

**MINUTES FOR AUGUST 27, 2012**  
**COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**  
**CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD**

The Cherokee County Commissioners met August 27, 2012. Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. Commissioner Garner made a motion to approve the minutes for August 20, 2012 as presented by Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, and Garner voting in favor. Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins and Garner, and County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the minutes. County Clerk Gatewood submitted the 2013 budget requests from the County Department Heads to the commission, a copy is attached to these minutes. The department heads may come to the meeting on September 17, 2012 to discuss their 2013 budgets with the commissioners. Clerk Gatewood will schedule those wanting to come before the commission to discuss their 2013 budgets on September 17, 2012.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

**Commissioner Hilderbrand requested executive session for Personnel/Non-Elected.** Commissioner Hilderbrand made the motion to go into **Executive Session for Personnel/Non-Elected** for five minutes with himself, Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Road and Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. They went in at 9:45 AM and returned at 9:50 AM.

**MOTIONS MADE BY COMMISSION**

Commissioner Collins made a motion to lift the Cherokee County Burn Ban in effect as recommended by Jason Allison, Columbus Fire Chief and as the Emergency Management Director of Cherokee County until needed again; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner; with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to transfer \$45,028.78 from General Fund #100 line item #14000/37 to the Sewer District # 330 to cover the current negative balance; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to amend the agenda and move Mike Williams from 10:30 AM to 10:18 AM; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to allow Mike Williams to get the natural gas data usage for the Cherokee County Courthouse and the Cherokee County Law Enforcement Center to allow Mr. Williams' company Pro-Energy Solutions to prepare a proposal for the commission to review; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor.

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## OTHER BUSINESS

Gary McCorkle and Leonard Vanatta of Road and Bridge met with the commission to discuss Gillstrap Lane the road which is partly private owned and partly county owned. Mr. McCorkle is asking the county to take over the entire road. Mr. McCorkle and Mr. Vanatta went over the current legal description of the area. Mr. McCorkle will get another surveyor to verify the measurements. The commission agreed to make no decision on the lane until further information is provided.

Raymond Griffitt came before the commission to discuss a land issue.

Nancy Herrenbruck invited the commission to a retirement dinner being held for Carol Stone on October 12, 2012 in the break room in the courthouse.

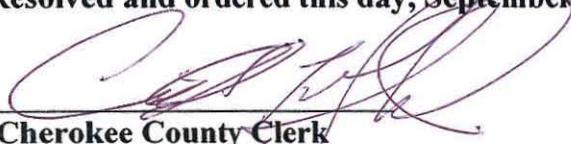
Ralph Houser reported the new contract for the courthouse elevator is \$345.00 a month and it includes service and parts. The contract on the previous elevator cost the county \$800.00 a month. He is also getting a proposal together to put in restroom facilities for Court Services.

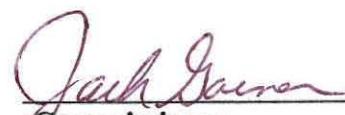
Mike Williams of Pro Energy Solutions explained that because of deregulation of natural gas delivery his company could save Cherokee County money on gas for the Cherokee County Courthouse and the Cherokee County Law Enforcement Center. He explained that if we currently purchase our gas from a local utility company we currently pay them for the gas as well as the distribution to the meter. Mr. Williams explained if the county was to purchase gas from his company it would be a cost saving for the county. The only difference is the current company will be delivering the natural gas and the county would purchase the gas from Pro Energy Solutions. The commission agreed and made a motion and signed off on the paperwork to allow Mr. Williams to prepare a proposal using the data from previous statements from the current provider of natural gas for the Courthouse and the Law Enforcement Center. They thanked him for coming in.

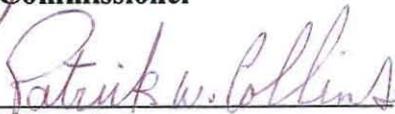
## ADJOURNMENT

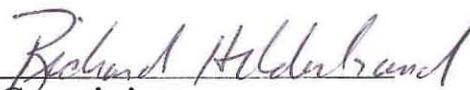
Commissioner Garner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 AM: his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Garner, and Collins voting in favor. The commission will not meet on September 3, 2012 and the Cherokee County Courthouse will be closed in observation of Labor Day. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held September 10, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

**Resolved and ordered this day, September 10, 2012**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner



Kansas Gas Service  
7421 W. 129<sup>th</sup> St.  
Overland Park, KS 66213

Attn.: Marion Miller – [marion.miller@oneok.com](mailto:marion.miller@oneok.com) or phone. 913.319.8610, fax 913.319.8698

As a representative of Cherokee County  
(CLEARLY PRINT Commercial Company Name) I hereby give Kansas Gas Service permission to communicate both by phone and in writing all pertinent information concerning my company's natural gas usage over the past twenty-four months for the purposes of CUSTOMER SAVINGS ANALYSIS / QUOTE.

