

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2010
COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

The Cherokee Commissioners met September 27, 2010. Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins were present. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the minutes for September 20, 2010 as presented by Clerk Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, Garner, and County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the documentation.

MOTIONS MADE BY COMMISSION

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Road and Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta and County Engineer Gene Langerot came before the commission to discuss general road and county maintenance. Gene Langerot reported that the Highway Patrol put on a safety meeting for the county lot employees this morning and it went very well. The commission asked Gene to make the arrangements for the Caterpillar operators at the County Lot to attend a training session in Joplin, MO on October 14, 2010 at the Caterpillar Dealership, the cost of the training is \$25.00 per individual.

Maria Dam with ENCON came before the commission to discuss lowering the speed limit on 19th Street in Baxter to Highway 69 into Treece, KS due to safety reasons for the residents. The commission is going to get back with her later after they speak with the sheriff.

Steve Vogel of Vogel Vineyards and Richard Schnell of Café on the Route came in to discuss liquor by the drink being put on the ballot for November 2010. Mr. Vogel also said that liquor by the drink would be beneficial to the county because it would make the county more viable to attract a casino to the county. It was referred over to Kevin Cure.

Gene Mense, the County Auditor, came before the commission to work with them on the budget for 2011. The 2011 Cherokee County Budget was set at 52.201 mills, one mill lower than the 2010 budget. The budget hearing will be held October 12, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in the Cherokee County Courthouse with a Special Meeting planned for that day by the commission.

Ralph Houser came before the commission to discuss the courthouse elevator and the windows for the courtroom. The commission asked him to get bids and to talk with area banks about financing the projects.

Brent Hillier of Meritain came before the commission to update them on the county's Health Insurance Policy changes and the new legislation. He reported everything should go smoothly overall and the county's insurance already addresses some of the new requirements, but minor changes would have to be made. The commission thanked him for giving them the update.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

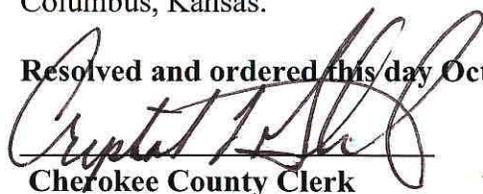
Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into **Executive Session for thirty minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege** to discuss pending litigation with himself, Commissioners Garner and Collins, County Counselor Kevin Cure, and Attorney David Cooper, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three voted in favor. They went in at 10:38 A.M. and returned at 11:05 A.M.

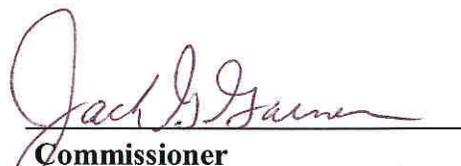
Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into **Executive Session for sixty minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege** with himself, Commissioners Collins and Garner, County Counselor Kevin Cure, and Attorney David Cooper, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all three voted in favor. They went in at 11:10 A.M. and returned at 12:14P.M.

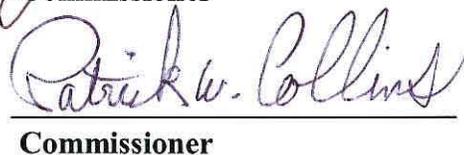
ADJOURNMENT

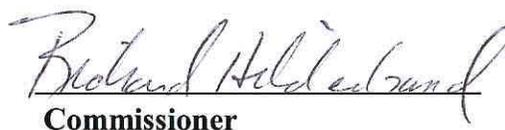
Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 4:56 P.M., his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three voted in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission Meeting will be held October 4, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

Resolved and ordered this day October 4, 2010


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner