

**MINUTES FOR AUGUST 4, 2011**  
**COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**  
**CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD**

The Cherokee County Commissioners met August 4, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Garner and those present were Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. County Clerk Crystal Gatewood submitted the minutes for July 25, 2011, Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to accept the minutes; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand voting in favor. Commissioner Collins, Hilderbrand, Garner, and Clerk Gatewood signed off on the documentation.

**MOTIONS**

Commissioner Garner made a motion to appoint Commissioner Hilderbrand as first delegate and Commissioner Collins as alternate delegate for KAC; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Collins, Garner and Hilderbrand voting in favor. Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand and Collins, and Clerk Gatewood signed off on the documentation.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to post a \$1,000.00 reward and a conviction for vandalism in Cherokee County cemeteries; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to recess until 1:00 PM; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins voting in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve and support the passage of Resolution No. 11-2011;

**Whereas, the Kansas Byways Committee (KSBC), consisting of representatives from the Kansas Department of Transportation, Kansas Wildlife & Parks and Tourism, the Kansas Historical Society, has developed guidelines and policies regarding the designation of Kansas Scenic & Historical Byways: and...;**

his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand and Garner, and Clerk Gatewood signed off on the resolution. (A copy of the Resolution is attached to these minutes.)

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to run the tax delinquencies for the county in the county designated newspaper and the others will have an insert of the listings; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand and Collins voting in favor.

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## **COUNTY APPOINTED DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Betha Elliott, of the Cherokee County Health Department, had concerns regarding the Coop Project for the county. All county offices and the county must have emergency plans in place. The department is also having shot clinics for back to school.

Wayne Elliott, of 911 Mapping, reported his department has added five new addresses to the county.

Supervisor Leonard Vanatta, of Road & Bridge, and Gene Langerot reported the sign was up on the north side of Historic Rainbow Bridge on old Route 66. The guys liked the new road graders and were very happy with them. The County Lot was asphaltting and doing general county maintenance.

County Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck reported Orion is up and running, but we are not currently using it, the offices involved with Orion are still taking training on the new system. Sharon Houser has moved up front and Sharon Jones's retirement recognition is scheduled for Friday, August 5, 2011 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. She also reported eleven applicants have applied for the field work position in her office.

Deana Randall, of Human Resource, reported that she was handling a lot of vouchers and is updating addresses of employees.

Ralph Houser, Court House Maintenance, reported that the work for the new elevator has begun and should be completed in one and a half months.

Jason Allison, of Emergency Preparedness, reported that he was working on several grants for storm shelters, storm sirens, and ambulances for the county. The weather radios are being distributed in Galena and Baxter Springs. His office is also working on the marathon scheduled for October 9, 2011. He reported that no funds have been released by the state for reimbursements for salaries and FEMA. He also spoke of his concerns about the Coop Project.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Cherokee County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson reported that the tax sale has been finalized but no funds will be issued until the newly appointed District Court Clerk takes office. The Treasurer's Office will be submitting the county's tax delinquencies to the newspapers for printing, and it was agreed by the commission that she would print them in the Columbus Advocate and run inserts of the copy in the other papers in the county.

Cherokee County Register of Deeds, as reported by Deputy Barbara Bilke, said the files have been backed up off site at the salt mines. The passport inspector came and everything was good. The office has also been processing deeds from the tax sale.

Cherokee County Attorney John Bullard reported he will not be replacing the employee that went to the Treasurer's Office and will be giving his part time employees more hours, which will save the county money. He reported that Lowell Cemetery was vandalized a week ago and head stones were turned over and broken, the Columbus Advocate had brought in pictures of the damage to the meeting.

Cherokee County Sheriff David Groves, with Deputy Terry Clugston, reported that they were having dispatcher training. The 911 system will be using Century Link and he also reported the vandalism at the Lowell Cemetery.

