

MINUTES FOR JUNE 30, 2014
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chairman 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 30, 2014 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Pat Collins, Charles Napier, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Mabelle Smith, and Thom Hanrahan

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2014 BOCC Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor
Gene Langerot - County Lot Supervisor

They met with the Board on routine county road business.

The Board considered the asphalt bids that were opened at a previous meeting. Leonard stated that he would prefer to accept the bid from Tri-State Asphaltting. The Board considered the fact that Swift Construction was low bid, but after calculating the increase in expenses to haul from their plant north of Joplin, MO and the \$500 mobilization fee each time they have to move locations, would not make it cheaper than the bid from Tri-State.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to accept the asphalt bid from Tri-State Asphaltting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

The Board considered the dump truck bids that were opened at a previous meeting. Gene stated that the bid from Joplin Freightliner was approximately \$5,000 per unit cheaper than the bid from Diamond International of Joplin. The cost for four trucks would be \$422,752. There was only one bid on the bed and other equipment needed to equip the trucks, it was from Truck Parts and Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$44,343 per unit. That would bring the total cost to \$150,131 per unit fully equipped. The delivery date would be in mid-December with payment due upon receipt.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to accept the bid from Joplin Freightliner and the bid from Truck Parts & Equipment for four dump trucks and needed equipment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Carl Hays, Dr. Triplett - SEK Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste Program

They appeared along with Jim Burton from the City of Columbus to discuss the HHW Program for Cherokee County.

Dr. Triplett suggested that Cherokee County adopt a similar plan being utilized by Crawford County. Their Commissioners decided to fund a \$10,000 grant program to pay the first \$50 of the charges that would have been incurred by their private citizens to dispose of the materials. The grant was proposed because the citizens were not using the disposal program when they had to pay a fee for disposal. Commercial users still pay their own fees.

The group reported that four cabinets have been distributed in Cherokee County. Two are in Galena and two are in Columbus.

Carl Hayes reported that recycling in general has doubled in Cherokee County.

The Board decided to have Carl research the costs and budgetary issues of the program and report back at a later date.

Carl invited the Board to attend the Vision for the Future of Water in Kansas Public Tour being held in Fort Scott on July 11th.

Janet Miller - Cherokee County Economic Development

She appeared before the board to present a budget request for funding Economic Development in 2015. The Board took the proposal under advisement to be considered with all other budget requests.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter an Executive Session with the Board, Gene Langerot, and Leonard Vanatta for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of five minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 10:17 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 10:22 AM.

No action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Diane Larson - Hospitality Center

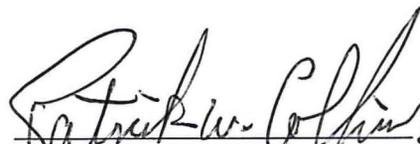
She appeared as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Cherokee County Hospitality Center. She stated that there have been 26,855 people visit the center since they opened in June of 2008. She provided a list of services that are provided to citizens free of charge. They operate on donations only. She also reported that their insurance company had denied any claim as a result of the roof damage so they are not paying for any needed repairs on the roof.

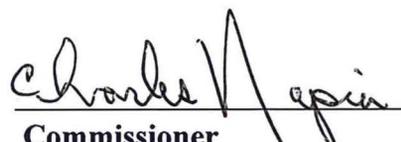
Commissioner Hildrebrand made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for July 7, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:19 AM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this day, July 7, 2014


Cherokee County Clerk

Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner