Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2021

Chairman Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 5, 2021, in room#109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse. The Courthouse is located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Deputy County Clerk, Kaden Wimmer, opened with prayer and leading all attending in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Commissioners Myra Frazier District #1, Lorie Johnson District #2, Corey Moates District #3. County Attorney and County Council, Nathan Coleman; County Clerk, Kyle Rennie; and Deputy County, Clerk Kaden Wimmer, attending for the open. Proprietor and reporter for the Columbus News Report, Larry Hiatt, also attending for the open.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the March 29, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve payroll ending March 26, 2021. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve payables in the amount of \$216,323.76. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Road and Bridge supervisor Cody Zook updated THE COMMISSION on with county lot business. Cody recommended Tim Terry for a new hire at an hourly wage of \$12. Cody also reporting crews are working on an elevation on SW Boone Lake Road & Greenlawn for a detour. Materials are coming from the county lot. Cody reported a diagnosis of 4,726.66 for new injectors of one of the trucks. Mechanics at the county lot will perform the repairs, saving labor costs.

Commissioner Moates moved to hire Tim Terry into the Road and Bridge Department at \$12/hr. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Reports of Department heads:

Sheriff Dept: Sheriff Groves reported on several topics: AAA Traffic Award, Riverton Traffic Study, Sex Offender response and investigation, Marijuana Dispensaries, Drug Take-Back Event, Inmate Transport, Inmate Housing, and District Court.

Emergency Preparedness: Jason Allison reported on issues with storm sirens, request for septic systems, and Training with Fire Departments.

Health Department: Betha Elliot reported there had been 2300 vaccinations administered, and there are vaccines available in the three larger cities in the county.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 10:35 with County Council, Nathan Coleman, and appointed Betha Elliot for personnel and to reconvene at 10:45. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. The meeting reconvened at 10:45. No action was taken.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 10:51 with County Council, Nathan Coleman, for Attorney/ Client, and to reconvene at 11:05. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. The meeting reconvened at 11:05. No action was taken.

Commissioner Johnson moved to transfer titles of two ambulances to The Cherokee County Ambulance Association, the first is a 2014 International F-650, the second is a 2019 Ford E-450. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to pay for the rental cost for three Courthouse employees driving rental vehicles while their personal vehicles were being repaired. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into an executive session at 12:04 with the elected Commissioner for personnel and to reconvene at 12:15. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. The meeting reconvened at 12:15. No action was taken.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 12:17 with elected Commissioners for personnel and to reconvene at 12:40. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. The meeting reconvened at 12:40. No action was taken.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until the next regular session on March 12, 2021. Commissioner Moates 2nd the motion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:42.

These Minutes Written in Draft by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this April 12, 2021

County Clerk

Commissioner

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Commissioner