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City, State & Zip: Houston, TX 77007  
Phone / Fax: 713-739-6431/713-739-6481  
Mobile: 832-247-298  
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cc: [rhonda@pro-e-solutions.com](mailto:rhonda@pro-e-solutions.com)

**HISTORICAL USAGE INFORMATION RELEASE(S)**

	Account Number	Service Address/City/State/Zip
1	510241094 118872427	110 W Maple Columbus KS 66725
2	510401545 167491136	915 E Country Rd. Columbus KS 66725
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Richard Helderbrand

Customer Signature

Dated: 8-27-2012

Richard H. Helderbrand

Print Name

Phone: 620-856-8047

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRO ENERGY SOLUTIONS

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Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to introduce myself and Pro Energy Solutions. We are reaching out to you on the matter of your natural gas costs and utilizing natural gas transportation programs designed by your local utility company to provide customers with options and greater control to lower gas costs. It is my mission to inform you of these cost savings opportunities that are now endorsed by utility providers and consumers the nation over.

If you are not informed on natural gas deregulation, please allow me a few minutes to explain why our customers are paying from 10% to 30% less for natural gas and how we can show you significant savings compared to your current gas costs.

Public utility companies in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri have implemented Transportation Gas Programs that allow their commercial and industrial consumers to choose their own supplier. If you are currently purchasing your gas needs from the local utility company, you are paying the utility provider for gas and distribution to your meter. When you purchase your gas from a third party provider, your new supplier will deliver all your gas needs to the local utility, who in turn, moves the gas across their utility pipelines to your burner-tip.

The local utility will always be responsible for the delivery of natural gas to your meter and they will continue to be responsible to you for any emergency situation, metering issues, and account information services. The only thing changing is that they are delivering your gas and not selling you the gas. The actual process of changing suppliers is painless – a simple paper transaction, there is no physical change, loss or interruption of service. The pipe, connections, service and support from your current service provider remain the same.

Pro Energy Solutions, LLC, in partnership with CIMA Energy Limited, who trade in excess of 1 billion CCF of natural gas daily, recently acquired the book of business of Panoak Natural Gas LP of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who has been selling natural gas to municipalities since 1987 and have several towns that have been customers for over 15 years.

If you are currently participating in a natural gas energy buying cooperative, or otherwise purchase from a third-party provider, we encourage you to take a few minutes to compare our prices with that which you are currently receiving. The results may surprise you.

If you are not taking advantage of Transportation Gas Service, which is a result of energy deregulation, and are still with the local utility company, the savings could be significant and well worth taking an interest. I would like to meet with you to discuss how Pro Energy Solutions can save you money, and explain the simple process used to provide you a quotation, free of charge.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Mike Williams  
Sr. Account Executive  
417-499-0591

## OUR VALUED CLIENTS



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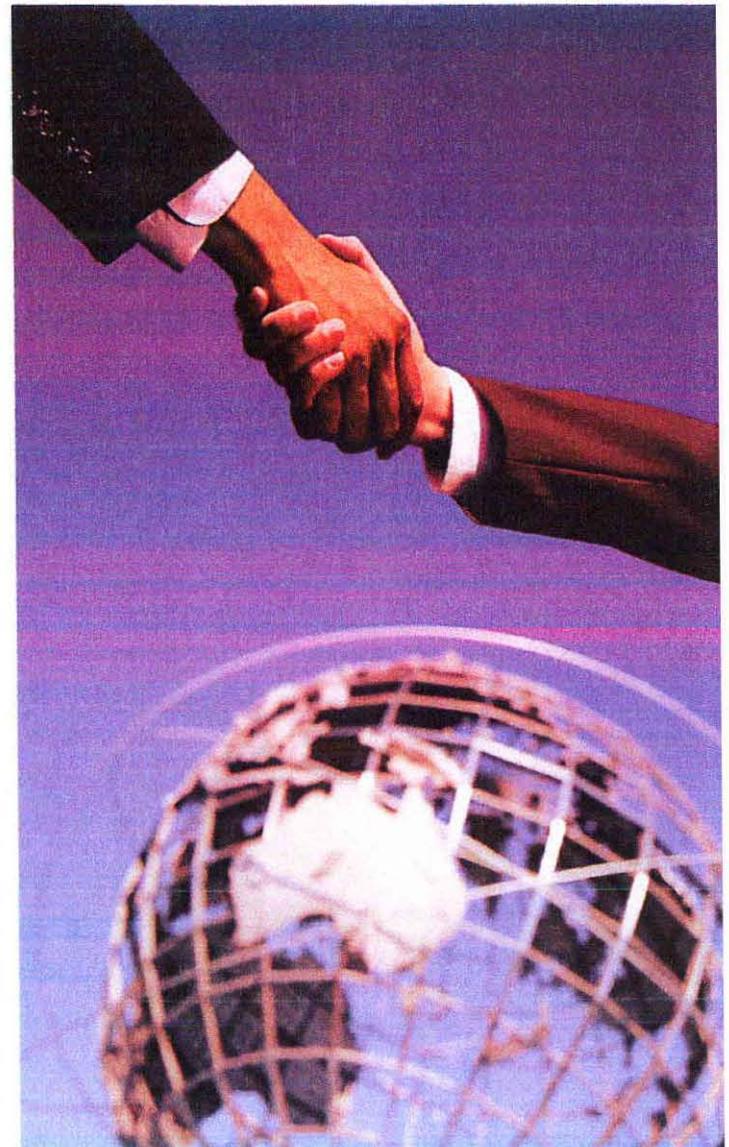
**City of Burlington  
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**Wakita Utilities Authority  
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**Oklahoma Department of Corrections  
Oklahoma**

