

**MINUTES FOR JUNE 16, 2014**  
**BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**CONVENE**

Commissioner Hilderbrand called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 AM on Monday, June 16, 2014 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Pat Collins, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present. Commissioner Napier was absent due to illness.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Machel Smith, and Patrick Richardson

**Larry C. Westervelt - Citizen**

He appeared before the Board to voice a complaint with the Treasurer's Department. Deputy Treasurer Joni Henry appeared at the request of the Board. She provided documentation showing that Mr. Westervelt's bank had paid his 2012 taxes only as indicated on the memo line of the bank check. Chairman Hilderbrand suggested that he take a copy of the receipts provided by the Treasurer's Department to his bank and discuss it with them.

**Larry Overman - Citizen**

He appeared before the Board with the tire that he says was punctured by debris left on the roadway from one of the county dump trucks hauling limbs. The Board denied his claim based on evidence presented.

**Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor**

**Gene Langerot - County Lot Supervisor**

They met with the Board on routine county road business.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2014 BOCC Meeting as written. The motion was second by Commissioner Hilderbrand. The motion carried 2-0 with all present voting yes.

**Shane Eckhardt - K-SAR Inc. CEO/Field Operations Commander**

He appeared before the Board on behalf of the K9 Search and Rescue Team seeking the Board's approval of a permit to use emergency vehicle lighting on their three vehicles. He stated that in a disaster, it's impossible to enter the affected area without emergency vehicle lights. Their teams also are used for multiple purposes including traffic control. They are a first responder support team for the State of Kansas. He reported that they have filed a written waiver of liability with the City of Galena.

Commissioner Collins would like to have Mr. Cure review this later today. He would also like to have Commissioner Napier present to consider the request.

RA

**Jim Burton - Columbus City Trash Transfer Station**

He appeared before the Board regarding the contract that will expire in 2018 for the landfill services that the county and city uses. He's trying to get direction for the City of Columbus. The Board suggested the City of Columbus negotiate with the transfer station directly.

**Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor**

**Gene Langerot - County Lot Supervisor**

They appeared before the Board for the public opening of sealed proposals for the furnishing and delivering of certain products to Cherokee County. Sealed bids were opened and read by County Clerk Edmondson beginning at 10:00 AM.

Sealed bids were opened for the purchase of new Dump Trucks. Commissioner Collins made a motion to allow Gene and Leonard time to review the bids and report back to the Board on June 23, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand. The motion carried 2-0 with all present voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to table the bids for Tires and Tubes until next Monday, June 23, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to allow Gene and Leonard time to review the Asphalt bids and report back to the Board on June 23, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand. The motion carried 2-0 with all present voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to accept the Bid from Jim Woods Marketing for the delivery of Gas and Diesel as the only bid submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0 with all present voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to accept the Bid from Frost Oil for the delivery of Oils, AntiFreeze, and Grease products as the only bid submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand. The motion carried 2-0 with all present voting yes.

**John Greene - SEK Area Agency on Aging**

He appeared before the Board to present the Agency's request for funding for 2015. They are requesting 2015 Local Matching Funds for Aging Services in the amount of \$7,000.

They spent \$281,097 for services to the elderly in Cherokee County last year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to continue the funding amount of \$7,000 for services to the elderly. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0 with all in attendance voting yes.

**Kevin Cure - County Counselor**

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

He reported that he has spoken with Russell Shipley and he expects the review of 2012 financial records to be completed by the end of the month.

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Commissioner Hilderbrand inquired about the sealed bid process that the county currently uses. Mr. Cure will review the procedures and report back next week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to enter into an Executive Session with the Board and Mr. Cure for the purpose of Attorney/Client Privilege for a period of five minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0 with all in attendance voting yes at 11:55 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 12:00 PM.

No action taken as a result of the Executive Sessions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to recess for lunch until 1:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0 with all voting yes at 12:02 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 PM.

**Bill Shenk, Leo Hake, Jenny Despotovic - Taylor Crane & Rigging**

They appeared before the Board seeking their approval to move heavy equipment on county roads from Columbus to the Empire District Electric Plant in Riverton. They also appeared regarding the “unfinished” obligation for a similar agreement in 2006.

Taylor is seeking the Boards approval to move four Gas Powered Generators weighing between 412,000 pounds and 450,000 pounds each. The generators are to be used by Empire as they convert the Riverton Power Plant from coal power to natural gas. They have a target date of October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to complete the move. Their preferred route would be to go from railcar onto their trailers at the Tamko site just north of Columbus, then proceed north on K-7 to Center Star Road, then east to Highway 69 Alternate.

