

MINUTES FOR MARCH 18th, 2013
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chairman Richard Hilderbrand called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 AM on Monday, March 18th, 2013 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse. Commissioners Pat Collins, Charles Napier, Richard Hilderbrand, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Patrick Richardson, and Machel Smith

Visitors: Gerald Messer

Jim Burton - Columbus Museum

Jim appeared before the Board to let them know they expanded the museum this past year. There has been a gentlemen’s agreement for many years to give more space to the Genealogy Library each time the building is expanded. The County has records stored there. Jim provided an estimate to build a wall with a door in the new addition for the genealogy records. A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to pay the \$2,900 estimated costs to Rick Newberry when the job is completed. It was second by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes. Jim will bring in an invoice after the job is completed.

Jeremy Hankins came in to follow up on his application for Noxious Weed Supervisor. The Board thanked him for stopping by.

Leonard Vanatta - County Engineer

Leonard reported that the bridge work on Deer Creek is coming along well.

County workers will remove the trees at the Extension Office tomorrow as agreed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to pass the Minutes of the March 11th, 2013 Commission Meeting as written. It was second by Commissioner Napier, and the motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Ralph Houser - Courthouse

Ralph is still working on window bids and should have them by next Monday.

The Kansas State Fire Marshall’s Office was here last week about the fire escape. Things have changed since their last visit here and they now would allow the county to remove the fire escape from the back of the Courthouse. An architect would need to be contacted prior to removal. The Board asked Ralph to contact an architect and proceed in that direction.

RH

Jan Bolin and Scott Thompson - Class LTD

Jan introduced Scott Thompson to the Board, as her replacement upon her retirement later this month. Class LTD is concerned about the new managed care program. Their exemption expires at the end of this year. They don't believe their program belongs as part of a health care program. They presented a sample letter to the Governor to seek permanent exemption for their services from the KANCARE Program. The Board will take the letter under advisement pending further review.

They also provided a summary of residents that are serviced in Cherokee County by Class LTD.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to take a fifteen minute recess at the request of Chairman Hilderbrand. It was second by Commissioner Napier and the motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 10:10 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 10:25 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to amend the agenda for KDHE from 11:00 AM to 10:45 AM

Richard Thomas - KDHE

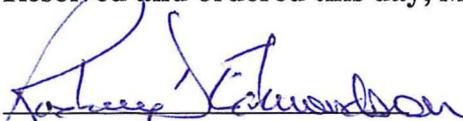
Carl Hayes – Cherokee County Health Department

They appeared before the Board concerning Sewer Districts #1 and #2. Mr. Thomas presented a verbal list of procedural changes for the sewer districts for the Board to consider. The changes would include smoke testing and an update to the maps. Finally, consideration needs to be given to de-sludge the lagoons; 25 - 30 years would be a typical life span for the lagoons before needing to be de-sludged. This is very expensive, typically \$100,000 - \$200,000 for large lagoons. Kansas Rural Water has the ability to be of assistance to the County. The Board will take his recommendations under review.

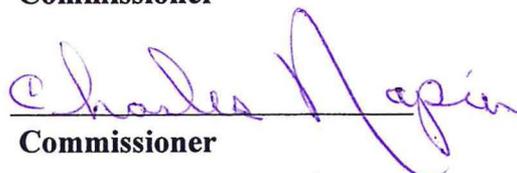
Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for March 25th, 2013. It was second by Commissioner Napier and the motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:59 AM.

ATTEST:

Resolved and ordered this day, March 25th, 2013


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

PROPOSAL
Rick Newberry

502 S. Vermont • Columbus, Kansas 66725
620-674-1555

DATE: _____

TO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

JOB: _____

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
walls oak door and jags and handle ceiling in church building (box car siding) white ledis above wall walls painted sheetrocked trim around top ceiling stained like rafters base	
<i>Thank You</i>	TOTAL:
	\$2900.00

SERVICE SUMMARY BY
COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF CLIENTS SERVED

FEBRUARY 2013

Total Individuals Served in Cherokee County		73
Adults Receiving Services		51
Children Receiving Services		22
Individuals Waiting for Services		27
Individuals Self-Directing Services		13
Total Receiving Residential Services		21
Individual Sites	2	
Triplex/Quadplex	11	
Family/Inhome Support	5	
Host Homes	3	
Total Receiving Day Services		34
Community Work Site	2	
Community Employment	4	
Organizational Employment/Day Activity (Duplicated Numbers)	28	
Total Receiving Services Coordination		72



ASSISTING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ALONG LIFE'S JOURNEY

1200 Merle Evans Drive • P.O. Box 266 • Columbus, Kansas 66725

AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2013

COUNTIES OF EMPLOYMENT/RESIDENCE

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF STAFF</u>		<u>RESIDENCE</u>
	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>ANNUAL WAGE</u>
Cherokee	56	45	\$985,173.28
Crawford	43	50	\$1,154,096.06
Labette	84	80	\$1,378,597.74
Montgomery	52	54	\$1,010,977.50
Out of Service Area		6	\$197,728.18
TOTAL	235	235	\$4,726,572.76

March 18, 2013

Governor Sam Brownback
Office of the Governor
300 SW 10th Ave, Ste 241-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1590

Dear Governor Brownback:

We, the County Commissioners of Cherokee County, encourage you, the Governor of the State of Kansas, to remove long-term care developmental disability waiver services from the proposed privatized manage care plan (KanCare) and to continue present state/county-appointed CDDO administration of this service delivery system.

The Kansas Constitution establishes that the state shall care for and support persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Developmental Disability Reform Act of 1995 and Article 64 of the Kansas Administrative Regulations establishes that services for persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities shall be provided by means of a system of contracts between the State of Kansas and county-appointed Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDOs), who in turn contract with private service providers.

The current public-private contracting structure provides efficient, effective, and privatized, Medicaid waiver home and community based service delivery with less than 3% administrative payment to CDDOs.

The life-long need for long-term services and supports for persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities is not reduced by providing enhanced medical and behavioral health care coordination, health homes, and preventative healthcare.

The Commissioners hereby urge the Governor's administration to:

1. Remove the system of long-term care for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities from the implementation of Medicaid-managed care, and;
2. Maintain the current state/community developmental disability contracting administration, dispute resolution, and appeal system.

Respectfully,

Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas

By: _____
Pat Collins

By: _____
Charles Napier

By: _____
Richard Hilderbrand, Chair