at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn until the next regular session July 20, 2020. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed. 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this July 20, 2020



County Clerk



Commissioner



Commissioner



Commissioner