The Board heard from the Taylor representatives about the unfinished project from 2006 where Cherokee County was not reimbursed for manpower used to assist in the transport or for the damages done to public and private property as a result of the project.

All parties agreed to work together to settle the unresolved 2006 project, as well as moving forward with the consideration of the new project slated for October 1, 2014.

Representatives from Taylor will meet with Leonard Vanatta on Tuesday June 24, 2014 to begin work on resolving the 2006 project.

Commissioner Hilderbrand asked that they submit the new plan in writing to Clerk Edmondson and he will in turn get it to the Board and to Mr. Cure for review.

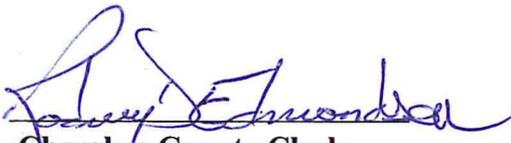
**Jason Allison, Art Mallory - Emergency Preparedness**

They appeared before the Board at the request of Commissioner Collins. The Board would like them to review protocol for opening of the courthouse in the event of storms. They will report back to the Board with their recommendations.

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Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for June 23, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand. The motion carried 2-0 with all in attendance voting yes at 2:13 PM.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this day, June 23, 2014**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

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Commissioner

  
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Commissioner

# **K-SAR Inc.**

## **Mission Statement**

**The following is the mission statement and scope of operations for K-SAR Inc., K9 Search and Rescue Team; Light Operations.**

**K-SAR Inc. was established to assist in Search and Rescue Operations within a 50 mile radius of Joplin, Mo., Special considerations can be made for areas outside of this operational area. K-SAR Inc. is a basic Search and Rescue Team comprised primarily of K9 Units, Fire personnel, medics, and various other first responders. K-SAR Inc. is a free standing, self equipped unit, not for profit, Public Safety Organization, supported by private funding and charitable contributions. K-SAR Inc. was created to assist local agencies in their time of need, ie: natural disasters of any type, manmade disasters such as acts of terrorism, civil unrest, and Search and Rescue Operations, and recovery, involving individuals, such as lost children, missing persons, and searches for human remains. K-SAR Inc. Search and Rescue Team is maintained for service to local and private organizations within the guide lines of their governing body, current members, and according to K-SAR Inc. By-Laws and governing regulations of the organization.**

**Thank You, Shane Eckhardt, CEO / Field Operations Commander,  
K-SAR Inc.**

**[ksar231@yahoo.com](mailto:ksar231@yahoo.com)**

**620-762-3884**

## Not For Profit Articles of Incorporation

**The name of the corporation:**

K-SAR, INC.

File date: 09/06/2011

File time: 10:43:53

Business Entity Number: 6565915

**Registered office in Kansas:**

10569 SE MESSER  
GALENA, Kansas  
66739

**Name of the resident agent at the registered office:**

ROY SHANE ECKHARDT

**Mailing address for official mail:**

K-SAR, INC.  
10569 SE MESSER  
GALENA, KS  
66739 USA

**The nature or purpose of the business entity:**

The purpose of this business entity is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the entity may be organized under the laws of Kansas.

VOLUNTEER K-9 SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

**This corporation will not have the authority to issue stock. The conditions of the membership are set in the bylaws.**

**Will the powers of the incorporator(s) terminate upon filing the articles of incorporation?**

No

**Director(s) information:**

TAMMIE M ECKHARDT  
10569 SE MESSER  
GALENA KS  
66739 USA

BRANDI M JARVIS  
1105 YORK ST  
CARL JUNCTION MO  
64834 USA

**Expiration date of the corporate existence:**

Perpetual

**Tax closing month:**

December



**EIN Assistant**

Your Progress: 1. Identity 2. Authenticate 3. Addresses 4. Details 5. EIN Confirmation

**Summary of your information**

Please review the information you are about to submit. If any of the information below is incorrect, you will need to start a new application.

Click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page to receive your EIN.

**Organization Type: Corporation**

**Corporation Information**

Legal name:	K-SAR INC
County:	CHEROKEE
State/Territory:	KS
Date Corporation started or acquired:	SEPTEMBER 2011
Closing month of accounting year:	DECEMBER
State/Territory where articles of organization are (or will be) filed:	KS

**Addresses**

Physical Location:	10569 SE MESSER RD GALENA KS 66739
Phone Number:	620-762-3884

**Responsible Party**

Name:	ROY SHANE ECKHARDT
SSN/ITIN:	XXX-XX-5895

**Principal Business Activity**

What your business/organization does:	OTHER
Principal products/services:	CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE

*should not accept numbers*

**Additional Corporation Information**

Owns a 55,000 pounds or greater highway motor vehicle:	NO
Involves gambling/wagering:	NO
Involves alcohol, tobacco or firearms:	NO
Files Form 720 (Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return):	NO
Has employees who receive Forms W-2:	NO
Reason for Applying:	STARTED A NEW BUSINESS

We strongly recommend you print this summary page for your records as this will be your only copy of the application. You will not be able to return to this page after you click the "Submit" button.

