

**MINUTES FOR JULY 20, 2015**  
**BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**CONVENE**

Commissioner Hilderbrand called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 AM on Monday, July 20, 2015 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Charles Napier, Pat Collins, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Machel Smith, Jordan Zabel

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Minutes of the BOCC Meeting for July 13, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Payroll for the Month of July, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Accounts Payable for the Month of July, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

The Board signed a letter of support for Coordinated Transit District #10 in its application to KDOT.

Vern Warstler, Chairman of Rural Water District No. 2 appeared before the Board regarding the bridge project on SE 50<sup>th</sup> St. and Quaker Road. He provided an estimate from Warstler Excavating in the amount of \$13,295.28 to move the water lines out of the right of way. He stated that they have a 20' easement for water rights. The Board signed the agreement.

Chairman Hilderbrand read a letter from Mr. J. Gordon Gregory, an attorney representing the City of Galena. The letter is a request that the Cherokee County Commission take the necessary action to complete the Landfill Application submitted by the City of Galena back in April, 2015. Chairman Hilderbrand stated that Mr. David Cooper, Special Counsel to the Board will be here next Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM concerning this matter. Galena City Councilman Beau Hamlin was present for a different matter. He addressed the Board and stated that he had no knowledge that the City of Galena hired counsel or was contemplating legal action. He stated that it is important for local governments to work together. The Board thanked him for his comments.

Sheriff David Groves appeared before the Board as a follow up on the new inmate commissary company. He is requesting the Board's approval to close the two current checking accounts and open a new one. A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to authorize the Sheriff to close inmate commissary accounts 0001001205 and 0001000608, and to open a new checking account for inmate commissary with TurnKey Corrections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

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**Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor**  
**Gene Langerot - County Lot Supervisor**

They appeared before the Board on routine county road business.

**Scott Thompson - Class LTD**

He appeared before the Board to present the Class LTD request for funding for 2016 and to provide an update on their services. They are requesting one mill in funding for 2016. They currently receive \$111,457 in county funds. He thanked the Board for their continued support of their programs and the funding that they provide.

**Doug Mogle, Mike King, Ron Costlow - Cherokee County Ambulance**

They appeared before the Board to present 2016 budget requests for the Cherokee County Ambulance Districts.

Doug reported that he will need to replace one ambulance in 2016. Estimated cost is \$90K to refurbish the 1998 model. Low fuel prices have aided in saving funds to be set aside to help pay for a new unit. All three districts gave a 2% pay raise, the first in 5-7 years, and a 5% retirement match. He is needing \$54K in additional revenue or will need to cut that same amount from the budget in 2016.

Ron stated that he has been awarded grants to pay for some equipment, and is asking the Board to purchase the equipment and lease it back to his service by withholding their monthly subsidy until it is paid for. That agreement would allow them to save \$3,400 in sales tax. The Board will have Mr. Coleman review that procedure and draft an agreement if needed.

**Nathan Coleman - County Counselor**

He appeared before the Board regarding legal matters concerning Cherokee County.

Kyle Flemming, an attorney that represents Kansas Crossing Casino as local counsel addressed the Board regarding the Casino project in Crawford County. He stated that they look forward to having a positive working relationship with Cherokee County. However, they estimate Cherokee County will lose \$1,000 per day if the project is delayed due to the pending legal action. Mr. Coleman and the Board addressed his questions and comments, but their questions in return, were referred to Kansas Crossing's Counsel in Topeka.

Mr. Coleman presented a draft resolution to add two stop signs at the intersection of NW 125<sup>th</sup> St. and Scammon Road. That would make it a 4-way stop as requested by Leonard Vanatta.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to pass Resolution 10-2015 making the intersection at NW 125<sup>th</sup> St. and Scammon Road a 4-way stop. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to enter an Executive Session with the Board and Mr. Coleman for a period of 10 minutes for the purpose of Attorney/Client Privilege. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 11:51 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 12:01 PM.

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No action was taken during the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to adjourn for lunch and reconvene at 1:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 12:06 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 PM.

**Paul Bone - Cherokee County Conservation District**

He appeared before the Board along with Board member Kregg Rennie, with the budget request from the Conservation District for 2016. They are requesting \$25K in funds, the same amount as 2015.

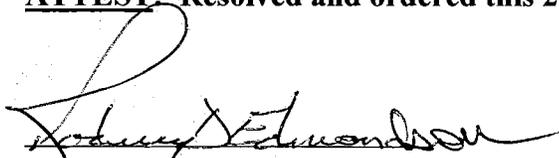
A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the \$25,000 for the Cherokee County Conservation District 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

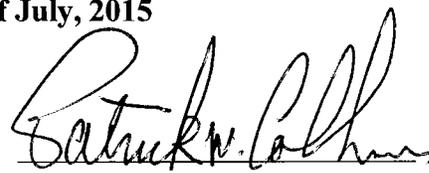
**Janet Miller – Cherokee County Economic Development**

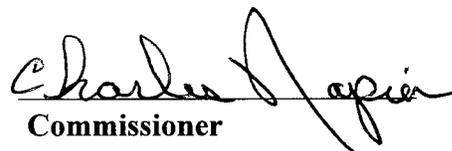
She appeared before the Board along with Thomas Niegisch to present the Economic Development budget for 2016. The budget reflects an \$11,000 increase, a 6% increase from 2015. Total budget for 2016 is \$198,855. The Board took the request under advisement.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for July 27, 2015 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 1:43 PM.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

## Cherokee County Conservation District 2016 Operations Fund Budget

	Preceding Year Actual 2014 Column 1	Current Year Estimated 2015 Column 2	Proposed Budget 2016 Column 3	Adopted Budget 2016 Column 4
<b>Expenditure Classifications:</b>				
Salaries & Wages (gross)	\$ 16,176.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 2,777.14	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00
Travel Expenses	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
Fixed Assets Purchases	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Equipment & Building Maintenance	\$ 195.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Information & Education	\$ 60.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$ 5,354.58	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 24,562.72</b>	<b>\$ 65,025.00</b>	<b>\$ 73,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 73,150.00</b>
<b>Receipt Classifications:</b>				
Cash on Hand, January 1*				
a. Checking Account	\$ 45,660.97	\$ 68,358.66	\$ 50,479.46	\$ 50,479.46
b. Savings/Investment Account	\$ 98,673.54	\$ 99,164.52	\$ 99,714.72	\$ 99,714.72
c. Petty Cash & Other Currency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County Appropriation - General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County Appropriation - Special Levy	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
County Appropriation - Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Appropriation (matching funds)**	\$ 22,211.00	\$ 21,975.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
State Technical Assistance Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ 490.98	\$ 550.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 610.00
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 49.41	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Transfer of Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 192,085.90</b>	<b>\$ 215,098.18</b>	<b>\$ 200,879.18</b>	<b>\$ 200,879.18</b>
<b>Less Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 24,562.72</b>	<b>\$ 65,025.00</b>	<b>\$ 73,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 73,150.00</b>
<b>Cash on Hand, December 31</b>	<b>\$ 167,523.18</b>	<b>\$ 150,073.18</b>	<b>\$ 127,729.18</b>	<b>\$ 127,729.18</b>

\* The sum of Cash On Hand, January 1 must equal Cash On Hand, December 31 of previous year.

\*\* NOTE: As per K.S.A. 2-1907c, if state appropriations are insufficient to match county funds (not to exceed \$25,000/district), distribution shall be prorated in proportion to eligible amount.

Please mail completed budget forms to the Division of Conservation (DOC) following district adoption of the final budget. If unable to do so by September 1, please contact the DOC.

## County Certification to District

It is hereby certified that the commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, have approved and certified to the county clerk a budget that includes an allocation of \$ <sup>RH 7-20-2015</sup> 25,000 from the county's general fund and /or \$ 25,000 from the special mill levy, in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2-1907b (Conservation District Law), and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from other funds for a total of \$ 25,000 for the Cherokee County Conservation District for calendar year 2016.

Passed by the governing body, the 20 day of July, 2015.

County of Cherokee, State of Kansas

Signed: Richard H. Hildner, Commission Chairperson

Attest: Richard H. Hildner, County Clerk

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## District Certification to Division of Conservation (complete after district adopts final budget)

In accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2-1907c (Conservation District Law); it is hereby certified that the commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, have approved a total allocation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ County Conservation District for calendar year 2016.

Financial assistance, so provided, will not be used to support discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin or ancestry.

Budget for 2015 was adopted by the conservation district board, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cherokee \_\_\_\_\_ County Conservation District

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_, District Chairperson

Attest \_\_\_\_\_, District Secretary/Manager

Please mail completed budget forms with original signatures to the Division of Conservation (DOC) following district adoption of the final budget. If unable to do so by September 1, please contact the DOC.

Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation

Item	2016 Proposed Budget	Change from 2015
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$198,855</b>	<b>6%</b>
<i>Director Salary &amp; Benefits</i>	<i>\$82,845</i>	<i>0%</i>
Base Salary	\$67,000	\$0
FICA	\$4,155	\$0
Medicare	\$972	\$0
KPERS	\$4,020	\$0
Health Insurance	\$6,698	\$0
<i>ED Office</i>	<i>\$13,000</i>	<i>1%</i>
Rent	\$7,380	\$0
Internet	\$720	\$19
Cell Phone	\$1,350	-\$3
Utilities	\$2,250	\$0
Office Supplies	\$1,300	\$100
<i>Corporation Maintenance</i>	<i>\$8,250</i>	<i>0%</i>
Insurance Coverage	\$1,500	\$750
State & Federal Filings	\$1,750	-\$750
Audit	\$5,000	\$0
<i>Memberships</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>33%</i>
KEDA	\$200	\$75
IEDC	\$385	\$40
SEDC	\$250	\$250
SEK, Inc.	\$100	\$100
Columbus Chamber	\$150	\$0
Baxter Springs Chamber	\$125	\$0
Galena Chamber	\$0	-\$125
Other	\$290	\$160
<i>Marketing</i>	<i>\$17,000</i>	<i>0%</i>
Website	\$5,000	\$3,000
Tourism	\$5,000	\$5,000
Other	\$7,000	-\$8,000
<i>Travel</i>	<i>\$11,720</i>	<i>0%</i>
Training Related Travel	\$5,000	\$0
Mileage Reimbursement	\$6,720	\$0
<i>Special Projects</i>	<i>\$64,540</i>	<i>18%</i>
Certified Work Ready	\$3,540	-\$460
Joplin Regional Partnership	\$11,000	\$11,000
Other	\$50,000	\$924

## **ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Outcome 1: Economic Development will become a greater priority in Cherokee County and a new organization will be started and staffed that will be responsible for county wide economic development efforts working closely with the local communities.**

- Engaged Smart Solutions Group to help develop a business plan for the organization. This plan is the source of the six outcomes here.
- Formed an Economic Development Corporation and received 501(c)(6) designation from the IRS.

**Outcome 2: The new organization will maintain regular contact with, and work closely with existing business.**

- Conducted a Business Retention & Expansion Survey of more than 30 industrial and other employers in the fall of 2014. Visits to employers continue and will be ongoing.
- Prepared & submitted an application for KDOT Economic Development funding to widen 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Baxter Springs to benefit ATEC Steel and neighboring businesses. KDOT awarded \$785,000 to the project which allows for ATEC's continued expansion.
- Provided information & resources in response to requests from local businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs.
- Actively participated in the county's Certified Work Ready Community initiative. This initiative officially kicked off in mid-September, and the county is currently 91% of the way toward its certification goals.
- Applied for and received E-Community designation from NetWork Kansas. This designation allowed the creation of a revolving loan fund which is now available for new and expanding businesses in the county. As an E-Community, we are also engaged in the E-Accelerator process in which we'll develop and implement strategies to assist local businesses.
- Following the Baxter Springs tornado, we advertised those Baxter Springs businesses that were unaffected by the storm and co-hosted an informational meeting for impacted businesses.

**Outcome 3: The organization will prioritize the infrastructure that will be needed to assist and attract business growth.**

- Collected & maintained information on available sites and properties in the county.

**Outcome 4: The organization will identify key target businesses that present the best opportunity for growth in the county.**

- Engaged Brand Acceleration to conduct a target industry analysis. Industries identified are: Agriculture & Food, Distribution, Manufacturing, Tourism, and Healthcare.
- Held the first-ever Cherokee County Youth Entrepreneur Fair on February 25, 2015 with 35 students from three districts participating (Baxter Springs, Columbus, & Southeast). Prizes totaling \$3,325 were awarded.
- Hosted the Southeast Kansas Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge on April 29, 2015. Five students from the Cherokee County Youth Entrepreneur Fair continued on to this regional competition.

**Outcome 5: The organization will develop an aggressive marketing plan for both internal and external customers.**

- Established a Cherokee County Economic Development website ([www.cherokeecountykansas.com](http://www.cherokeecountykansas.com)) and social media presence (@CherokeeCoKS on Twitter and Cherokee County, Kansas on Facebook).
- Submitted Cherokee County properties to site selectors for a variety of projects. As a result, we recently hosted a company considering relocating to Cherokee County from the Chicago area.
- Created a monthly email newsletter to keep the public better informed of our activities.

**Outcome 6: The organization will work to create and improve the business and community backbone needed to grow the tourism industry in Cherokee County.**

- Maintained listings for local businesses & attractions on TravelKS.com.
- Hosted a Cherokee County Tourism Roundtable in June 2015 with another scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Secured a lobbyist to support amending the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act lowering the investment level required for the construction of a Southeast Kansas Casino and supported Castle Rock Casino Resort's proposal for a Cherokee County casino.

