

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 2015
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

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Commissioner Hilderbrand called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 9:00 AM on Monday, August 10, 2015 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Charles Napier, Pat Collins, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Machel Smith, Jordan Zabel, Sarah Okeson

Jess Hunt of Baxter Springs led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Hunt appeared at the invitation of the Board in honor of his 100th birthday tomorrow, August 11, 2015.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve a Proclamation honoring Jess Hunt on his 100th birthday. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins presented the framed Proclamation to Mr. Hunt, congratulating him on his achievement, and thanking him for his service in WWII.

County Clerk Edmondson, Mr. Hunt's grandson, presented an American flag purchased by the family to Mr. Hunt. The flag will be flown over the Courthouse on Tuesday in honor of his 100th birthday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes of the BOCC Meeting for August 3, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Mid-Month Accounts Payables for August, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hilderbrand stated that he had talked with Gene Mense regarding the 2016 Budget. He stated that the county was looking strong and if the budget remains the same as last year, the mill levy will likely stay the same or possibly decrease just a little.

Commissioner Hilderbrand read a letter from Dennis Degner of KDHE, addressed to Galena Mayor Dale Oglesby regarding the City of Galena's Application for a Solid Waste Landfill Permit. A copy of the letter is attached.

Commissioner Hilderbrand informed everyone that he has tendered his resignation to the Governor effective September 1, 2015. He stated that he plans to move outside his district making it impossible for him to serve.

Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor

He appeared before the Board concerning county road business.

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Gabe Cordova - ECCHIC Employee Benefits

He represents Employers Committed to Controlling Health Insurance Costs, and appeared before the Board regarding health insurance benefits for county employees. They use a Third Party Administrator with direct contracts for some services. He asked the Board for approval to submit a proposal at the time of renewal. The Board instructed him to get with Deana.

Nathan Coleman - County Counselor

He appeared before the Board regarding legal matters concerning Cherokee County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to enter an Executive Session with the Board and Mr. Coleman for the purposes of Attorney/Client Privilege and Non/Elected Personnel for a period of 25 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:37 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 12:02 PM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to enter an Executive Session with the Board, Mr. Coleman, Noxious Weed Director Kristin Seal, and Counsel Robert Myers for a period of 10 minutes for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 12:08 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 12:18 PM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to enter an Executive Session with the Board and Mr. Coleman for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 12:19 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 12:25 PM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

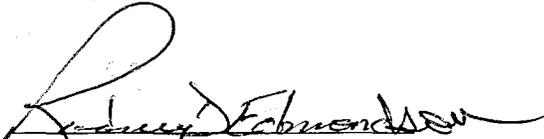
A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to discharge Kristin Seal as Noxious Weeds Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

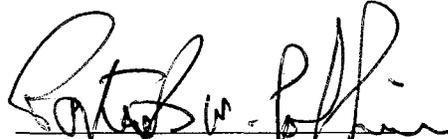
A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to appoint Cecil Brown as Noxious Weed Director for the remainder of 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

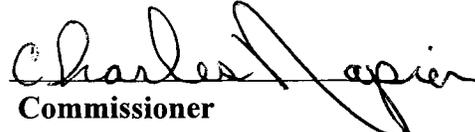
Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for August 17, 2015 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 12:27 PM.

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ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 17th day of August, 2015


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

August 7, 2015

Mr. Dale Oglesby
Mayor
City of Galena
211 W. 7th
Galena, Kansas 66739

Re: **Application for Solid Waste Landfill Permit
Galena, Cherokee County, Kansas**

Dear Mr. Oglesby:

The Department received an application for the proposed Galena MSW facility on August 5, 2015. On this same day I talked with Mr. Doug Gatewood, agent for Jordan Disposal. In this discussion I explained that the Department is not authorized to review any application before specific approval is granted by local government. The Department's statutory reference K.S.A. 65-3407(m) states, "Before reviewing any application for a solid waste processing facility or solid waste disposal area, the secretary shall require the following information as part of the application", including consistency with the solid waste management plan, consistency with local zoning or compatibility with surrounding land use, and requirements of land ownership. This permit application did not have local government certification signatures.

The letter dated July 27, 2015 from Mr. Richard Hilderbrand, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Cherokee County, to you and copied to me states that these local government requirements have not been approved for this application process; therefore, the department is returning the complete application package to you. If you have further questions, please contact me at (785) 296-1601 or ddegner@kdheks.gov.

Sincerely,



Dennis A. Degner, Ph.D., P.E.
Chief, Solid Waste Permits Section
Bureau of Waste Management

Enclosure

C: Richard Hilderbrand, Chairman, Cherokee County Commission
Bill Bider, BWM
Ken Powell → Jeff Walker, BWM
Vicki O'Brien → Charles Bowers, KDHE/SEDO
Michael Selm, SWLU

PROCLAMATION BY THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HONORING JESS FRANKLIN HUNT ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Jess Hunt will be honored by friends and relatives on August 11, 2015 in celebration of his 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Jess Hunt was born in Coffeyville, Kansas on August 11, 1915; and

WHEREAS, Jess Hunt married Ruth Foland on March 12, 1939 and moved to Baxter Springs permanently in 1947, and they remain happily married after 76 years; and

WHEREAS, Jess and Ruth were blessed with a daughter and a son, Elizabeth Edmondson and Robert Hunt of Baxter Springs; and 5 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Jess Hunt served his country with valor in the United States Army during World War II from April 1944 through April 1946 serving aboard ship in the Philippine Islands, and was sent to Japan during the Allied Occupation of Japan; and

WHEREAS, Jess Hunt began his work as a barber in 1933 and worked until his retirement 50 years later in 1983; and

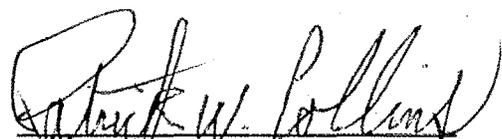
WHEREAS, Jess Hunt has been a Kansas resident his entire 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Jess Hunt has lived during the most eventful century of this nation's history and has been a model and inspiration to his family and to those who have known him;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in us as the Board of County Commissioners for Cherokee County, Kansas, I do hereby proclaim, tomorrow, AUGUST 11, 2015 AS JESS FRANKLIN HUNT DAY IN THE COUNTY OF CHEROKEE; and on behalf of the County Commission and citizens of Cherokee County, I offer sincere congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Hunt for many more happy days in the future to share with family and friends.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the great seal of the County of Cherokee, State of Kansas to be affixed this 10th day of August, 2015.


Richard Hilderbrand, Chairman


Patrick Collins, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Rodney Edmondson, County Clerk


Charles Napier, Commissioner

Richard Hilderbrand
1116 Military Ave
Baxter Springs, KS 66713
July 31, 2015

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Honorable Sam Brownback
Governor of the State of Kansas
300 SW 10th Ave., STE 241S
Topeka, KS 66612-1590

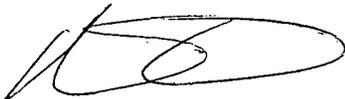
Dear Honorable Sam Brownback:

It is with mixed emotions that I tender my resignation as the 3rd district Cherokee County Commissioner effective September 1, 2015. As you may know, I've recently married and plan to move outside of my district making it impossible for me to continue to serve the residents of the third district in Cherokee County.

I have been blessed with a wonderful group of constituents, supporters, colleagues, and friends who have made my time on the Board of County Commissioners enjoyable and rewarding. Since first taking office in 2009 I have never voted to raise taxes while still ensuring that the infrastructure needs of my district were met. During my time in office we were able to see, with the exception of the jail, all of the county debt eliminated. Serving five years as the Chairman of the Board, I have focused a lot of my time and energy on economic development activities. I've served as liaison for Cherokee County on regional economic developing initiatives and worked hard to develop a sustained Economic Development presence within Cherokee County.

I have appreciated the opportunity to serve as the third district county commissioner and I wish you nothing but the very best in the future.

Sincerely,



Richard Hilderbrand

