

**MINUTES FOR JANUARY 29, 2018**  
**BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Neal Anderson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt and Kimberly Barker

Jacob Conard, County Attorney, appeared before the Board regarding the vehicles formerly used by Emergency Management. He stated that he has budgeted for a second vehicle for his department, but would like to use one of those vehicles until he finds a good deal on a newer one. The investigator needs one to serve papers and is currently borrowing a vehicle from the Sheriff's Office. The Board stated that as soon as the mechanic is finished going over one of them, he is welcome to have it.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor, appeared before the Board on county road business. Commissioner Anderson discussed the need for a stop sign at SW 10<sup>th</sup> & Lostine Rd. due to the number of children in the area. Leonard stated that it would be best to stop the northbound and southbound traffic. The Board asked Counselor Wright to draft a resolution for the placement of the stop signs. Leonard reported that the recycling trailer is almost finished and ready to be put into service.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the accounts payable for the period ending January 26, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the payroll for the period ending January 19, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Jack Cossairt, Crawford Township Treasurer, appeared before the Board seeking clarification on how the new fire protection tax is going to work. Commissioner Moates explained how the current process is working and what is being proposed. Cossairt explained how they negotiate with Columbus directly for fire protection now and then pay what is agreed upon. Commissioner Moates stated that someone from the fire departments were supposed to

contact each Township Board and let them know what was being considered. Cossairt stated that Crawford Township was never contacted. Counselor Wright explained how the public hearing and notification process is going to work. A date for a public hearing on the proposed plan has not been set. Commissioner Moates stated that he will attend the next meeting of the Crawford Township Board and he will bring the fire chief with him.

Terry Clugston, County Under-Sheriff, appeared before the Board regarding radio repeater sights. He stated that emergency repairs have been completed and he has an estimate of the needed upgrades to the repeater sights. All repairs and upgrades can be paid for with 911 funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to move forward with the radio repeater repairs as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Clugston also requested the replacement of a monitor for the mapping display in the dispatch area at a cost of approximately \$400.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to purchase the monitor as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Carl Eyman, representing the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties, (KWORC), appeared before the Board to review the county's claim history. He presented the Board with an Exceptional Loss Ratios Award for 2016. He stated that there are online programs for safety training through KWORC and KCAMP and encouraged their use.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins for an attorney client executive session for policy discussion with the Board, Counselor Wright, and Clerk Edmondson for a period of 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:06 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:21 a.m.

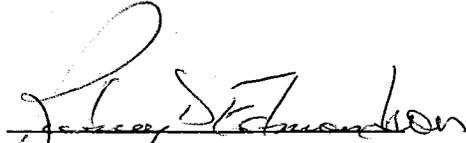
Kent Soucy appeared before the Board regarding the increase in property taxes on his business and residential properties. He stated that his commercial property increased 25% and doesn't believe the school bond increase was that much. He stated that his home property taxes increased 2 ½ times. He stated that he is building a new home on the property but is not living in it yet. He doesn't feel that it is right to increase taxes on property that he can't use yet. The Board stated that they would visit with Appraiser Mark Hixon regarding the issues.

Grant Spieth, Columbus Mayor, appeared before the Board regarding the proposed fire districts. He stated that the City of Columbus prepares their budget based on tax income from the townships. Moates stated that the proposed plan would alleviate the township from levying a tax, it would be the county that would levy the tax. Mayor Spieth stated that they would need to know an estimate of the tax revenue before they begin working on budgets.

The Board postponed the second read of the resolution creating fire districts until next week.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, February 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:54 a.m.

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
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# Cherokee County

## Repeater Assessment and Estimates

County Lot Tower – Antenna/coax bad	\$11,086.00
Sheriff's Office Tower – Antenna/coax issues	\$10,038.00
Fire North Repeater – Repeater bad low output	\$2,818.00
Galena PD Repeater – Repeater bad	\$2,818.00
Galena Fire Repeater – Move repeater from top to bottom of tower	\$4,104.00
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Galena Paging repeater – bad coax/antenna – move to water tower	\$4,921.00
<b>Total estimate cost for repairs</b>	<b>\$35,785.00</b>

# KWORCC Premium and Loss Information by County

## Cherokee County

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Totals 2013 thru 2017	<b>Loss Ratio</b>
Premiums	152,417	131,327	112,968	89,662	100,452	126,344	129,327	174,531	620,316	<b>121%</b>
Losses	11,407	44,502	35,242	96,381	291,537	259,205	1,107	104,551	752,781	