**Other:**

- Supported the legislature's expansion of the Rural Opportunity Zone Program to include Cherokee County and, after passage, promoted the program to individuals and employers.
- Hosted a town hall meeting regarding the proposed landfill at Highway 69A & Lostine Road.
- Successfully applied to the Kansas Department of Commerce for a website scholarship on behalf of the City of Galena.
- Participated in meetings and other activities of the: Baxter Springs Chamber of Commerce, Baxter Springs Economic Development Committee, Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Columbus Economic Development Corporation, Historic Route 66 Byway Committee, Galena Economic Development Committee, SEK Inc., Joplin Regional Partnership, Highway 69 Association, and Project 17.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10 - 2015**  
**A RESOLUTION REGARDING CERTAIN COUNTY ROAD SIGNAGE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS:

WHEREAS, the County in the form of its duly elected governing body has the authority under K.S.A. § 19-101 to determine its local affairs and government, and;

WHEREAS, the County in the form of its duly elected governing body has the authority under K.S.A. § 19-212 to exercise control over and to perform such duties respecting county roads as may be provided by law; and;

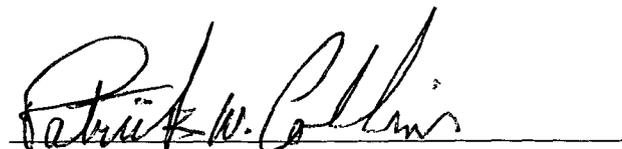
WHEREAS, the County Engineer, after inspection of that certain intersection of county road NW 125<sup>th</sup> and Scammon road, has recommended to the Board that traffic control signage be added to said intersection in order that traffic from all four directions be required to stop before proceeding through the intersection (four-way stop).

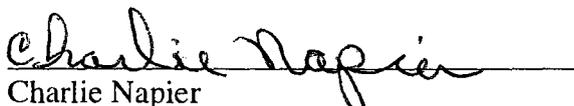
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, meeting in regular session, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, does hereby resolve as follows:

1. That the intersection of county road NW 125<sup>th</sup> and Scammon road shall display traffic control signage requiring traffic from all four directions to stop before proceeding through the intersection.
2. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication once in the official county newspaper.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS.

  
Richard J. Hilderbrand  
County Commissioner

  
Patrick W. Collins  
County Commissioner

  
Charlie Napier  
County Commissioner

ATTEST:  
  
Rodney Edmondson  
County Clerk of Cherokee County, Kansas  
Resolution No. 10 2015

Prepared by:  
Nathan R. Coleman, County Counselor

*Cherokee County Board of Commissioners*

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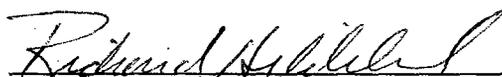
Jim Dockers, Secretary  
Coordinated Transit District #10  
C/O SEK-CAP  
P.O. Box 128, Girard KS 66743

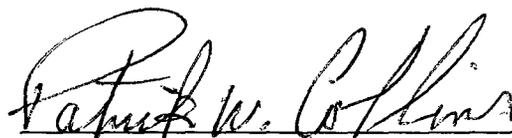
To whom it may concern,

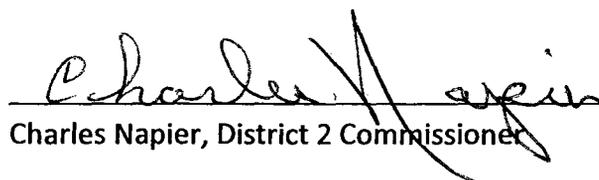
The Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County Kansas, hereby issue our support for the transportation providers of Coordinated Transit District #10 in their application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for capital and or operating assistance under a Section 16 or Section 18 grant. This is a desired service that is necessary to meet the special transportation needs of the citizens in our area.

Respectfully,

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

  
Chairman Richard Hilderbrand, District 3 Commissioner

  
Patrick Collins, District 1 Commissioner

  
Charles Napier, District 2 Commissioner

**CHEROKEE COUNTY AMBULANCE**

Budget 2016	Col/Gal Current Subsidy	Col/Gal 5% increase	Col/Gal 14% increase	Plan B Laying off 2 FTE	Col/Gal Current Subsidy
<b>INCOME</b>					
Ambulance Service	535000	535000	535000		535000
County Subsidy	381056	400109	434404		381056
Interest Income	250	250	250		250
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>916306</b>	<b>935359</b>	<b>969654</b>		<b>916306</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>LOAN SERVICE</b>	21000	21000	21000		21000
Telephone/Internet- Col	3300	3300	3300		3300
Telephone/Internet-Gal	3300	3300	3300		3300
Electricity-Col	14000	14000	14000		14000
Electricity-Gal	4300	4300	4300		4300
Gas-Col	3000	3000	3000		3000
Gas-Gal	1000	1000	1000		1000
Water-Col	1000	1000	1000		1000
<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>	<b>29900</b>	<b>29900</b>	<b>29900</b>		<b>29900</b>
Ambulance Replacement	90000	90000	90000		90000
Fuel	20000	20000	20000		20000
Ambulance Maintenance	8000	8000	8000		8000
<b>TOTAL AMBULANCE</b>	<b>118000</b>	<b>118000</b>	<b>118000</b>		<b>118000</b>
Capital Equipment	5000	5000	5000		5000
Equipment Repair-Col	2000	2000	2000		2000
Equipment Repair-Gal	2000	2000	2000		2000
Medical Supplies	30000	30000	30000		30000
Operating Supplies	1000	1000	1000		1000
Oxygen	1500	1500	1500		1500
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>41500</b>	<b>41500</b>	<b>41500</b>		<b>41500</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL * (See pg 2)</b>	<b>702834</b>	<b>702834</b>	<b>702834</b>		<b>646781</b>
Building Repairs- Col	2000	2000	2000		2000
Building Repairs-Gal	1000	1000	1000		1000
<b>TOTAL BUILDING REPAIRS</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>3000</b>		<b>3000</b>
Postage	400	400	400		400
Office Supplies	1500	1500	1500		1500
Professional Fees	32000	32000	32000		32000
Office Equipment Purchase	1000	1000	1000		1000
Office Equipment Repair	300	300	300		300
Insurance	11000	11000	11000		11000
Bank Charges	400	400	400		400
Dues & Subscriptions	300	300	300		300
Taxes & Licenses	1000	1000	1000		1000
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>47900</b>	<b>47900</b>	<b>47900</b>		<b>47900</b>
Training Classes	1500	1500	1500		1500
Text Books	200	200	200		200
<b>TOTAL TRAINING</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>1200</b>		<b>1200</b>
Miscellaneous Expenses	4000	4000	4000		4000
<b>TOTAL MISC. EXPENSES</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>4000</b>		<b>4000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>969,334</b>	<b>969,334</b>	<b>969,334</b>		<b>913,281</b>
<b>NET LOSS/GAIN **</b>	<b>(53,028)</b>	<b>(33,975)</b>	<b>320</b>		<b>3,025</b>

**CHEROKEE COUNTY AMBULANCE I & II ( COL & GAL)**

**7-20-2015**

- We respond two ambulances 24 hours a day from Columbus and Galena. We also have a transfer truck which serves as a fourth ambulance in the county on weekdays.