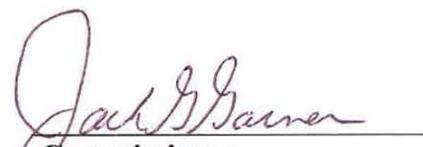
Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood, as reported by Deputy Clerk Paula Cheney, said that all county budgets are turned in and the Clerk is working with Gene Mense to get the documentation in the preliminary 2012 Budget for the commission. The 2012 Township budgets and the city of Roseland were completed in the Clerk's Office and will be posted to the state. The 2012 Certified Election Documentation for the State of Kansas on the voter files for Cherokee County is being completed by Clerk Gatewood and as of August 1, 2011 there are 11,176 active and inactive voters in Cherokee County. The office is currently upgrading voter files to prepare for the changes for the new legislation to go into effect January 1, 2012. Paula Cheney and Vickie Hess will be attending a week long training in Iola put on by the Secretary of State's Office for advanced training on the upgraded ELVIS System. Clerk Gatewood and Paula Cheney attended an update for KOMA - KORA in Independence, Kansas put on by the Kansas Attorney General, Derek Schmidt. The office is busy registering boats and selling fish and game licenses.

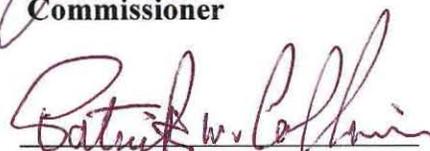
### ADJOURNMENT

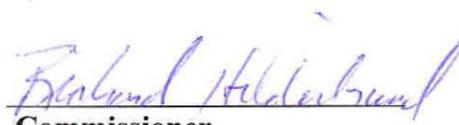
Commissioner Garner made a motion to adjourn at 1:15 PM; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand, and Garner voting in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held August 8, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

**Resolved and ordered this day, August 8, 2011**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
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RESOLUTION NO: 11-2011

WHEREAS, the Kansas Byways Committee (KSBC) , consisting of representatives from The Kansas Department of Transportation, Kansas Wildlife & Parks and Tourism the Kansas State Historical Society, has developed guidelines and policies regarding the designation of Kansas Scenic & Historical Byways: and

WHEREAS, a local advocate group, composed of community leaders, civic group representatives, residents and other interested parties have submitted an application to KSBC to develop a corridor management plan that includes specific strategies and techniques to preserve, enhance and promote a historic byway, and

Whereas, the KSBC has evaluated this route, reviewed the corridor management plan and recommends that the Kansas Route 66 Historic Byway includes the route describes as follows, to wit:

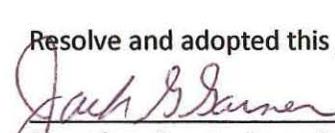
Beginning at the Kansas – Missouri State line (Intersections of Stateline Road and KS66); this is the beginning of Galena’s Historical District; continue west to the intersection of Front Street and Main Street. Turn left and continue South on Main Street to the intersection of 7th and Main Streets. Turn Right and Continue west on 7th Street (KS 66) to Riverton, KS. At the intersection of SE 70th and KS66 continue west to the Round- a- bout. Take the Beasley Road (KS 66) exit at the round- a- bout and continue west. As you pass the Rainbow Bridge the road veers to the left (south) and turns in to SE 50th (KS 66). Continue South in to Baxter Springs, KS. In Baxter Springs, KS the Road will fork, veer to the left (South East) on 3rd Street (KS 66) and continue to the intersection of 3rd Street and HWY 69 (Military Avenue) KS 66). Turn right on Military Avenue and continue South through Baxter Springs, KS. At the intersections of Military Avenue and Roberts Road (KS66) turn left continue south veering right onto W 30th Street (KS 66) then continue to the intersections of W 30th Street and Military Avenue (KS 66). Turn left on Military Avenue (KS 66) and continue south to the Oklahoma – Kansas State Line.

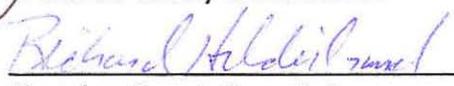
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY THE SAID ROUTE IS HEREBY DESIGNATED: the KANSAS ROUTE 66 HISTORIC BYWAY.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, The County shall prohibit the erection of any sign, display or device along any portion of the historic byway which is on the interstate System, National Highway System, or Federal Aid Primary System except signs in conformance with K>S>A>68-2233 (a) (b) (c).

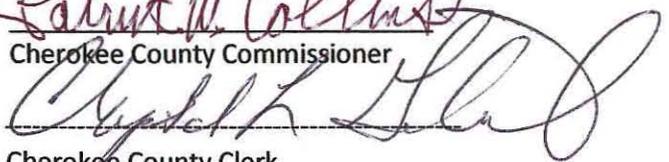
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the KSBC as part of the corridor management plan to preserve this historic route.

Resolve and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011.

  
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