

**MINUTES FOR MARCH 15, 2010**  
**COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**  
**CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD**

The Cherokee County Commission met March 15, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hilderbrand and those present were Commissioners Garner and Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Commissioner Garner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by County Clerk Crystal Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve and pay March mid-month Accounts Payables as presented by Clerk Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins, and County Clerk Crystal Gatewood signed off on the books. County Counselor Kevin Cure was not in attendance and did not sign off on the document.

**COMMISSIONERS GARNER, COLLINS, AND HILDERBRAND SIGNED AND APPROVED THE FOLLOWING:**

**VOUCHER #6860 - \$528.00 (SECRETARIAL BILL) TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE COUNTY COUNSELOR FUND**

**VOUCHER #9809 - \$1,038.00 (ENVELOPES) ETTENGER'S - TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY APPRAISER'S FUND #230**

**VOUCHER #9792 - \$589.00 (COMMERCIAL PC) E-GOV - TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY CLERK'S BUDGET**

**VOUCHER #64690 - \$16,540.00 (20 RADIOS/20 PORTABLE CP 200) FOR THE CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - TO BE TAKEN OUT OF LINE ITEM #225 - THE COUNTY 911 FUND**

**SHERIFF DAVID GROVES BROUGHT IN FORMS FOR A NEW HIRE IN DISPATCH - COMMISSIONERS HILDERBRAND, GARNER, AND COLLINS SIGNED AND APPROVED THE DOCUMENTS**

**LEONARD VANATTA, ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERVISOR, BROUGHT IN A SIX-MONTH PAY INCREASE FOR AN EMPLOYEE AT THE COUNTY LOT. COMMISSIONERS GARNER, AND COLLINS SIGNED OFF AND APPROVED THE DOCUMENTS, BUT COMMISSIONER HILDERBRAND DID NOT SIGN OFF.**

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## EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

**Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for ten minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, and via telephone with Attorney David Cooper, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. They went in at 9:29 AM and returned at 9:40 AM.**

**Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into Executive Session for ten minutes for Personnel/Non-Elected with himself, Commissioners Garner and Collins, Leonard Vanatta and Gene Langerot, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor. They went in at 9:45 AM and returned at 10:00 AM.**

**Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for twenty minutes for Personnel/Non-Elected with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, Leonard Vanatta and Gene Langerot, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. They went in at 10:42 AM and returned at 11:02 AM.**

**Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for twenty-five minutes for Personnel/Non-Elected with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, Gene Langerot and Leonard Vanatta, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. They went in at 11:03 AM and returned at 11:24 AM.**

**Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Allison requested Executive Session for Personnel/Non-Elected: Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for ten minutes for Personnel/Non-Elected with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, and Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Allison, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. They went in at 1:45 PM and returned at 1:55 PM.**

## MOTIONS

Commissioner Garner made a motion to recess for lunch, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Carney Morgan came before the commission to discuss an abandoned Burlington Northern right away in the Shawnee Township. Commissioner Collins gave him contact information for the Burlington Northern Railroad and the commission asked him to keep them updated on what he finds out. The commission thanked him for coming in.

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Cherokee County Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck came before the commission to discuss the purchase of a computer for her office. The commission requested she get bids from other sources and get back with them later.

Jason and Lorie Johnson of B-3 Construction came before the commission and gave them a price for disposal of the refuse accumulated in the county dumpsters. The commission said they would look it over and get back to them.

Greg Sitton of Evonik presented a check in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Reverse 911 System for the county.

Environmental Specialist Carl Hayes came before the commission to give them an update on the haulers in the county for the county dumpsters he had contacted. The commission and Mr. Hayes discussed alternatives of the dumpsters or having citizens get their own trash haulers. Mr. Hayes had concerns that one pick-up a week of the county dumpsters could create health concerns and environmental issues. No decisions were made by the commissioners regarding the dumpsters. Mr. Hayes also requested three individuals to represent the county at a training class of the Household and Hazardous Waste Management being held at Fort Scott Community. The commission discussed their recommendations. The commission thanked him for coming in and giving an update.

A group of citizens came before the commission to discuss re-routing of a county road (Grape Road). The citizens were concerned about the flooding and conditions due to excess weather conditions. The commissioners asked Road & Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta to assess the road and bring his recommendations back to discuss with the commissioners and the citizens. Those attending were: Terry Clements, Brian Zager, Norman Fry, Kelly Walker, and Kelly Anderson. Commissioner Hilderbrand asked if one of the individuals could contact the commission on March 22, 2010 in regards to the re-routing and Kelly Anderson said he would contact the commission.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta reported the roads in the county are slowly improving. FEMA will be here April 1, 2010 to give information on what to expect from the Disaster Declaration signed by President Obama for Cherokee County. Mr. Vanatta brought in two agreements from KDOT for the railroad to do work on some railroad crossings in the county, Commissioner Hilderbrand and Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood signed off on both agreements.

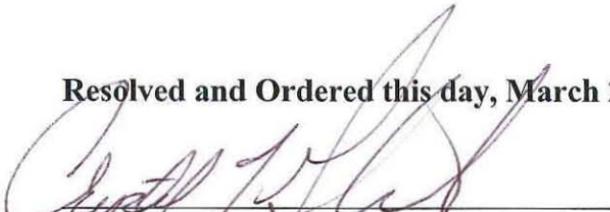
George Lockwood came before the commission to discuss turning SE 66<sup>th</sup> Place over to the county. The commissioners are having Road & Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta look it over and get back to them on his assessment next week.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 2:05 PM for the day, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission Meeting will be held at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse on March 22, 2010.

**Resolved and Ordered this day, March 22, 2010**



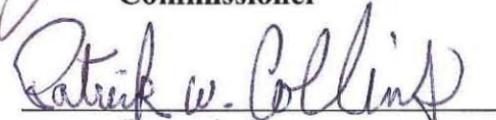
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Cherokee County Clerk



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