

MINUTES FOR JULY 12, 2010
COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

The Cherokee County Commissioners met July 12, 2010. Those present were Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Pat Collins, and Jack Garner. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. Commissioner Garner made a motion to approve the amended minutes for June 28, 2010 as presented by County Clerk Crystal Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand, and all three commissioners voted in favor. Commissioner Collins made a motion to pay Mid-Month July Account Payables as presented by Clerk Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. Commissioners Garner, Collins and, Hilderbrand, County Counselor Kevin Cure, and County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the paperwork.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for Attorney/Client Privilege for five minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, and County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three voted in favor. They went in at 11:35 AM and returned at 11:43 AM.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for Attorney/Client Privilege for ten minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, and County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand, and all three voted in favor. They went in at 2:25 PM and returned at 2:33 PM.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for Attorney/Client Privilege for thirty minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Collins, and County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three voted in favor. They went in at 2:34 PM and returned at 3:01 PM.

MOTIONS AND DOCUMENTS SIGNED BY THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to accept the Galena Viaduct Contract as recommended by County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three voted in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to amend the action plan for the NSP Grant and send a letter signed by himself to the intended parties involved in the CDBG Grant, Commissioner Collins seconded his motion, and all three voted in favor. Commissioner Hilderbrand signed off on the letter regarding the NSP Grant.

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Commissioners Garner and Collins signed off on a new Jail employee, but Commissioner Hilderbrand did not sign off on the document.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 9-2010 WHICH ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO CONFORM WITH PUBLIC LAW 103-355, AND EXCEPTIONS OUTLINED IN THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES, WHICH ARE THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF KANSAS, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM...**, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all three voted in favor. Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand, and County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the document.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to recess for lunch, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion for a one year extension contract with the City of Weir, Kansas for Police Protection through the County Sheriff's Department, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all three voted in favor and signed off.

OTHER BUSINESS

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Leonard Vanatta, and Gene Langerot came before the commissioners and they discussed general road maintenance. Leonard also submitted the following forms for signatures from Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins, and Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood:

AN AGREEMENT TO MISSION CONSTRUCTION FOR THE GALENA VIADUCT IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT #11X-0022-01(CROSSING OF THE BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY'S TRACKS AND N. 10TH ROAD, NORTHWEST OF BAXTER SPRINGS, CHEROKEE COUNTY DOT NO.670373W

LEASE AGREEMENTS TO:

ELSIE D. BROWN AND JAMES H. BROWN

EDMOND LEE WININGER

WILLIAM T. VANCLEAVE AND SHELLI L. VANCLEAVE

BILLY JOE MCCOY AND CARLA A. MCCOY

Representatives for St. John and Mercy Health Systems, Mary Burke, Elizabeth Dumm, and David Cuin, came before the commission to discuss the health care the facilities could provide for the county employees. The group present wanted the commissioners to give them the opportunity to get on the current health plan the county uses. The commission referred them over to Brent Hillier of Meritain. The commissioners thanked them for coming in.

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ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OFFICE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY UPDATE

Gene Langerot and Leonard Vanatta of the County Lot said the county is doing regular road maintenance.

Jason Allison of Emergency Preparedness reported that tests will be run on the Reverse 911 System at a later date. The NSP Grant home closings have been rescheduled to July 20, 2010. He also noted the City of Roseland got their official notification to begin construction of their new storm shelter.

Cherokee County Health Department Supervisor, Betha Elliott, reported the case load at the Health Department has been the same as the past year. She also reported the department had received a plaque from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for recognition for the preparations the local department had taken during the H1N1 flu outbreak. Betha also reported the Health Department will be giving school immunizations in the next few weeks.

County Attorney John Bullard was in court and unable to attend. Representing the office was Office Manager Nicole Allison.

Supervisor Wayne Elliott of 911 Mapping gave a budget update and also reported only one 911 address was given out during June of this year but, last year nine were given out.

Maintenance Supervisor Ralph Houser asked who wrote the Courthouse Budget and Commissioner Hilderbrand said the commission does. Ralph asked about being able to discuss the budget with them, the commission said they would.

County Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck reported new construction inspections will begin the first of August. Her office is doing re-inspection of 2,500 properties within the county for this year.

Register of Deeds Christy Grant said passport fees will increase from \$110.00 to \$145.00 beginning July 13, 2010. Her office is busy.

Cherokee County Sheriff David Groves gave a crime report for the month of June 2010. His department handled over 35,000 radio transmissions and they filed 120 reports. He also was attending the Weir City Council meeting being held July 12, 2010 to sign off on police protection for the city using the Sheriff's Department. The commissioners signed off on an extension of the agreement for the city of Weir for police protection. The Sheriff also noted overtime was up due to the recent click it or ticket program within the county, and that would be reimbursed by KDOT.

Cherokee County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson reported that 198 delinquency tax notices went out on personal property within the county. She also reported that taxes must be paid by July 30, 2010 to avoid having the notice in the paper. Juanita also gave the commissioners a list of properties within the county that could be put up for sale right now.

Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood reported the Kansas Secretary of State Chris Biggs was in the courthouse on June 30, 2010, he had scheduled that day with Clerk Gatewood to look over equipment, discuss budget, expenses, and future HAVA Grant Funds available to Kansas counties. He toured the courthouse, and met other Office Heads and staff in the other offices. Her office is working on the 2010 August Primary and the last day to make changes to voter

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records and register to vote is July 19, 2010. Crystal will be having her second required poll worker training on July 27, 2010 so poll workers can learn and get updated on equipment, procedures, and laws.

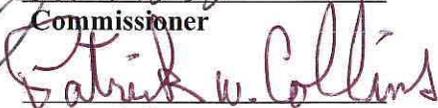
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Garner made a motion to adjourn at 3:10 PM, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held July 19, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

Resolved and ordered this day July 19, 2010


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


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