Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2021

Chairman Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission to order Monday March 1, 2021 in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. County Clerk, Kyle Rennie opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

District # 1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District # 2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District # 3 Commissioner Cory Moates, County Clerk, Kyle Rennie and Deputy Clerk, Kaden Wimmer all in attendance. Proprietor and reporter of the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt also in attendance.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the February 22, 2021 Commission Minutes. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed. 3-0.

County Treasure Raven Elmore reported to the Commission she had transferred \$79,230.06 to county general fund from the motor vehicle department.

R & B Supervisor, Cody Zook reported on business at the lot: Cody recommended to THE COMMISSION to hire Aaron Vaughan at \$12/hr. And requested a rate of pay increase for Stanly Davis from \$14/hr. to 15/hr. Cody discussed Road failures on SW 30th and SE Quaker due the recent winter storm. Backhoe Operator Paul Adams retired on February 28, 2021 and, Johnny Zwahlen had another surgery.

Report of Department Heads:

Sheriff's Department, Dave Groves reported on a state- wide standardized dispatch training.

Emergency Preparedness, Jason Allison reported on the state- wide emergency awareness week.

Health Department, Betha Elliot reported on the number of new cases of COVID-19 and the number of vaccines being administered in the county.

Dave Trabert representing The Kansas Policy Institute presented information on budgeting and expenditures, The Kansas Policy Institute will be very helpful to Cherokee County in building the 2022 budget.

George Yaghmour and Chad Mishmash with KEY Industries spoke with THE COMMISSION about uniform apparel for county lot employees.

County Appraiser Mark Hixon spoke with THE COMMISSION about the possibility of sharing an appraiser with a neighboring county.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 1:00 p.m. with non- elect Daisy Mooney for Policy/ Procedure and to reconvene at 1:15 p.m. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 1:16 p.m. with non-elect Taylor Brown for Policy/ Procedure and to reconvene at 1:25 p.m. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 1:25 p.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 1:31 p.m. with non-elect Ashly Harmon for Policy/ Procedure and to reconvene at 1:40 p.m. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 1:46 p.m. with non-elect Paige Allen for Policy/Procedure and to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until the next regular session March 8, 2021, Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:25. p.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this March 8, 2021

County Clerk

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