**K-SAR Inc. Liability Waiver**  
**K-SAR Inc. K9 Search and Rescue Unit**  
**10569 SE Messer Rd. Galena, Ks. 620-762-3884**

**Section 1:**

Form: KLW2

This waiver releases the (Name:) listed in Section 3 of this document, from any and all liability of, damages, injury, death, or accidents occurring or incurred while on property owned by, managed by, or overseen by, the person or persons, listed in Section 3 of this document due to accidental, intentional, or negligent damages caused by K-SAR Inc.,\* { any of its members, agents, K9's, vehicles, or equipment.} Any damages or injuries incurred to K-SAR Inc. while on the property, (as outlined in Section 3), will be the sole responsibility of K-SAR Inc.

**Section 2:**

Any damages caused to property or individuals listed in, and as described, in Section 3 of this document, due to negligence on the part of K-SAR Inc. as listed in Section 1\*, pending proper investigation, will be the sole responsibility of K-SAR Inc.

Reason for Waiver: K9 Search and Rescue Operations, Training, Contract Deployment, K9 Man-trailing, K9 Based Narcotic Detection.

**Section 3:**

**Liability release of the following person, persons, or entity:**

Name: City of Galena, Ks, All Galena, Ks City Gov't., Employees, and Agents.

Address: Galena, Kansas 66739

Physical address of property: Inside the City Limits of Galena, Kansas 66739

Contact: Larry Delmont

Title: Chief of Police Phone: 620-704-5230

Effective date and time of waiver:

From: Jan. 01, 2014 Time: 0000 Hrs. Ending: Dec. 31, 2014 Time: 0000 Hrs.

K-SAR Inc. Rep. Print: R. S. Eckhardt, CEO/Commander of Field Operations, K-SAR Inc.

K-SAR Inc. Rep. Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3 authorized representative Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3 authorized sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging, Inc.*

*P.O. Box J  
1 West Ash  
Chanute, KS 66720  
620.431.2980  
620.431.2988 Fax*



*Serving:*

*Allen*

June 16, 2014

*Bourbon*

*Cherokee*

*Crawford*

*Labette*

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

*Montgomery*

*Neosho*

Richard Hilderbrand, Chairperson

*Wilson*

Pat Collins, Commissioner

*Woodson*

Charles Napier, Commissioner

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your continued support of Senior Citizen Programs in Cherokee County. The information sheet attached reflects the number of Cherokee County seniors being served in Cherokee County as of May 31, 2014 and the array of services provided by the Area Agency on Aging in your county. During the last year the Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging provided services to the elderly in Cherokee County totaling \$281,097. In addition to these services we provided assessment and referral services to the physically disabled population.

The Governing Board of the Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging is requesting funds from Cherokee County for FY – 2015 of \$7000.

Again, thank you for budgeting the local funds which are so vital in helping fund these necessary services to assist our seniors in remaining in their own homes with pride and dignity for as long as possible.

Sincerely,

John L. Green  
Executive Director

*Learning from Yesterday ~ Preparing for Tomorrow*

# CHEROKEE COUNTY

June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014

## Older American Act

Assessments	12
Attendant Care	7
Case management Customers	15
Homemaker	12
Information & Assistance	160
Maid (Lifeline)	4
Respite	20
Support Groups (Caregivers)	6

## Nutrition Program

Congregate Meals	28
Assessments	99
Home Delivered Meals	155

## Senior Care Act

Assessments	35
Attendant Care	15
Case Management Customers	35
Homemaker	42
Lifeline	6

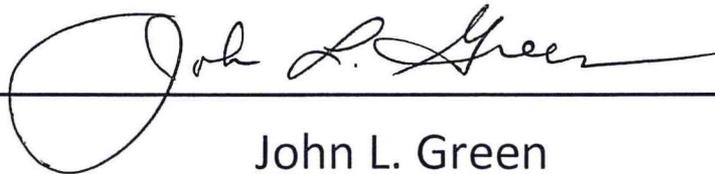
Home and Community Based Services (FE, PD, TBI) 162

Help with Medicare and Insurance Counseling 130

These are unduplicated counts

Cherokee County Commissioners  
Cherokee County Courthouse  
Columbus, KS

2015 Local Matching Funds  
For Aging Services  
\$7,000



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Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging