

MINUTES FOR MARCH 10, 2014
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, March 10, 2014 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 Deputy Clerk Paula Cheney were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Shawnda Qualls, Machel Smith

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to designate April, 2014 as Fair Housing Month in Cherokee County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2014 BOCC Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Jay Justice - Fire District #1

He appeared before the Board regarding the vacated road that could provide access to their Fire Station in Hallowell. He stated that in September 2005 a resolution was done to vacate the road. He stated that the residents (Gurnee) that own the land and are willing to sign it over as long as they have no costs involved. The Board will get with Mr. Cure.

Gene Langerot - Lot Supervisor

They appeared on routine county road business. Leonard stated that the spring meeting for KDOT is April 8th in Chanute.

Leonard reported that he spoke with KDOT and they expect the bridge on HWY 166 to be completed in about three weeks.

Gene inquired about updating the computer at the county lot. It's about seven years old and getting slow. The Board asked him to get with Deana.

Concerned citizens appeared regarding the closing of Pit 35 at Lawton Rd. and NW 100th St. It's a project to fill in the pit and is being done by KDWP and the Mine Reclamation. The Board will make contact with the Department of Wildlife and Parks, and the Mine Reclamation group and try to arrange a meeting.

Five minute recess at 9:41 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:46 AM.

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Jason Allison - Emergency Preparedness

He appeared before the Board regarding an upgraded system to have radar on the laptops in their vehicles for storm spotting. The initial cost is \$2,300 plus a monthly fee of approximately \$100 per month. They will cancel their wireless cards that they use now, and that would almost cover the monthly fee. The Board approved the purchase with funds from the Equipment Reserve Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Mid-Month Accounts Payables for March, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Department Heads - Courthouse Computer Network

Several courthouse Department Heads appeared to voice their concerns with the courthouse computer network. There have been several problems that have appeared in the past few weeks and some departments have concerns with the customer service that we've been receiving from Stronghold Data. We are on an as-needed basis at a cost of \$95 per hour. The server was new last year. The Board asked that someone contact Stronghold Data and Columbus Telephone and ask them to appear next Monday.

Five minute recess at 10:30 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 10:35 AM.

Kevin Cure - County Counselor

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

Treasurer Juanita Hodgson appeared, Russell Shipley and Karen Lamb of BT& Co. joined via telephone conference call regarding the audit of the Treasurer's Department. They have gone through reconciliations since December 31, 2011. There was a variance of \$12,037 more on the General Ledger than was in the bank. There are a couple of ways to proceed at this point to find the large discrepancy. They would recommend looking at the balances in six or twelve month increments to try to isolate the problem. The Board agreed to have them reconcile the 12 month increment and examine the results. They will send Juanita a list of items needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to approve the right-of-way agreement for Fiber Communications of Columbus, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to approve the right-of-way agreement for Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Larry Sharp - KCAMP

He appeared before the Board to provide an update on Cherokee County's liability insurance and loss ratio. He reported that Cherokee County is looking good. The Board had some concerns so a follow up meeting will be scheduled with the new CEO who is replacing retiring Tom Job.

RLK

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to enter into an Executive Session with Mr. Cure and the Board for a period of 10 minutes for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:37 AM.

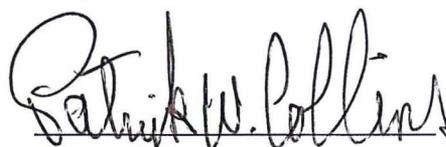
The meeting reconvened at 11:47 AM.

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

Commissioner Napier made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for March 17, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:52 AM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this day, March 17, 2014


Sheri E. Edwards
Cherokee County Clerk


Patrick W. Collins
Commissioner


Charles Napier
Commissioner


Richard Hilderbrand
Commissioner

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Celebrating 46 Years of Fair Housing

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cherokee is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all, and today, many realty companies and associations support fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing groups and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have, over the years, received thousands of complaints of alleged illegal housing discrimination and found too many that have proved upon investigation to be violations of the fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, equal housing opportunity is a condition of life in our County that can and should be achieved, therefore,

We, The Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, on behalf of its citizens, do hereby proclaim April, 2014 as Fair Housing Month in Cherokee County, and express the hope that this year's observance will promote fair housing practices throughout the County.



County Commissioner



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PAT COLLINS
First District

CHARLES NAPIER
Second District

RICHARD HILDERBRAND
Third District

Rodney Edmondson

From: Shelton, Lisa [KSHRC] <LShelton@kshousingcorp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:38 AM
To: Shelton, Lisa [KSHRC]
Subject: Fair Housing Month
Attachments: 2014 Generic City County Proclamation.doc

Greetings City Mayors and County Commissioners!

April 11, 2014 will mark the 46th year since the signing of the Federal Fair Housing Act. We have a responsibility to all the people of Kansas ensuring that they are aware of their rights under fair housing. We should all attempt to further fair housing by continuing to educate our citizens including the six major impediments to fair housing choice identified in Kansas.

Enclosed is a sample proclamation for Fair Housing Month. Please engage your communities in the signing of this proclamation. As always, proclamations are shared with the Governor at the state's signing and kept as a part of our permanent records. The proclamation will also be in fillable format on our website mentioned below.

We are interested in hearing about local activities including classes, promotions, or news releases. The proclamation and list of activities can be signed, mailed, or scanned and emailed to csalminen@kshousingcorp.org or lshelton@kshousingcorp.org.

The Task Force is attempting to assist you in training your staff and citizens this year by conducting a free weekly Fair Housing webinar in April. We ask that you advertise this information to your local communities.

For more information about Title VIII or the State's Fair Housing Task Force, webinar times and dates, or submitting the proclamation we invite you to visit our web site at www.kshousingcorp.org on the Fair Housing or the Compliance and Preservation page.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please contact me at (785) 217-2036 or by email at csalminen@kshousingcorp.org.

Sincerely,

Craig Salminen

Craig Salminen
Director, Division of Asset Management
Interim Chairperson, Kansas Fair Housing Task Force



Lisa Shelton | *Administrative Specialist, Asset Management*

**Board of County Commissioners
of Cherokee County, Kansas
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March ¹⁰~~2~~, 2014

To: Trish Carroll, Fiber Communications of Columbus, LLC

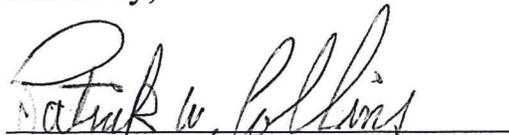
Dear Trish:

The Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, recognizing the public benefit of telecommunications investment and services, grants nonexclusive permission to Fiber Communications of Columbus, LLC, to install, maintain, operate relocate and/or remove communications facilities generally along and within the public rights of way subject to the Board's control.

This grant is subject to the grantee providing reasonable advance notice to the County Engineer of any and all activity in any such public right of way and subject further to a requirement that the grantee cooperate with any and all public works construction and/or repair activity that may require temporary or permanent relocation of the grantee's facilities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Board.

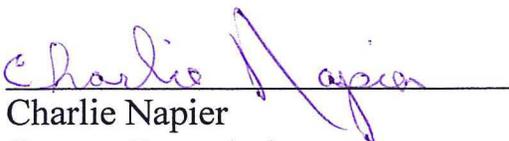
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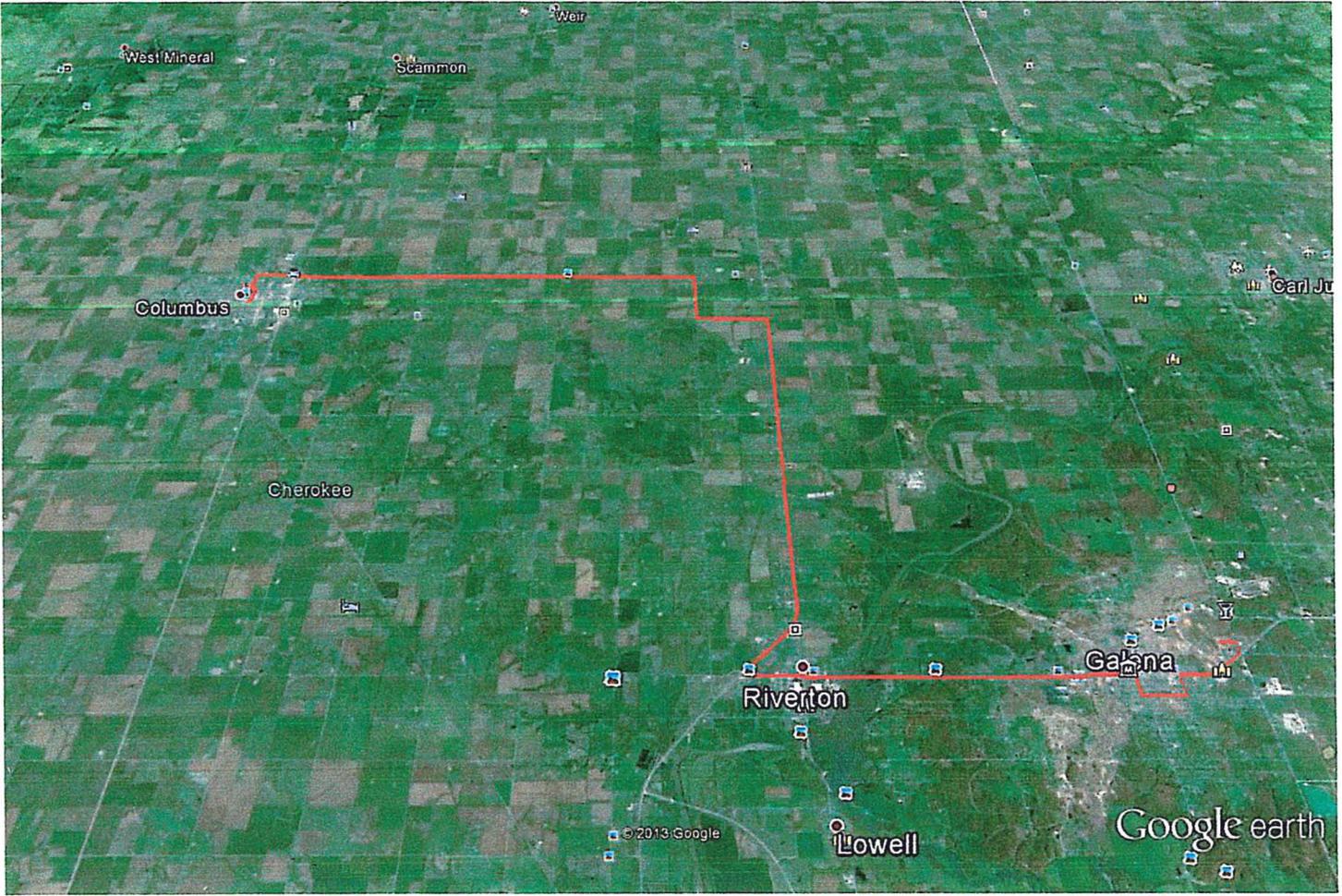
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