Our current trucks are

2012 Chevy	71,947
2012 Chevy	50,433
2013 Chevy	31,932
2006 Ford	120,503
1998 Ford	175,000

- Since January 2013 we have purchased 3 ambulances with a total cost of \$435,000. Our service paid \$262,000 of this with the balance from a grant. We had to borrow \$91,000 in January of 2013. We still owe \$49,624 on our last ambulance.
- To stay in good shape we need to replace an ambulance in 2016.
- Our goal in January of 2013 was to have this paid off and a substantial part, if not all, of the funding to replace an additional truck in early 2016. This will not happen on our current path.
- Overall, including the wage and hour adjustments, our employees have received approximately 5% increase in pay since 2007. We now have a 401k plan(5% match) for all employees and health insurance available for full-time.
- We are receiving slightly less county subsidy tax dollars now than we received in 2009. In 2009, 47% of our income was county subsidy. For 2014 the county subsidy accounted for 42% of our income.
- We have worked hard to maximize our operating income and limit expenses. Our income has remained flat and our expenses has risen. (The lower fuel price offset an 18% increase in health insurance for 2015.) Increasing our billed charges have little effect on increasing our income because Medicare and Medicaid are the majority of our transports, they have set payment rates.

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	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Revenue \$	535,000est.	524,784	514,704	501,390	433,772	423,858	430,897
Subsidy \$	381,056	381,056	381,385	381,385	384,384	384,383	381,885
Income \$	915,810	905,840	886,089	882,725	818,156	808,241	812,782
Needed \$	969,334						
Annual Service Revenue has increased				3.5%			
Annual Subsidy has increased				0%*			
* (\$30,000 One time extra payment)							

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Balance Sheet - July 20, 2015

Checking Account	\$119,137
C.D.'s	\$51,435
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$170,572</b>
Ambulance Loan	\$41,962

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## CHEROKEE COUNTY AMBULANCE ASSN, INC.

## Income Statement

For the Six Months Ending June 30, 2015

	Current Month		Year to Date	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Ambulance Service	\$ 37,899.08	50.83	\$ 265,640.79	55.87
County Subsidies	36,754.66	49.29	210,527.96	44.28
Miscellaneous Income	16.20	0.02	360.64	0.08
Discounts & Refunds	(121.10)	(0.16)	(1,134.10)	(0.24)
Interest Income	12.05	0.02	95.55	0.02
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>74,560.89</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>475,490.84</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Telephone - Columbus	505.43	0.68	3,059.38	0.64
Telephone - Galena	100.40	0.13	461.97	0.10
Electricity - Columbus	632.42	0.85	5,785.29	1.22
Electricity - Galena	305.00	0.41	1,954.00	0.41
Gas/Propane - Columbus	43.94	0.06	2,021.86	0.43
Water - Columbus	74.13	0.10	449.01	0.09
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>1,661.32</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>13,731.51</b>	<b>2.89</b>
Fuel	1,639.57	2.20	8,571.15	1.80
Ambulance Maintenance	73.36	0.10	3,323.25	0.70
<b>Total Ambulance</b>	<b>1,712.93</b>	<b>2.30</b>	<b>11,894.40</b>	<b>2.50</b>
Medical Supplies	0.00	0.00	12,371.78	2.60
Oxygen	64.80	0.09	533.50	0.11
<b>Total Equipment &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>64.80</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>12,905.28</b>	<b>2.71</b>
Salaries - Full Time	36,386.29	48.80	231,161.59	48.62
Salaries - Part Time EMT	5,799.39	7.78	41,514.05	8.73
Social Security Expense	3,173.94	4.26	20,693.09	4.35
Health Insurance	2,919.38	3.92	16,724.44	3.52
Workman's Compensation	927.50	1.24	11,096.27	2.33
Unemployment Taxes	273.69	0.37	490.99	0.10
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>49,480.19</b>	<b>66.36</b>	<b>321,680.43</b>	<b>67.65</b>
Operating Supplies	0.00	0.00	608.27	0.13
Repairs - Columbus	20.40	0.03	1,245.18	0.26
Repairs - Galena	0.00	0.00	46.83	0.01
Depreciation Expense	3,096.00	4.15	18,537.00	3.90
<b>Total Building</b>	<b>3,116.40</b>	<b>4.18</b>	<b>20,437.28</b>	<b>4.30</b>
Amortization Expense	79.00	0.11	470.00	0.10
Interest Expense	188.78	0.25	1,190.35	0.25
Office Expense	55.20	0.07	1,316.22	0.28
Professional Services	3,243.54	4.35	16,157.76	3.40
Insurance	981.75	1.32	5,940.50	1.25
Bank Charges	8.00	0.01	345.55	0.07
Dues & Subscriptions	150.00	0.20	150.00	0.03
Taxes & Licenses	40.00	0.05	438.00	0.09
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>4,746.27</b>	<b>6.37</b>	<b>26,008.38</b>	<b>5.47</b>
Miscellaneous Training	0.00	0.00	170.00	0.04

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CHEROKEE COUNTY AMBULANCE ASSN, INC.

Income Statement

For the Six Months Ending June 30, 2015

	Current Month		Year to Date	
Total Training	0.00	0.00	170.00	0.04
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	2,229.81	0.47
Travel Reimbursement	213.23	0.29	830.59	0.17
Total Miscellaneous	213.23	0.29	3,060.40	0.64
Total Expenses	60,995.14	81.81	409,887.68	86.20
Net Income	\$ 13,565.75	18.19	\$ 65,603.16	13.80

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**CHEROKEE COUNTY AMBULANCE I & II**

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<b>Salary</b>		
<b>2016</b>	<b>Col &amp; Gal</b>	<b>Plan B</b>
<b>Salaries Full-Time</b>	<b>485,000</b>	<b>414,542</b>
<b>Salaries Part-Time</b>	<b>88,000</b>	<b>118,000</b>
<b>Social Security</b>	<b>43,834</b>	<b>40,739</b>
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>21,000</b>
<b>Health Insurance</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>28,500</b>
<b>Workman's Comp</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>21,000</b>
<b>Unemployment Taxes</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL 2016</b>	<b>702,834</b>	<b>646,781</b>

# CHEROKEE COUNTY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION DISTRICT #3

## Profit & Loss Budget Overview

January through December 2016

*Accepted  
2016*

	Jan - Dec 16
<b>Income</b>	
100 · RECEIVABLES	
121 · MEDICARE	131,280.00
122 · MEDICAID	22,407.00 ↑
123 · INSURANCE	71,995.92 ↑
124 · PATIENT	11,004.00
125 · COLLECTION	708.00
126 · HOSPICE	2,004.00
127 · NO TRANSPORT	2,004.00
128 · WHEELCHAIR VAN INCOME	22,005.00 ↓
<b>Total 100 · RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>263,407.92</b>
602 · COUNTY	227,496.00 ← 33,000 ↑
605 · INTEREST	300.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>491,203.92</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>491,203.92</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
260 · EQUIPMENT	
261 · BUILDING EQUIPMENT	1,800.00
262 · OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,508.24
263 · UNIT EQUIPMENT	1,008.00
264 · OTHER EQUIPMENT	1,800.00 ↓
<b>Total 260 · EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>7,116.24</b>
400-800 · PAYROLL EXPENSES	
414 · UNEMPLOYMENT	660.12
806 · SALARY	325,746.00
820 · FICA EXPENSE	26,508.00
862 · INS. - HEALTH	33,819.96
866 · LIFE INSURANCE CO.	300.00
<b>Total 400-800 · PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>	<b>387,034.08</b>
829 · UTILITIES	
830 · ELECTRIC	4,203.96
831 · GAS	3,008.04
833 · TELEPHONE	3,295.92
<b>Total 829 · UTILITIES</b>	<b>10,507.92</b>
839 · MAINTENANCE	
840 · BUILDING & EQUIP. MAINT.	1,200.00
875 · VEHICLE MAINT.	4,578.00
<b>Total 839 · MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>5,778.00</b>
845 · POSTAGE	895.92
847 · FREIGHT	303.96
860 · INSURANCE	
861 · INS. PERSONELL	21,594.00
863 · INS. - VEHICLE	4,203.96
864 · INS. - BUILDING	1,656.00
865 · INS. - EQUIPMENT	495.96
<b>Total 860 · INSURANCE</b>	<b>27,949.92</b>
870 · FUEL	12,999.00
890 · SUPPLIES	
891 · BUILDING SUPPLIES	1,704.00
892 · OFFICE SUPPLIES	607.92
893 · UNIT SUPPLIES	996.00
894 · PATIENT SUPPLIES	12,003.00
<b>Total 890 · SUPPLIES</b>	<b>15,310.92</b>
900 · TRAINING	2,004.00
911 · WHEELCHAIR VAN EXPENSE	2,004.00 ↓
912 · ADMINISTRATIVE	1,896.00
913 · PERSONELL	2,496.00

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# CHEROKEE COUNTY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION DISTRICT #3

## Profit & Loss Budget Overview

January through December 2016

	Jan - Dec 16
914 · MISCELLANEOUS	3,003.96
915 · RETIREMENT	9,504.00
960 · SALES TAX	2,400.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>491,203.92</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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Table 5: Salaries by region

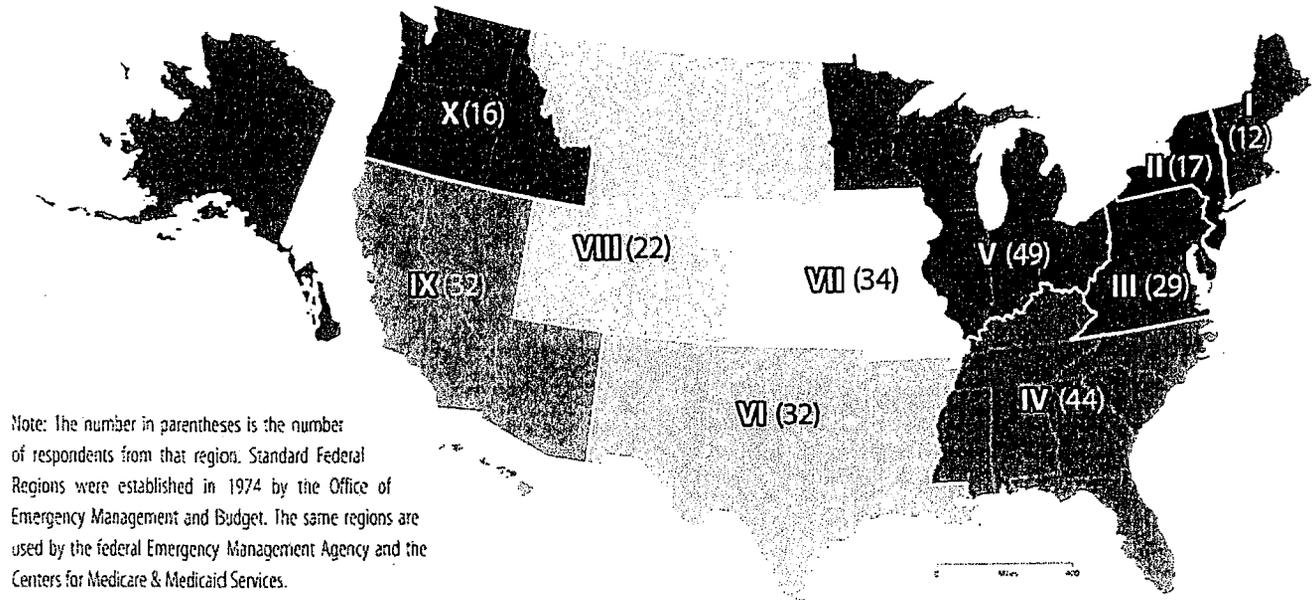
	EMT	EMT-I	EMT-P	Education Coord.	QA Manager	CFO	Ops. Manager	Admin. Director	Executive Director
<b>National</b>	N = 152	52	156	74	47	55	105	42	73
Average	\$31,849	\$33,748	\$41,085	\$60,005	\$64,142	\$73,273	\$79,067	\$84,263	\$102,183
MIN	\$11,028	\$17,302	\$18,801	\$20,000	\$27,778	\$26,000	\$34,444	\$37,500	\$40,233
10th	\$21,673	\$23,928	\$29,579	\$40,324	\$40,323	\$36,664	\$48,567	\$50,073	\$57,920
25th	\$25,422	\$26,744	\$33,599	\$45,767	\$44,860	\$47,648	\$56,187	\$60,149	\$74,942
50th	\$30,228	\$31,655	\$39,803	\$57,183	\$60,000	\$69,076	\$74,673	\$80,536	\$91,312
75th	\$37,712	\$39,123	\$45,721	\$67,726	\$78,576	\$91,631	\$93,757	\$104,138	\$122,500
90th	\$44,261	\$47,714	\$54,961	\$84,809	\$91,185	\$122,396	\$109,767	\$119,750	\$153,015
MAX	\$70,795	\$64,260	\$88,847	\$119,633	\$150,760	\$156,000	\$161,907	\$152,250	\$325,000
Avg. Hourly	\$15.31	\$16.23	\$19.75	\$28.85	\$30.84	\$35.23	\$38.01	\$40.51	\$49.13
Avg. Hr. 2013	\$15.22	\$15.48	\$19.11	\$26.72	\$29.09	\$32.14	\$34.38	\$40.96	\$46.28
Dif. (+/-)	1%	5%	3%	7%	6%	9%	10%	-1%	6%
<b>Region I</b>	N = 3	1	4	3	1	1	2	0	3
Average	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
50th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
75th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
90th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Region II</b>	N = 11	1	8	2	5	2	5	1	9
Average	\$36,592	N/A	\$50,031	N/A	\$55,184	N/A	\$75,083	N/A	\$99,085
10th	\$27,865	N/A	\$38,343	N/A	\$41,848	N/A	\$62,100	N/A	\$78,410
25th	\$30,777	N/A	\$43,558	N/A	\$43,000	N/A	\$67,500	N/A	\$86,000
50th	\$39,096	N/A	\$50,007	N/A	\$45,000	N/A	\$71,746	N/A	\$103,000
75th	\$41,171	N/A	\$57,941	N/A	\$63,509	N/A	\$88,667	N/A	\$122,500
90th	\$49,417	N/A	\$60,047	N/A	\$75,404	N/A	\$88,867	N/A	\$124,053
<b>Region III</b>	N = 18	4	20	13	8	8	17	7	11
Average	\$31,982	N/A	\$42,327	\$54,074	\$54,038	\$57,971	\$72,746	\$77,713	\$90,114
10th	\$22,920	N/A	\$31,487	\$45,581	\$42,545	\$47,896	\$50,667	\$49,448	\$60,000
25th	\$25,954	N/A	\$36,663	\$46,556	\$44,221	\$48,897	\$55,000	\$62,039	\$67,540
50th	\$28,263	N/A	\$39,833	\$53,333	\$47,360	\$50,500	\$72,333	\$80,739	\$95,500
75th	\$32,327	N/A	\$48,719	\$60,000	\$58,500	\$65,603	\$91,230	\$96,584	\$108,376
90th	\$47,792	N/A	\$53,913	\$61,067	\$69,633	\$77,489	\$105,239	\$102,533	\$113,867
<b>Region IV</b>	N = 21	16	25	13	6	8	16	5	10
Average	\$27,927	\$29,338	\$36,399	\$54,459	\$66,722	\$67,715	\$70,764	\$71,811	\$89,947
10th	\$20,909	\$20,563	\$26,687	\$30,706	\$43,081	\$34,172	\$48,972	\$59,233	\$66,439
25th	\$24,667	\$23,573	\$33,111	\$47,666	\$56,566	\$38,120	\$52,350	\$68,333	\$77,500
50th	\$28,000	\$27,793	\$36,733	\$54,233	\$64,694	\$68,333	\$67,686	\$75,000	\$92,519
75th	\$32,584	\$34,753	\$39,788	\$61,443	\$77,032	\$88,023	\$83,838	\$79,000	\$100,063
90th	\$34,156	\$38,677	\$43,533	\$78,245	\$92,392	\$101,267	\$91,920	\$81,733	\$106,982
<b>Region V</b>	N = 22	3	23	10	7	5	13	6	8
Average	\$32,011	N/A	\$38,474	\$53,830	\$54,778	\$114,337	\$80,036	\$86,985	\$110,974
10th	\$21,764	N/A	\$27,179	\$29,749	\$30,311	\$81,400	\$43,067	\$61,667	\$52,483
25th	\$23,403	N/A	\$30,709	\$41,190	\$39,517	\$92,500	\$55,000	\$74,653	\$62,653
50th	\$33,370	N/A	\$39,759	\$46,425	\$54,167	\$122,875	\$64,666	\$84,305	\$78,305
75th	\$37,815	N/A	\$44,987	\$68,173	\$68,714	\$126,307	\$93,333	\$104,977	\$103,132
90th	\$40,168	N/A	\$50,563	\$85,608	\$80,906	\$144,123	\$149,994	\$114,985	\$209,233
<b>Region VI</b>	N = 16	10	16	9	8	12	14	5	9
Average	\$31,555	\$31,573	\$39,311	\$59,781	\$65,861	\$82,856	\$87,694	\$91,744	\$116,161
10th	\$21,260	\$24,804	\$30,068	\$50,449	\$44,538	\$35,300	\$70,719	\$68,028	\$66,733
25th	\$22,430	\$26,263	\$31,849	\$53,966	\$55,410	\$51,828	\$76,269	\$80,070	\$88,000
50th	\$29,241	\$31,731	\$40,667	\$58,996	\$70,755	\$71,617	\$82,910	\$80,333	\$93,000
75th	\$39,036	\$37,037	\$44,829	\$62,222	\$77,607	\$120,233	\$96,260	\$105,000	\$138,946
90th	\$41,109	\$39,354	\$49,771	\$67,660	\$80,847	\$138,093	\$99,166	\$121,989	\$175,385

tions manager, billing manager, fleet mechanic, IT, FTO, EM dispatch, fleet manager, supply, billing clerk & communications supervisor.

Region VII	N =	25	7	25	9	3	5	15	6	9
	Average	\$26,537	\$32,767	\$34,611	\$65,477	N/A	\$50,477	\$64,163	\$67,708	\$78,473
	10th	\$17,888	\$25,804	\$26,759	\$43,532	N/A	\$45,133	\$43,756	\$43,750	\$55,933
	25th	\$22,857	\$27,417	\$31,434	\$58,333	N/A	\$45,333	\$51,420	\$50,792	\$67,945
	50th	\$26,111	\$27,831	\$33,636	\$65,000	N/A	\$50,346	\$65,000	\$66,688	\$86,500
	75th	\$30,093	\$38,785	\$38,776	\$70,968	N/A	\$53,707	\$73,621	\$82,915	\$88,325
	90th	\$35,493	\$44,202	\$42,987	\$80,101	N/A	\$56,283	\$84,160	\$92,685	\$91,920
Region VIII	N =	11	4	9	4	3	3	6	5	2
	Average	\$31,619	N/A	\$45,356	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$76,701	\$73,599	N/A
	10th	\$25,565	N/A	\$40,491	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$50,093	\$48,997	N/A
	25th	\$28,510	N/A	\$42,209	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$60,936	\$50,733	N/A
	50th	\$31,200	N/A	\$42,967	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$83,217	\$53,333	N/A
	75th	\$34,766	N/A	\$47,321	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$94,063	\$98,587	N/A
	90th	\$40,109	N/A	\$53,836	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$96,794	\$109,935	N/A
Region IX	N =	13	1	15	5	5	7	10	4	8
	Average	\$39,177	N/A	\$46,635	\$80,494	\$93,712	\$78,603	\$104,853	N/A	\$137,392
	10th	\$30,190	N/A	\$37,839	\$71,032	\$64,000	\$49,813	\$56,204	N/A	\$85,570
	25th	\$32,548	N/A	\$40,729	\$75,628	\$85,000	\$66,164	\$74,242	N/A	\$120,579
	50th	\$35,533	N/A	\$43,429	\$78,350	\$91,142	\$78,644	\$98,361	N/A	\$135,567
	75th	\$45,536	N/A	\$50,446	\$78,962	\$91,660	\$87,913	\$138,336	N/A	\$157,243
	90th	\$53,134	N/A	\$61,234	\$92,523	\$127,120	\$107,767	\$152,091	N/A	\$180,694
Region X	N =	12	5	11	6	1	4	7	3	4
	Average	\$35,800	\$33,636	\$53,305	\$84,261	N/A	N/A	\$105,482	N/A	N/A
	10th	\$24,503	\$24,972	\$37,023	\$45,731	N/A	N/A	\$70,014	N/A	N/A
	25th	\$25,673	\$24,989	\$42,722	\$57,251	N/A	N/A	\$93,260	N/A	N/A
	50th	\$30,081	\$30,022	\$50,155	\$89,079	N/A	N/A	\$101,979	N/A	N/A
	75th	\$38,457	\$32,626	\$64,255	\$115,026	N/A	N/A	\$127,277	N/A	N/A
	90th	\$58,225	\$46,400	\$70,814	\$117,975	N/A	N/A	\$155,047	N/A	N/A

Note: Survey results for the following are available at jems.com: Communicat

Figure 1: Participant by region



Note: The number in parentheses is the number of respondents from that region. Standard Federal Regions were established in 1974 by the Office of Emergency Management and Budget. The same regions are used by the federal Emergency Management Agency and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

**SALARY INCREASE RATIONAL AND NUMBERS**

THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS ARE BASED OFF ACTUAL HOURS WORKED IN 2014 BY ALL FULL TIME AND PRN EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS SALARY PERSONNEL INCREASE TO COVER KEEPERS RETIREMENT COSTS. ALSO FIGURED IN ARE OVERTIME EFFECT BY FOLLOWING CURRENT WAGE AND HOUR RULES.

CURRENT WAGES SINCE 2006 PARAMEDICS \$12.00/HR

AEMTS \$9.75/HR

EMTS \$9.00/HR

8 YEARS

**FULL TIME EMPLOYEES**

**HOURS 2014**

DARAH

2937.5

JASON

1704 OVERLOAD HOURS (NOT COUNTING SALARY HOURS)

RON

1322 OVERLOAD HOURS (NOT COUNTING SALARY HOURS)

JESSE

3160

VICKI SEE BELOW

**PRN EMPLOYEES**

644

1449

25

338

633

1083

521

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TOTAL HOURS 18,426 HOURS

RAISING THE LISTED ABOVE WAGES \$1.00/HR ACROSS THE BOARD COST \$18,426

RON SALARY \$100.00/MO COVER REST OF RETIREMNT COST = \$1200.00

JASON SALARY \$100.00/MO COVER REST OF RETIREMENT COST= \$1200.00

VICKI INCREASE \$150.00/MO COVER RETIREMENT COSTS AND RAISE= \$1800.00

TOTAL SALARY INCREASE= \$5200.00

**TOTAL COST TO STATION PER YEAR**

**HOURLY INCREASE= \$18,426.00**

**SALARY INCREASE= \$5200.00**

**OVERTIME FACTOR= \$1,000 (NOT FOR RON OR JASON)**

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**TOTAL COST/YR = \$24,626.00**

AN AGREEMENT relative to performing certain work and /or the occupancy of the State's highway right-of-way by the facilities of a Utility.

*THIS AGREEMENT*, made and entered into by and between Cherokee County Rural Water District No. 2, hereinafter referred to as the Company, and Cherokee County, hereinafter referred to as the Administrator.

*WHEREAS:* The Administrator has authorized the preparation of construction plans for the improvement of a portion of State Road described as follows:

Beginning 300' west of the southeast corner of Section 11, Township 33 South, Range 24 East in Cherokee County, Kansas

*WHEREAS:* The Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas acting for the Administrator and the Federal Highway Administration requires that the Administrator and the Company enter into an agreement relative to occupancy of State Highway right of way or the vacating of additional right of way to be acquired by the Administrator for the construction of this project, and

*WHEREAS:* Kansas Statutes, K.S.A. 17-1901 and case law provide that certain facilities may occupy space on the State's right of way.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED:*

1. That the Company will maintain, adjust or construct its facilities which conflict with the construction activities as shown by the plans for the above numbered project in conformance with the following provisions and/or as shown by the plan and description attached hereto and made a part of this agreement.

One partial set of plans including the Title Sheet, Plan and Profile Sheet, and Cross Section Sheets.

2. That the cost of the alterations, if any, shall be paid for as follows:

By the Company for alteration of facilities located within the existing right-of-way.

By the Administrator for alteration of facilities located outside the existing right-of-way.

3. That the construction or alterations of the Company's facilities, if any, shall be completed within 21 days after the Administrator furnishes to the Company the information indicated in Items 7 and 8 of this agreement and notifies the Company in writing that the right of way has been acquired if applicable, and any necessary alterations may proceed.

4. That the Company will repair any damage done to the Administrator's right of way by the Company or it's Contractor.
5. That the Company will perform the above described work in a manner which will not endanger the vehicular traffic on the highway.
6. That in the event future highway improvements necessitate the removal or adjustment of said facilities now located on highway/street right of way and/or such facilities relocated on newly acquired right of way for the construction of this project, if applicable, the Company will, upon request of the Administrator, make such adjustments as required to accommodate any future highway improvement at no cost to the Administrator.
7. That the Administrator will furnish the Company copies of the plans for the project.
8. That the Administrator will provide alignment points as requested by the Company for the use of the Company in locating its facilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have duly executed this agreement in triplicate on this day of July 20, 2015.

Recommended for Approval:

Leonard Vanatta  
County Engineer

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
County Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

[Signature]  
Chairman

[Signature]  
Commissioner

[Signature]  
Commissioner

COMPANY:

Cherokee County Rural Water District No. 2

Address PO Box 253, Rewenta, KS

By Ronald J. Wansler 66770

Title Chairman

Original to Administrator  
Copy to Company

AN AGREEMENT relative to performing certain work and /or the occupancy of the State's highway right-of-way by the facilities of a Utility.

*THIS AGREEMENT*, made and entered into by and between The Empire District Electric Company hereinafter referred to as the Company, and Cherokee County, hereinafter referred to as the Administrator.

*WHEREAS:* The Administrator has authorized the preparation of construction plans for the improvement of a portion of State Road described as follows:

Beginning 300' west of the southeast corner of Section 11, Township 34 South, Range 24 East in Cherokee County, Kansas

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*WHEREAS:* The Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas acting for the Administrator and the Federal Highway Administration requires that the Administrator and the Company enter into an agreement relative to occupancy of State Highway right of way or the vacating of additional right of way to be acquired by the Administrator for the construction of this project, and

*WHEREAS:* Kansas Statutes, K.S.A. 17-1901 and case law provide that certain facilities may occupy space on the State's right of way.

*NOTHEREFORE, BE IT AGREED:*

1. That the Company will maintain, adjust or construct its facilities which conflict with the construction activities as shown by the plans for the above numbered project in conformance with the following provisions and/or as shown by the plan and description attached hereto and made a part of this agreement.

One partial set of plans including the Title Sheet, Plan and Profile Sheet, and Cross Section Sheets.

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2. That the cost of the alterations, if any, shall be paid for as follows:

By the Company for alteration of facilities located within the existing right-of-way.

By the Administrator for alteration of facilities located outside the existing right-of-way.