**City of Little River  
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**City of Ford  
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### **Southwest Missouri & Southeast Kansas**

**University of Missouri**

**Sani-Kleen Tank Wash, Inc.**

**Ozark Christian College**

**Spring River Christian Village**

**Thousand Oaks Medical Center**

**Mid-America Precision Products**

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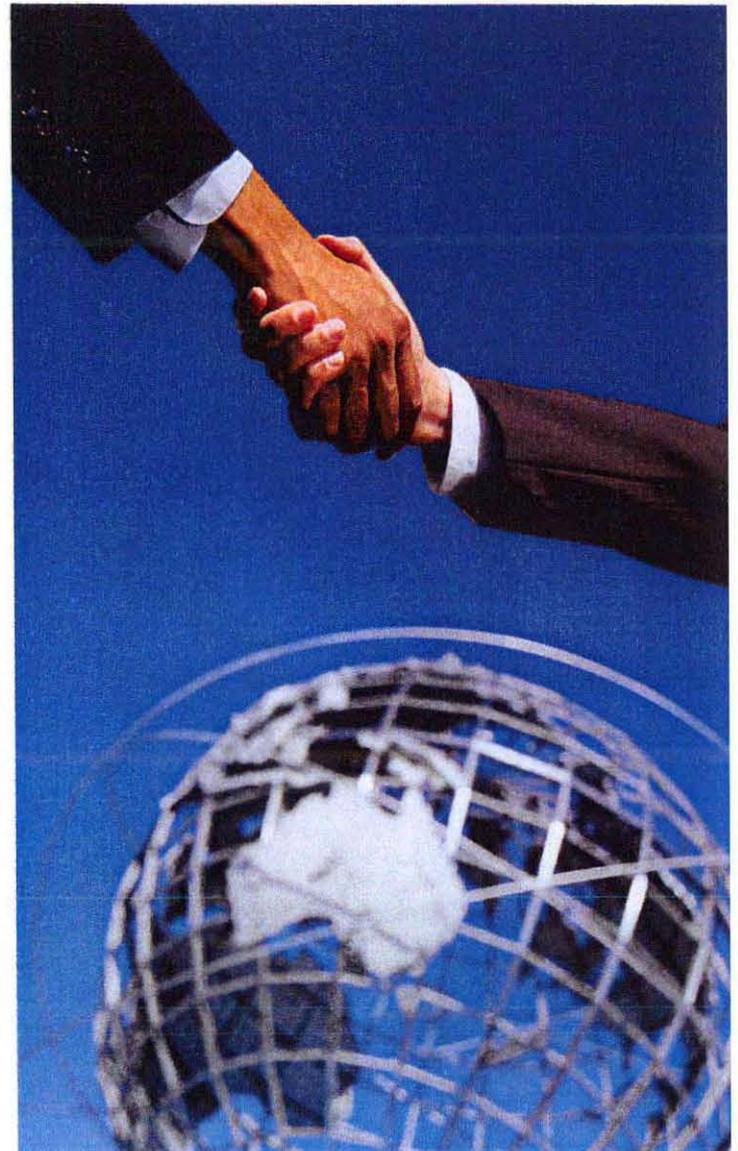
**Golden Corral Restaurant**

**Broadway Towers**

**Ortho of the Four States**

**Galena Unified School District**

**Galena Nursing Home**



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