

**Minutes for February 24, 2020**  
**County Board of Cherokee Commissioners**  
**Cherokee County, Kansas**

Chairman Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 24, 2020 in Commissioner Room #109, Cherokee County Courthouse, located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Moates opened with prayer and The Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Corey Moates, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk, Kyle Rennie were present. Members of the press present Larry Hiatt.

Commissioner Anderson moved to accept and approve the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Jim Burton with Solid Waste Management Committee stated the Committee is in the process of securing bids for roll offs. He also submitted the BOARD with the membership list of the Cherokee County Solid Waste Committee for approval. Commissioner Anderson moved to accept the membership list as presented, Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept approve payroll for February 14, 2020 Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to appoint Sena Howard, Treasure, Lowell Township, Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson moved to appoint Aaron Bowin, Trustee and Peggy Campbell, Clerk for Sheridan Township. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Supervisor, Leonard Vanatta, updated THE BOARD on County road conditions and submitted a contract in regard to inspection on the approaches at the Netural RR project that was approved by the Commissioners.

County Lot Supervisor, Louis Schreiner, reported the new backhoe should be delivered any day and that he had received notice of a price increase of finish oil by 12%.

Commissioner Anderson moved to accept and approve the accounts payable, Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Under Sheriff, Terry Clugston, submitted a proposal to replace phone system, backup batteries, and radio system at a cost of 16,790.15. Terry reported the old systems are becoming obsolete.

Commissioner Anderson moved to recess at 9:48 a.m. and to reconvene at 9:58 a.m. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:58 a.m.

David Luke, Chief Executive Officer with K- Camp addressed THE BOARD with an overview of the K-Camp program, stating out of the 105 Kansas counties there are 72 in the K-Camp pool and Cherokee county is a charter member. David Luke agreed to attend meeting on May 18, 2020 for budgeting.

Robert Jones, resident of Watermelon Lane in Cherokee County addressed THE BOARD, and asked what the definition of a minimum maintenance road was? Commissioner Moates responded, it is only the responsibility of Cherokee County to keep a minimum maintenance road graded. Jones went on to point out the level of Watermelon lane is at the one-foot mark now and it would be illegal to add any more rock that would raise the level of the road above one foot. Jones also stated he is not against the County grading the road as they see necessary.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 11:11 a.m. with County Counselor Barbara Wright, for Attorney- Client discussion concerning legal position on road issue and to reconvene at 11:21 a.m. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:21 a.m.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the amendment to the Meritain contract. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. 3-0.

County Appraiser, Mark Hixon, reported to THE BOARD that County Valuation notices would be sent out on February 24, 2020.

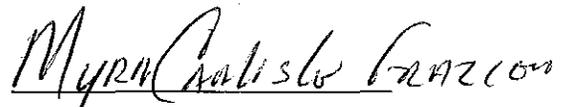
Commissioner Frazier opened discussion on maintenance cost for all county buildings.

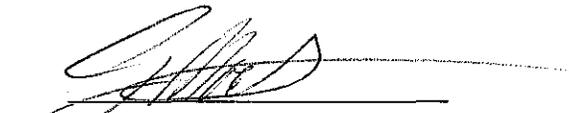
Commissioner Frazier, moved to go into executive session at 12:20 p.m. with elected personal County Clerk, Kyle Rennie for policy and to reconvene at 12:25 p.m. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

Commissioner Anderson moved to adjourn until the next regular session Monday March 2, 2020 at 9 a.m. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 2nd day of March 2020**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
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