

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 31, 2016
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

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Chairman Myers 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, October 31, 2016 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Robert Myers, Charles Napier, County Counselor Barbara Wright and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present. Commissioner Pat Collins was absent.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Machel Smith, and Jordan Zabel

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Minutes of the October 24, 2016 BOCC Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 2-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to approve BNSF Crossing Agreement as presented last week. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 2-0. Project No. 11 X-2956-01 is located at the BNSF tracks and Center Star Road 2 miles north of Columbus.

Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor

He appeared before the Board on routine county road business. Counselor Wright presented a draft resolution for placement of stop signs for the north and south bound traffic at NW 20th St. & Liberty Rd. The Board conducted a first read and placed the item on the agenda for next week.

Noxious Weed Director Logan Grant appeared to update the Board on his department. He stated that as long as the weather is warm he will continue to spray.

Commissioner Myers asked that each commissioner review the health insurance renewal documents with the Clerk before next Monday's meeting. Those documents are not being presented to the Board because they contain confidential employee information.

Carl Hayes, Gerald Messer, and Jim Tunnell - Cherokee County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

They appeared before the Board to bring an update from the committee. They stated that the committee had voted 10-0 to approve the expansion request from B-3. They said that it was now in the hands of the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to take a 15 minute recess to reconvene at 10:15 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 2-0.

Assistant County Attorney Jacob Conard reported that their office is running as usual and will continue until the end of the year.

Ralph Houser reported that he has located the source of the leak in the jury room restroom. He is still waiting on the bids to come in for the replacement of the exterior doors to the courthouse. The Board asked him to have the bidders break down the cost for each entrance.

Jason Allison reported that the flood buyout still hasn't been finalized.

Janet Miller asked for clarification on her use of the time clock after hours. She has been using it, but wasn't sure what to do for evening meetings, etc. after hours. The Board stated that she can write in her hours if she is out of town or after hours.

Deana Randall had nothing to report.

Betha Elliott stated that they are still doing flu shots. She reported that the turnout during Columbus days wasn't very good. The drive-thru flu clinic was very successful.

Barbara Bilke reported that her office processed 16 passports last month.

Juanita Hodgson stated that they will get really busy as soon as the Clerk certifies the tax roll to her today. She will begin processing tax statements after that. She stated that one taxpayer paid over \$30,000 in delinquent taxes last week.

Mark Hixon reported that they are working on 2017 valuations.

Rod Edmondson reported that his office is working on the certification of tax rolls to send to the Treasurer. He also provided an update on the November 8th General Election.

Wayne Elliott reported that they issued one new address and made six new street signs in addition to the sale of maps. He stated that they are working on property ownership maps with the goal to attach a name to every parcel in the county.

Dave Groves reported that the recent drug take-back brought in 362 pounds of prescription drugs to turn over to the DEA. He stated that during the Red Ribbon week they did anti-drug and alcohol presentations at the schools. They are also working on enforcement activities for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Representatives of several local banks attended the meeting regarding the County's need for the financing of additional revenue due to an estimated shortfall in funds. Commissioner Myers stated that there is an estimated \$300,000 to \$800,000 of needed funds from November 23rd through the first payable in January. The Board is looking at a 1 year payable, open ended financing to borrow only what is needed to make payables every two weeks. The Board asked interested parties to present a sealed bid to the County Clerk by 4:00 PM on Friday, November 4th. The Clerk and Treasurer will provide the needed information to prepare a bid to them today.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to enter an Executive Session with the Board and Counselor Wright for a period of 15 minutes for the purpose of Attorney/Client Privilege. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 2-0 at 11:21 AM.

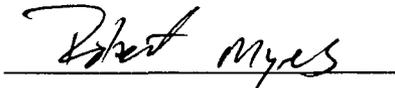
The meeting reconvened at 11:36 AM.

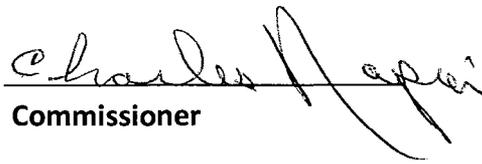
No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Commissioner Napier made a motion to adjourn until the meeting set for Monday, November 7, 2016 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 2-0 at 11:50 AM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 7th day of November, 2016


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner

Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAGE FOR NORTH-SOUTH TRAFFIC AT THE INTERSECTION OF NW 20TH STREET AND LIBERTY ROAD IN CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED:

SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORITY. K.S.A. 19-101, *et. seq.*, and K.S.A. 19-212 authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, to transact all County business and perform all powers of local legislation deemed appropriate, and to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to the property and concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate or administrative powers.

SECTION 2. PROJECT AND ADMINISTRATION. Due to increased traffic and safety concerns at the intersection of NW 20th Street and Liberty Road, the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, directs the County Road and Bridge Department to place permanent stop signs for North - South traffic at said intersection.

SECTION 3. All resolutions, County policies or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall be effective upon passage and shall be published in the official County newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2016, by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas.

Robert Myers, Chairman
Cherokee County Commissioner

Charles Napier
Cherokee County Commissioner

Patrick Collins
Cherokee County Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rodney D. Edmondson, County Clerk

SEAL

