

MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 2010
COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

The Cherokee County Commissioners met June 14, 2010. Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins and Garner were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. County Clerk Crystal Gatewood submitted the revised minutes for June 7, 2010, Commissioner Garner made a motion to accept the minutes, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor. Commissioner Collins made a motion to pay mid-month Accounts/Payables for June 2010, Commissioner Garner seconded his motion and all voted in favor. Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins, County Counselor Kevin Cure, and County Clerk Crystal Gatewood signed off on the documents. Cherokee County Clerk Gatewood reported Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck has certified the Appraisal Rolls for Personal Property and Real Property over to her office pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1466.

MOTIONS MADE BY COMMISSION

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to amend the agenda and move the Vision Committee from 9:30 AM to 9:15 AM, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor.

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

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to recess for ten minutes, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to amend the agenda and move Eric Ferrell and Steve Robb of ATC from 11:30 AM to 10:45 AM, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor.

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

Commissioner Collins made a motion to pass and approve **Resolution #7-2010, which authorizes an agreement between Cherokee County and the City of Weir, Kansas, permitting the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office to perform certain law enforcement functions within Weir, Kansas, including the enforcement of certain City Codes and requiring minimum time commitments to Weir, Kansas, further providing for reimbursement to Cherokee County, Kansas, by the City of Weir,**

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Kansas, as specified, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand and all voted in favor. Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand, Garner, and Cherokee County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the documents. (Resolution #7-2010 is attached to the June 14, 2010 minutes)

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the 2010 Family Based Assessment Grant and 2010 Guardian ad Litem Grant for the county as presented by Candace Gayoso, the new position will be paid with money out of contract services for Attorney's in Cherokee County Court, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand and all voted in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to hire Candace Gayoso for the Guardian ad Litem position effective July 1, 2010, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor.

VOUCHERS AND OTHER ITEMS SIGNED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Hilderbrand and Cherokee County Clerk Gatewood signed off on a contract to house inmates from Johnson County, Kansas in the Cherokee County Law Enforcement Center in Columbus, Kansas.

Commissioner Hilderbrand signed off on the yearly contract with Labette Community College to provide training for employees for the county.

VOUCHER #2950 - \$1,680.00 - TO BE TAKEN OUT OF LINE ITEM #226/24, TO BE PAID TO WASHINGTON ELECTRONICS

VOUCHER #7516 - \$1,452.00 - TO BE TAKEN OUT OF COUNTY GENERAL LINE ITEM #10030220/29, TO BE PAID TO CURE LAW OFFICE - SECRETARIAL BILL FOR APRIL, MAY, AND THRU JUNE 11,2010.

OTHER BUSINESS

Road and Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta, and County Lot Supervisor Gene Langerot, went over the bid proposals for Project #11C-4216-01 with the commissioners. The commissioners approved phase one of the Route 66 Bridge Project in Galena, Kansas. The funds to pay for the project will come out of the Special Bridge Fund and part of the money is from grant funds. This project needs to be completed by August 28, 2010.

Candace Gayoso came before the commission to discuss a grant and a position in Cherokee County for early intervention in Juvenile cases in the county. This grant would create more stability for juveniles during the process by having continuous support for the young people and their families while going through the court process and prosecution processes. The commission agreed this would be a good program for the

county. The commissioners approved the grant and hired Gayoso for the new position. They thanked her for coming in.

Citizen Bill Handshy came before the commission to discuss his ideas for budget savings. They included not hiring and paying for the Commissioners' County Counselor position and letting the County Attorney do his job. He also said the commissioners did not need to buy additional road equipment and then turnaround and want to layoff county employees. He also said the county needed a new auditor and a thorough audit by another firm. The commissioners thanked him for coming in.

Eight members of the Vision Committee met with the commissioners to discuss the goals of the group. Commissioner Hilderbrand explained that with their help and suggestions, it would help to expand efforts to attract businesses, families, and tourism to Cherokee County. He also asks them to work with the Joplin Regional Planning Commission and to attend the meetings so Cherokee County can have representation and not miss opportunities for Cherokee County. The commission thanked them for attending and volunteering to help.

Eric Ferrell and Steve Robb of the Alliance for Technology Commercialization met with the commission and gave a presentation on strengthening the economic base of Kansas, especially in Southeast Kansas, by facilitating start-up and expansion of technology based, high growth enterprises. Alliance for Technology Commercialization transfers from regional academic and entrepreneurial communities and development of support networks and infrastructure. They target inventors, innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, and work with current businesses that have developed or are developing new technologies. Currently they are working with fourteen clients within Cherokee County. They have served over 264 clients in the 13 counties in Southeast Kansas. The funding for the ATC currently comes from the State of Kansas and the City of Pittsburg, Cherokee County has never paid into ATC for the services that the citizens within the county receive. Mr. Ferrell asked the commissioners for \$2,880.00 for 2011 budget consideration. The commissioners thanked him for his presentation.

The Department Heads met with the commission to discuss and suggest more cost saving ideas for the general fund shortfall. Commissioner Hilderbrand suggested no bottled water, limiting travel, making sure before new equipment is bought that the department can actually use it, and doing away with county vehicles for employees' that primarily use them for coming to and from the courthouse. Register of Deeds Christy Grant got an idea from her Deed Meeting for a Resolution regarding postage savings within her office. The commission asked her to get a copy of the resolution and let them go over it. Christy Grant also suggested that Cherokee County not continue with the Joplin Regional Planning Commission, the county still has \$5,000.00 to pay for 2010 and this payment comes out of the County General Fund Budget, she noted that would save an additional \$5,000.00. County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson had done more research and found other counties in the state do not give receipts for tax payments to save their counties money. County Attorney John Bullard asked about saving electricity and not running the fountain

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in front of the courthouse. The commissioners thanked them all. Auditor Gene Mense will be here on June 28, 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

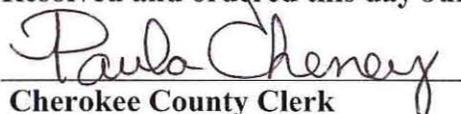
Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege for forty-five minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Collins, and County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor. They went in at 3:23 PM and returned at 4:10 PM.

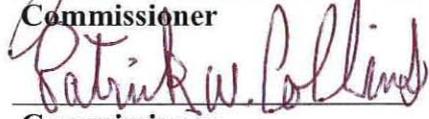
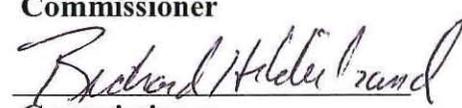
Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege for ten minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Collins, and County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor. They went in at 4:51 PM and returned at 4:56 PM.

ADJOURMENT

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held June 21, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

Resolved and ordered this day June 21, 2010.


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

(Published in the official county newspaper on the 14th day of June,
2010)

RESOLUTION NO. 7 - 2010

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS, AND THE CITY OF WEIR, KANSAS, PERMITTING THE CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PERFORM CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS WITHIN WEIR, KANSAS, INCLUDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN CITY CODES AND REQUIRING MINIMUM TIME COMMITMENTS TO WEIR, KANSAS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS, BY THE CITY OF WEIR, KANSAS, AS SPECIFIED.

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County, Kansas, County Commissioners, may authorize contracts between cities within Cherokee County, Kansas, and Cherokee County, Kansas, by and with the consent of the Cherokee County, Kansas, Sheriff, to perform certain law enforcement functions by and with the duly authorized consent of the City of Weir, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, believes it is in the best interests of the citizens of Cherokee County, Kansas, to execute and approve the Contract attached hereto, between the aforesaid City and County. The Board also finds the Cherokee County, Kansas, Sheriff, has appeared before it today and authorized the execution of the Contract referenced in this Resolution.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS that:

Section 1. Contract Approval. The Contract attached hereto is hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein, and is hereby approved and authorized to be entered by the Cherokee County, Kansas, Board of County Commissioners, the Cherokee County, Kansas, Sheriff, and the City of Weir, Kansas.

Section 2. Severability.

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this

resolution, or the application thereof to any circumstances, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this resolution.

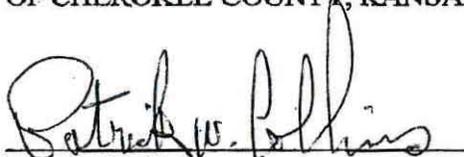
Section 3. Repeal.

The provisions of any previously enacted resolution that are inconsistent herewith are repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date.

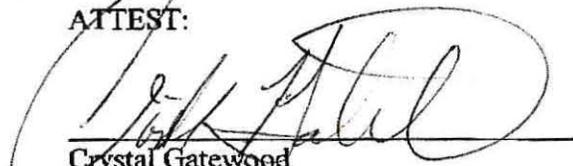
This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication once in the official County newspaper.

Adopted this 14th day of June, 2010, by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS.


Patrick W. Collins
County Commissioner


Richard J. Hilderbrand
County Commissioner


Jack G. Garner
County Commissioner

ATTEST:

Crystal Gatewood
County Clerk of Cherokee County,
Kansas
Resolution 7 - 2010