

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 26, 2013
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, August 26, 2013 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, Tony Coble

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Jason Allison presented a Local Disaster Declaration to the Board. It will be filed with the state and an application for federal funds will be made. The northern part of the county sustained damages and Weir has 3 bridges that were damaged in the recent flooding. One bridge sustained approximately \$70,000 in damage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to pass Resolution 25-2013, a Proclamation of a state of local disaster emergency for Cherokee County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes of August 19, 2013 BOCC Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Leonard Vanatta - Road Supervisor
Gene Langerot - Lot Supervisor

They appeared before the Board on routine county business. They haven't received estimates for replacing the gas pumps yet. The sign machine hasn't come in yet, but some material has arrived. The trailer was delivered last Friday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins for an Executive Session with Leonard and Gene for a period of five minutes for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 9:34 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:39 AM.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve Payroll for the month of August, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to appoint Rodney Monroe as the Lola Township Clerk for the remainder of the term. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

RA

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Accounts Payables for August, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Brenda Clugston - Health Department

She appeared before the Board to obtain the Board's signatures on the Physician Consultant Agreement with Dr. Jonathan Manzer, M.D. He has purchased property in Columbus and will be opening an office here soon. He currently has an office in Carthage, MO. The Board will have Mr. Cure review the agreement.

Jay Justice, Mike Dunkelberger - Fire District #1 Budget Request

They appeared before the Board to go over their proposed 2014 Budget. They are seeking a budget of \$19,694 in county funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve Fire District #1's 2014 Budget request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to amend the agenda for Jean Pritchett from 10:45 AM to 10:38 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Jean Pritchett - Tourism Grant

She presented an application for a Joplin Regional Artist Coalition Reception to be held in Columbus. They are bringing 50-60 artists to exhibit at the Maple Uncommon for the entire month of October. They are requesting \$300 in Grant Funds for advertising. A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Tourism Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Myra Frazier - Carlisle Real Estate

She appeared before the Board to update them on the pending sale of the NSP Grant property in Galena. As of this morning the property has been cleared to close. Closing should happen this week.

Commissioner Hilderbrand called a five minute recess at 11:05 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:10 AM.

David Holmes - Holmes Real Estate

He appeared before the Board to update them on the pending purchase of the property located at 124 N Kansas Ave. The seller of the property doesn't have a clear title. The Title Company will not issue title insurance on the property. After discussions with Mr. Cure, the Board decided to have him review all documents and find a solution before they agree to purchase the property.

Kevin Cure - County Counselor

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

RH

Paul Rogers appeared on his grant application request. He informed the Board that he will not be able to meet the September 6 deadline for grant application. Therefore he is dropping his request from the Board at this time.

No one filed any answers in the Treece Tax Sale. October 28th is the default judgment date in court. The Tax Sale should occur late this year.

Russell Shipley of Berberick Trahan & Co, P.A. has finished the internal review of procedures. He visited with Kevin last week and will write up the report in 2 or 3 weeks to outline ways to eliminate deficiencies and inadequacies in County Offices.

Nancy Herrenbruck - County Appraiser

She appeared before the Board to get approval to make corrections to parcels of property. A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to make corrections to parcels as presented by the County Appraiser. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion made by Commissioner Collins to recess for lunch. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 12:04 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:03 PM.

Gene Mense, Matt Mense - 2014 Budget Workshop

They appeared at the request of the Board to prepare the 2014 Cherokee County Budget for publication.

The KAMO payment will need to be included as revenue for next year in the amount of \$184,865 for a total of 10 years. \$50,000 will go to USD 493 for four years. The payment is expected by December 15, 2014.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to pass the final draft of the 2014 Budget for publication as written. It reflects an approximate 5 mill decrease from 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

The Board set a Public Hearing for September 9, 2013 at 9:00 AM for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2014 Cherokee County Budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to pass the final draft of the 2014 Sewer District #1 Budget for publication. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

The Board set a Public Hearing for September 9, 2013 at 9:00 AM for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2014 Sewer District #1 Budget.

RH

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for September 9, 2013 at 9:00 AM, due to the Labor Day Holiday on September 2, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all in attendance voting yes at 3:00 PM.

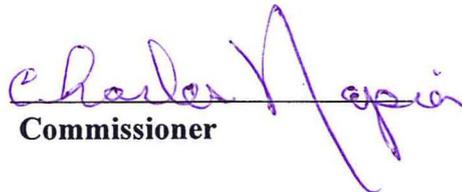
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this day, September 9, 2013



Cherokee County Clerk



Commissioner



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Columbus Chamber of Commerce

320 E. Maple * Columbus, KS 66725 * 620-429-1492

APPLICATION

CHEROKEE COUNTY TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM 2013

PLEASE USE ONLY THIS FORM

IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS

ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE TYPED.

DATE OF REQUEST MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 60 DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT

Date of Request 08.15.2013 (JRAO)

Name of Event/Project Joplin Regional Artists Coalition Reception

Date(s) of Event/Project Saturday, October 19, 2013

Name of Sponsoring Organization Maple Un Common Hotel & Gallery

Briefly describe event/project 50-60 regional artists will exhibit and @ Maple Un Common for entire month of October, 2013

Person making Grant/Request Leana Lowry-Greene

Address 120 E. Maple St., Columbus, KS 66725

Work Phone 620.429.3130 Home Phone same

Grant amount being requested (\$300 maximum) \$300

Is this event in any way a fundraiser for your organization? yes no

Estimated number of expected attendees month long - 100-200 ppl

Estimated number of room nights generated: reception weekend 20+

Estimated number of attendees that are day-trippers 100-200

Where will they stay while in Cherokee County? hopefully, Maple Un Common

How will grant money be used (be specific) refreshments and

entertainment for reception, plus art show refreshments in lobby throughout October.

Food/Beverage \$200, Entertainment \$100
Extraneous expenses out-of-pocket, inc.
Attach projected budget for entire event/project to this application.
advertising and promotion + special room rates

Where will visitors come from? Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas

Is this a one-time event? An on-going project? ^{BOTH} Explain We change art exhibits

4-6 times per year; this particular show features
the best in this region in one large exhibit. They

(SRAC) only have 2 per year and this is their first one
Have you received prior funding from this grant? Explain No in SE KS.

Prior exhibits and functions have all been my
out-of-pocket expenses.

How will this event/project increase tourism revenue in Cherokee County? _____

This is a critical piece in promoting the
arts & culture in SE KS

If event/project will not directly affect tourism, how will it improve or enhance Cherokee County to

indirectly affect tourism? Every exhibit I have draws new
artists, friends, and families to Columbus. They
return for subsequent visits and spread the word
about increased activity in the arts in this area.

Additional support from this grant application may be attached if desired.

IMPORTANT: Upon completion of event/project, all grant recipients must supply the

Columbus Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee with actual budget for event/project

and follow-up summary. Recipients who do not comply with this policy may be ineligible for

future grants.

Committee Use Only: Date received _____ Action _____