3. That the Company will make every attempt to complete the construction or alterations of the Company's facilities, if any, within 21 days, weather and conditions permitting, after the Administrator furnishes to the Company the information indicated in Items 7 and 8 of this agreement and notifies the Company in writing that the right of way has been acquired if applicable, and any necessary alterations may proceed.

4. That the Company will repair any damage done to the Administrator's right of way by the Company or its Contractor.
5. That the Company will perform the above described work in a manner which will not endanger the vehicular traffic on the highway.
6. That in the event future highway improvements necessitate the removal or adjustment of said facilities now located on highway/street right of way and/or such facilities relocated on newly acquired right of way for the construction of this project, if applicable, the Company will, upon request of the Administrator, make such adjustments as required to accommodate any future highway improvement at no cost to the Administrator.
7. That the Administrator will furnish the Company copies of the plans for the project.
8. That the Administrator will provide alignment points as requested by the Company for the use of the Company in locating its facilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have duly executed this agreement in triplicate on this 20 day of July 2015.

Recommended for Approval:

Leonard Vanatta  
County Engineer

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
County Clerk

WITNESSED:

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Original to Administrator  
Copy to Company

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COMPANY:

Empire District Electric

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By [Signature]

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## **Funding Request to Cherokee County Commission for 2016**

*Our Mission is helping people with developmental disabilities learn, grow, and aspire to achieve their potential.*

CLASS LTD is requesting the County Commission to allocate one mill for services provided to children and adults with developmental disabilities who are served by CLASS LTD in Cherokee County. We are very appreciative of Cherokee County's continued financial support which significantly assists us in providing quality services to the citizens of the county with developmental disabilities.

CLASS LTD has been providing services to those with disabilities for more than 40 years, having incorporated in 1975. We are a local-based business serving individuals in Cherokee, Crawford, Labette and Montgomery counties. In the 40 plus years which we have served residents of the county we have seen many individuals we work with grow in independence, gain important life skills, and live successful lives integrated into their communities. We have prevented unnecessary institutionalizations and worked to keep families together. We have assisted clients in gaining skills needed for employment and in obtaining jobs. A continued partnership with the County Commission will allow us to sustain these positive outcomes and achieve new successes in the future.

### **Overview of Funding Available For Those with Developmental Disabilities**

The majority of all developmental disability services are paid for from Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver funding administered by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). This funding is for direct services to individuals and includes state funding matched with federal Medicaid funding. In order to receive HCBS funding, an individual must first be determined eligible by the local Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO). Unfortunately, meeting eligibility requirements does not guarantee that services will begin immediately as there is presently a waiting list in Kansas for individuals awaiting services. According to a Kansas Legislative Post Audit report issued in March 2014 there were approximately 3,250 individuals on the statewide waiting list. One additional challenge which service providers face is that although expenses for providers continue to rise, there has been no increase in the reimbursement rates paid by KDADS since approximately 2008. Receipt of County mill money can significantly assist CLASS LTD with providing quality services during these challenging times.

## **CLASS LTD Cherokee County Services:**

CLASS LTD provided on average services to 69 individuals in Cherokee County for the period of July 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015. Those served included an average of 50 adults and 19 children. We anticipate client growth in Cherokee County in 2016 and project that we will provide services to approximately 72 individuals by the end of our 2016 fiscal year.

To continue to achieve and maintain quality outcomes for those we serve will require a successful partnership with Cherokee County as well as our state funding sources. Funds received from Cherokee County can be leveraged to allow CLASS LTD to provide:

- Funding for persons who have a disability but do not meet the state's eligibility criteria
  - Job coaching to retain employment
  - In-home supports to remain living in their homes
  - Crisis management
- Local match for state and federal grants
- Maintenance and improvement of infrastructure such as information technology and software

## **CLASS LTD's Commitment to Cherokee County Commission:**

1. Maintain full licensure by Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS).
2. Serve or arrange to serve Cherokee County citizens with developmental disabilities when funding is available or to the extent possible without funding.
3. Provide services according to individualized lifestyle choices to the extent possible.
4. Obtain an average satisfaction rating from persons receiving services of at least 90%.
5. Provide family members (including siblings) of persons with developmental disabilities the related supports they need and request.
6. Create job opportunities for persons served by CLASS LTD.
7. Expand independent living skill training for people with developmental disabilities that will enhance their quality of life.
8. Promote health and wellness initiative for staff and clients we serve.

## **CLASS LTD Contributions to our Communities:**

- CLASS LTD employed 52 staff in Cherokee County as of June 30, 2015, with cumulative annual wages in excess of \$1.55 million.
- Sponsored the "Herding Heroes" goat show at the Cherokee County Fair.
- Provides information and referral for families with members with disabilities
- Provides community education on disability issues
- Assists with transition of students to post school life, including jobs
- Makes meeting and training space available to community groups
- Encourages staff members to become involved in community and civic organizations and local government
  
- Can meet the needs of local employers for workers



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July 13, 2015

Cherokee County Commission  
Cherokee County Courthouse  
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Columbus, Kansas 66725

Re: City of Galena/Landfill Application

Dear Chairman Hilderbrand:

This letter is being written on behalf of the City of Galena in regards to its application for a landfill that was previously submitted to this Commission on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015. This application was presented by our Mayor, Dale Ogelsby, at which time he asked that the Commission complete page 10 of the application. Nevertheless, the City has been informed that the County believed this to be only an informal submission and did not require any action on your part at that time, although it was the City's intent that the submission of said application at that time was a formal request for the County Commission to act as required by law, a position clearly reflected by your own minutes of April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Therefore, we are submitting this letter and requesting and demanding that the County take the necessary action that is required of them by law to provide the necessary information so that this application is complete and then can be submitted to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. For completion of the application the County is obligated to provide the information and answer those requests posed in that portion of the application at page 10 and designated as Local Government Certification. More than sufficient time has passed for your attorney and the Solid Waste Committee to review the application and provide the County Commission with feedback.

If the County is either unwilling to comply with this request and meet its legal obligation to complete this application or answers either of the questions in a negative manner, the City is further requesting that the County provide a full and complete written explanation to support such actions. Should the County fail to take timely action to fulfill its

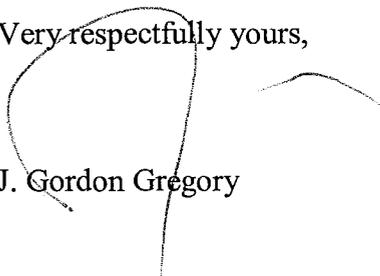
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mandate and provide the necessary information to complete the application, it will almost ensure that the City or other parties take other necessary action to protect against further losses.

Once again to make sure that there is no misunderstanding this time, the City of Galena is hereby requesting that the Cherokee County Commission take the necessary action to complete the Landfill application so that said application will be complete and can be submitted to KDHE for consideration. Furthermore, since you are the only governmental agency who can fulfill this obligation and as time is of the essence and the County has had this application in its possession for over 90 days, a response by July 17, 2015, is requested.

Very respectfully yours,



J. Gordon Gregory

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