

**MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 4, 2010**  
**COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**  
**CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD**

The Cherokee Commissioners met October 4, 2010. Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins were present. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the revised minutes for September 25, 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 Garner and all three voted in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made the motion to pass and approve **RESOLUTION #13-2010, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MILES PER HOUR UPON 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE INTERSECTION OF 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND LIONS ROAD WEST TO THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE INTERSECTION OF 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND KANSAS HIGHWAY 69.** His motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all three voted in favor. Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand and Garner, and County Clerk Crystal Gatewood signed off on the document.

**COMMISSIONERS SIGNING MISC. DOCUMENTATION**

Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand signed off on Voucher #8637 - Lockwood (Tax Statements) - \$830.62 - (For the Cherokee County Treasurer)

Commissioners Collin, Garner, and Hilderbrand signed off on four pay raises for the Sheriff's Dept. (moving the employees to higher level jobs within the department.)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Road and Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta and County Lot Supervisor Gene Langerot came before the commission to discuss general road and county maintenance. Commissioner Hilderbrand asked Leonard to have the brush cutters and mowers clean around the roads where the marathon will take place. He also thanked the brush cutters and mowers for doing a great job this year. Gene Langerot reported that the county is still waiting to receive the last of the FEMA funds. The commission discussed temporarily lowering the speed to 35 MPH on 19<sup>th</sup> Street near Baxter Springs while the area has large equipment on that road, for safety reasons. County Counselor Kevin Cure is working on a resolution regarding this lowering of speed.

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Patrick Tuttle, representing the Mother Road Marathon being held in the county on October 10, 2010 beginning at 8:00 AM, reported things were going very well and he thanked the county for their help with the arrangements. He also reported many runners have already submitted their paperwork to participate. The commissioners asked about the roadways and other factors regarding the citizens within the county as well as the safety of those participating. The commissioners thanked him for coming in.

Joyce Manahan came before the commission to get approval to allow the county to participate in a membership drive for Sam's Club. The membership drive was approved to be held October 7, 2010 in the Cherokee County Commission Room from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Ms. Manahan offered a special rate at \$15.00 for 15 weeks to the employees. Sam's Club currently offers one year memberships for \$40.00 a year. The commission asked County Clerk Gatewood to send an e-mail to all Department Heads letting them know when it is scheduled. The commission thanked her for coming in.

Sean Krokraskia of RWI Benefits came before the commission to discuss what his brokerage of health benefits for county employees consist of. He believes he could help the county save money. Currently Cherokee County has no insurance broker because of the added cost. The County Health Committee will meet on October 18, 2010 to discuss the county's Health Insurance, so Commissioner Hilderbrand said he would get back to him after they have their meeting. The commissioners thanked him for coming in.

Lois Fields and Chase Brown of Liberty National Life came before the commissioners to discuss their current Life Insurance that some of the county employees have and ask the commission to hold open enrolment in their plan. The commission thanked them for coming in.

**The Cherokee County Department Heads and Elected Officials held their monthly meeting and gave updates:**

Jason Allison of Emergency Management reported he was preparing for the Mother Road Marathon being held October 10, 2010. He discussed that as the runners completely get through the roadways on the route, those roadways will be re-opened to the public.

County Attorney John Bullard reported he had hired a new employee to re-place an employee who had taken new employment elsewhere. Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand signed off on the new hire.

Betha Elliott of the County Health Department reported the "Point of Dispensing" event held in Cherokee County at the Health Department was a success, 127 citizens were given the seasonal flu vaccine without having to get out of their cars. She noted that many volunteers helped with the event to help make it a success. Her office was also busy with the Mother Road Marathon being held on October 10, 2010.

Wayne Elliott of the 911 Mapping Department reported he has seen an increase in map sales from his office.

Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood reported that the ballots for the November 2010 election were delivered last week. The last day to register to vote is October 18, 2010 for the November election. Her office is currently getting those ballots ready for the mail. Advanced ballots go out on October 13, 2010 and in house voting starts October 13, 2010 and runs until November 1, 2010, which closes at 12:00 PM that day.

Barbra Bilke of the Register of Deeds Office reported that the office was busy with different types of deeds.

Sheriff David Groves reported he is preparing for the Mother Road Marathon. He also reported that the county received the Cops Grant for his department. The Cherokee County Jail currently is housing 73 prisoners.

Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck reported they were doing the final new structure changes in property and building tables. They were also doing the Ag Checks as it must be done 100% each year. The commission asked her to let Carney Morgan know about the abandoned railway procedure. Nancy also had volunteered for the Health Department Clinic held October 1, 2010 and she said it ran very efficiently.

Maintenance Supervisor Ralph Houser reported he should be receiving the second bid for the courthouse elevator this week. The commission asked about the windows and he said he was going to wait on that.

Cherokee County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson reported sales tax came in and overall people are still purchasing new and used vehicles within the county. The sales tax was lower than last year at this time but she saw no reduction in spending from consumers within the county involving the sales tax collected. She also turned over 115 delinquent personal property claims to the judicial level.

All present thanked the commission for their help and support of all their 2011 budgets. The commissioners also thanked everyone for their hard work and staying within their 2010 budgets. The commission asked the Department Heads and Elected Officials to meet with them on October 18, 2010 at 9:30 AM to discuss the proposed pay scale.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

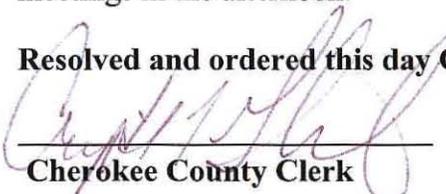
Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session for fifteen minutes for Personnel/Non-Elected** with himself and Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three voted in favor. They went in at 1:25 PM and returned at 1:40 PM.

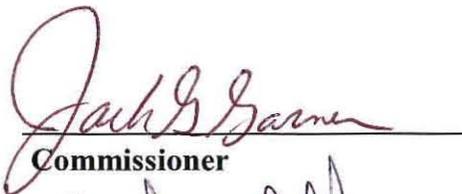
Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session for twenty minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege** with himself, Commissioners Hilderbrand and Garner, and County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three voted in favor. They went in at 2:24 PM and returned at 2:44 PM.

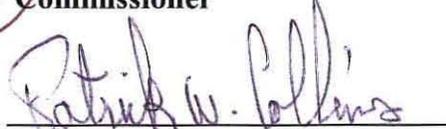
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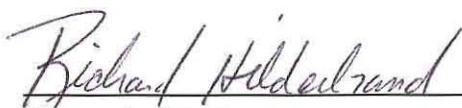
Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 PM, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three commissioners voted in favor. The next regular Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held October 18, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas. The commission will adjourn at 12:00 PM on October 18, 2010 due to outside meetings in the afternoon.

**Resolved and ordered this day October 18, 2010**

  
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