

MINUTES FOR JUNE 3, 2013
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

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Chairman Richard Hilderbrand called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 AM on Monday, June 3, 2013 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse. Commissioners Pat Collins, Charles Napier, Richard Hilderbrand, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Patrick Richardson, and Mabelle Smith

Raymond Griffitt – Citizen

He appeared before the Board to voice his concerns over a land dispute. The Board took his concerns under advisement. Commissioner Napier set him on the agenda for June 10, 2013.

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

They appeared before the Board on routine county business. They presented their recommendations to accept the following bids for services: Jim Woods for Fuel; Frost for Oil/Grease; Ozarko for Tires and Tubes; and Tri-State for Asphalt.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the bids as recommended by Gene and Leonard. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. Motion carried 2-1 with Chairman Hilderbrand voting no on the reason that he would have preferred to have an estimate of the increased cost to haul asphalt the greater distance to justify not going with the lowest bid.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2013 Commission Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Commissioner Napier made a motion to amend the agenda from 10:00 AM. to 9:56 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:56 AM.

Gary Drennan - Extension Council Budget

He presented the 2014 Extension Council Budget on behalf of Nancy Herrenbruck who was out of town on business. He informed the Board that they are currently in the process of hiring an Extension Agent. K-State has reported that a hiring freeze has been proposed, so they aren't sure if it will be funded. The Board took their budget under advisement to be considered with other budget proposals.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to not renew membership with the National Association of Counties (NACo) due to increase in dues from \$400 to \$450 per year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Commissioner Hilderbrand stated that he would like the Board to consider putting together a grant program for any organization in Cherokee County that has a community betterment project that needs funding. All applications would be accepted and reviewed for 100% funding, there would be no matching funds requirement. He stated that they would open the grant period for a specified time period and then consider all proposals.

A motion made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to form a grant process, funded by a portion of the Penn Gaming Settlement monies, available to communities and non-profit organizations for community betterment projects to include but not limited to infrastructure, economic development, beautification, tourism, and emergency preparedness. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Department Heads – Monthly Reports

Barbara Bilke, Register of Deeds - provided a written report of activities in her office.

Betha Elliott, Health Dept. Website proposals are in and will be presented to the Board on June 17 at 10:00 AM.

David Groves, Sheriff - Held DUI training in Baxter Springs with approximately 50 officers from the area attending. A recent DUI check point yielded no DUI's. The Downstream concerts will be starting in August and they will be providing assistance for security. They have inmate crews cleaning up today in Galena following Galena Days. He reported that cities in Cherokee County are in the process of passing Pseudoephedrine Purchase Ordinances similar to the one the county passed a few weeks ago.

Deana Randall, H.R. - absent due to illness.

Jason Allison, Emergency Preparedness - The County Mitigation Plan is being completed. The Emergency Operation Plan is being updated as well. Flooding is the biggest problem right now after the recent storms. A few downed tree limbs are the only damage reported.

Juanita Hodgson, Treasurer - Second half taxes are finished. Distribution will be out soon, so she will have numbers shortly. The new AS400 will be installed on Fri June 21, starting on Friday evening and working through the weekend. The counties anti-virus software is currently in need of renewal. Stronghold Data would like us to go a different route. They have provided a quote for a new maintenance program, but it needs to be evaluated to see if it is cost effective.

Nancy Herrenbruck, Appraiser - provided written report, read by County Clerk Edmondson at the request of the Board.

Nathan Coleman, Attorney - He reported that his office is business as usual. The software that helps with charging cases and also communicates with the Court Clerk's Office is not working well. The court uses a company out of Iola, Advantage, for support. Nathan presented a bid for the support services for his office. He would like to have more information about Stronghold and what they could do for efficiencies and cost comparisons before making a decision. He will follow up with the Board next month after doing a little more research.

Ralph Houser, Courthouse Maintenance - Home Pro may bring a sample window down in a week or so to install before all of the windows are replaced.

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Rodney Edmondson, Clerk - The Galena USD 499 School Bond Election is tomorrow. The equipment was delivered this morning. Canvassing will be held next Monday at 8:00 AM.

Wayne Elliott, 911 Mapping & Addressing - He reported 6 new addresses for a mobile home park on a 30-40 acre plot on Sable Drive near the casino area, just east of the Gentlemen's Club. The owner of the club owns the land. The trailers moved in were FEMA trailers from Joplin. The sewer regulations have been complied with.

Cecil Brown, Noxious Weeds - nothing new to report.

Commissioner Collins asked Department Heads their thoughts of closing the courthouse on Friday July 5, 2013 in conjunction with Independence Day on Thursday, July 4. No one objected.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to close the Courthouse on July 5, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Art Mallory - Sheriff's Dispatch Coordinator

He presented a proposal to purchase equipment from the 911 Wireless Fund for dispatch radio equipment. It includes 10 head sets for dispatch. The current ones are 4 ½ years old and worn out. The Board gave their approval.

Kevin Cure - County Counselor

He Presented a contract for the land purchase for the property next to the Health Department at 124 N Kansas, at a cost of \$13,000. Chairman Hilderbrand signed the contract.

He presented Resolution 15-2013 for three properties in Treece for which owners cannot be located. The only way to resolve the buyout is to have a tax sale.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to pass Resolution 15-2013, authorizing a real estate tax foreclosure sale in the former city of Treece, Kansas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Kevin will have an update on sewer rate changes for Sewer Districts 1 & 2 for the Board next week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to adjourn for lunch until 1:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

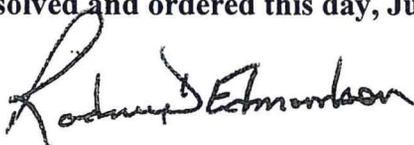
Brent and Brian Hillier – Benefit Health Advisor

They provided a Health Insurance claims report for January through May. Claims are down \$110,000 from the same period last year. They reported that there are two taxes you have to pay under the new Affordable Care Act. The first one is the PCORI Fee due by July 31 which is \$1 per member in the plan. It will be approximately \$255 and is reported on IRS Form 720, but the form isn't ready yet. This is a fee to self funded plans and is due annually. Next year the fee will double to \$2 per member. This goes for research. The second tax is a \$63 fee for every member and will be used to fund the health insurance market exchange and is due by December 31, 2014. That will cost the county approximately \$16,000 each year. This is only to last for three years. They have new options for coverage that will need to be considered prior to time of renewal later this year.

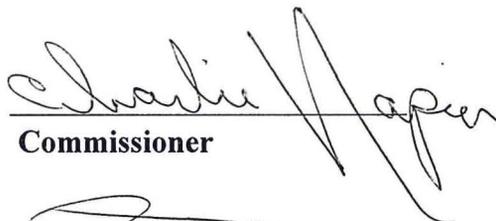
Joe Mooney and Jerry Crain - Land Lease Agreement

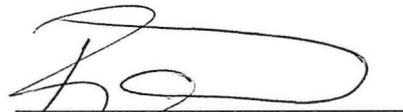
The Board signed a lease agreement in the amount of \$1 annual rent, for Government Property located along the Neosho River. The lease is valid until September 30, 2014. Amy Henson appeared and gave her approval to give up her lease on the property.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for June 10, 2013 at 8:00 AM for the purpose of canvassing the June 4, 2013, USD 499 School Bond Election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 2:10 PM.

ATTEST:**Resolved and ordered this day, June 10, 2013**

Cherokee County Clerk

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