

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 12, 2013
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, August 12, 2013 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 County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Machel Smith, Tony Coble

Brett Warstler - Warstler Excavating

He appeared before the Board regarding the emergency work needed at the Lowell Sewer Lift Station. He used parts from both defective pumps to make one working pump as a temporary fix to get the lift station operational again. The cost to repair each exceeds the value of the pumps. The control panel has been bypassed several times as failures occurred. The entire lift station needs to be renovated. He presented a proposal to upgrade the lift station to current standards; install a trash basket, materials and installation at a cost of \$54,407.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to approve the emergency renovation to the Lowell Sewer Lift Station. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

The Board signed a purchase order presented by the Health Department for two file cabinets at a cost of \$1,285.99.

Juanita Hodgson - Treasurer

She appeared before the Board to advise them that as of January 1, 2014 the State of Kansas will no longer be performing the tasks associated with commercial vehicle tags and taxes. It will become the responsibility of the County to issue commercial tags and collect the taxes. As a result, it will be necessary to install a new computer program and possibly a complete workstation dedicated to commercial vehicles. She will know more in the coming weeks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2013 BOCC Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Chairman Hilderbrand updated the Board on happenings of the Economic Development Committee. The Committee adopted the business plan last Thursday, August 8, 2013, and will now begin a search for an Executive Director. The City of Columbus appointed Councilman Thomas Niegisch to replace Mayor Mel Greene on the EDC to represent Columbus, so the Board needs to make the appointment as well.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to appoint Thomas Niegisch to replace Mel Greene on the Economic Development Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Mid-Month Accounts Payables for August 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Scott Jackson - Spring River Mental Health & Wellness Budget

He appeared before the Board to present a request for county funding for 2014. He provided a review of services that they have provided to Cherokee County residents since 1999. The request contains a 5% increase based on budget cuts handed down from the State. They are requesting county funding in the amount of \$117,030 for 2014.

He also presented an invoice for the five year FEMA Project that the Board approved in November 2008. The 2012 payment was never received. Total due is \$11,825 for 2012 and \$11,825 for 2013. Chairman Hilderbrand asked for a copy of the Minutes from November 2008 to review prior to making a decision.

The Board took his funding request under advisement to be considered during the budget process.

Steve Bolek - Fitness/Walking/Biking Trail

He appeared before the Board seeking a letter of support for a fitness/biking/walking trail along abandoned railroad beds in Cherokee County. There are numerous grants coming available to build such trails. He is requesting a letter of support from the Board to be used in the grant submission process. He has commitments for donations of money and services to help with the project. Phase one is from the Oklahoma State Line to Rainbow Bridge north of Baxter Springs. The research is being done right now to estimate the cost of the entire project that could bring the trail into Columbus and other areas of the county. The Board took his request under advisement.

Kevin Cure - County Counselor

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

He presented Resolution 24-2013 establishing stop signs at the intersection of NW 10th & Ballard St., stopping the North-South traffic.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to pass Resolution 24-2013 as presented by Mr. Cure. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion made by Commissioner Collins for an Executive Session with Mr. Cure and the Board for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of five minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:57 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 12:02 PM.

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

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A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to recess for lunch. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 12:04 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:25 PM.

Paul Bone - Cherokee County Conservation District Budget

He appeared before the Board to request county funds for their 2014 Operations Budget. They are requesting \$25,000 in county funds which is the same as 2012 and 2013.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the \$25,000 appropriation for the Cherokee County Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Ralph Houser - Courthouse Maintenance

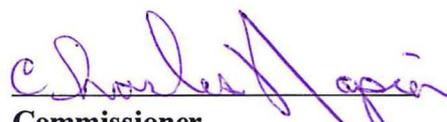
The window project is almost complete. There are a few that are leaking, but the problem appears to be the mortar joints in the brick above the windows. He will have someone come and look at them. He is getting an estimate from Home Pro for replacing exterior doors to compliment the new windows.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for August 19, 2013 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all in attendance voting yes at 2:04 PM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this day, August 19, 2013


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

Request for County Funding for 2014

Presented to

The Cherokee County Commission

August 12, 2013

Scott Jackson, Executive Director

2013 SPRING RIVER MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS, INC.

Request for 2014 County Funding

Review of 2012 Services

In 2012 we saw the demand for services leveled off from the past five consecutive years of increases. The year was a very challenging and successful for SRMHW. The chart and graph below show the picture of the demand for clinic services every year for the last six years.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
JAN	416	455	529	574	584	591
FEB	427	452	510	567	590	591
MAR	462	460	517	586	628	608
APR	477	476	540	586	643	619
MAY	466	464	523	581	648	594
JUN	438	462	514	564	630	578
JUL	438	472	488	564	598	554
AUG	434	484	523	558	590	562
SEP	454	488	532	592	578	565
OCT	461	506	551	596	599	578
NOV	468	514	553	606	592	591
DEC	449	523	559	608	590	558
Average/MO	450	480 +6%	529 +9%	582 +9%	606 +4%	582 -4%

Although we saw a decrease of 4% in the number of people served the direct service hours we provided increased by 4% over 2011.

People Served from 1999 thru 2012

Spring River Mental Health and Wellness is a critical health resource to Cherokee County citizens.

Between January 1999 through December 2012 we provided 6948 residents with mental health or substance abuse treatment services. That is 33% of the Cherokee County Population. The age and severity breakdown is below.

- 420 - Children – 6%
- 1613 - Children with a Serious Emotional Disturbance – 23%
- 4276 - Adults - 62%
- 639 - Adults with a Serious Mental Illness – 9%
- 6948 Individuals served since January 1999**

Numbers of People Served in 2012

The number of Cherokee County residents receiving traditional mental health or substance abuse services in 2012 was 1274. In 2012 SRMHW provided 43,091 hours of service; 41,093 of those hours were direct client service. In addition to the above outpatient programs SRMHW administers both the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program and the Parenting in Divorce Program for the 11th Judicial District (Cherokee, Labette and Crawford Counties). In 2012, 305 people attended the Parenting in Divorce education class. Including the programs we administer for the 11th Judicial District, a total of 2114 unduplicated persons received services from SRMHW in 2012.

Mental Health Services

Outpatient therapy, psychiatry, and day programs for youth continue to be the most utilized programs we offer. In addition to those persons having an mental/emotional and behavioral disorders SRMHW continues to provide services for those with a substance abuse disorder and their families.

In 2013 we changed the name of the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program to **Judicial Support and Mediation Services**. Within that program we offer DUI assessments, Alcohol and Drug Information Class, Parenting in Divorce Classes, Substance Abuse Prevention and Education for Minors, Supervision for Non-Violent Offenders and this year we began to offer mediation services. Mediation services are currently offered to parents to assist in development of a shared Parenting Plan.

Juvenile Justice Programs

Our Juvenile Justice programs continue to provide a much needed service. The number of youth referred for Juvenile Intake and Assessment Services in 2012 was 83. This service provides an immediate assessment 24/7 for juveniles coming in contact with law enforcement with a recommendation for law enforcement about a suggested placement for the youth.

Truancy Tracking and Counseling Program Last year the County Commission agreed to share the cost of continuing this program with the school districts in order for the program to continue. On average families were seen within thirteen days of referral and seventeen youth were served during the school year. Eighty-six percent (86%) of the youth served successfully completed the program and improved their attendance.

After School & Summer Program for Juvenile Justice referrals We received some funding late in 2012 that the Labette-Cherokee Juvenile Services Board was unexpectedly allowed to keep from previous years unexpended funds to continue this service for a limited number of youth. Eight youth were served with that funding.

Recreation and Wellness Center

The Spring River Wellness Center finished its second year of operations during the year. It continues to maintain approximately 375 memberships. Those 375 memberships represent over 900 individuals utilizing the fitness center with an additional 90 SRMHW clients who have access to the facilities through a sponsorship program. Including these sponsorships we had almost 1000 individuals utilizing the center in 2012. In addition to members using the programs to improve health and fitness several groups have used the gymnasium for basketball tournaments. The Wellness Center is having a definite impact on the health and fitness of Cherokee County residents. We continue to raise funds to pay off approximately \$200,000 remaining on the cost of the facility and equipment.

FEMA Storm Shelter

The FEMA storm shelter is available for area residents on a 24/7 basis. It has been utilized many times since we opened in December 2010 including pre/post the May 22, 2011 Joplin tornado. We have local citizen volunteers available to open the facility after hours in the event of a tornado warning and the Cherokee County Sheriffs Department has access as well. The back-up generator allows continuous operation in the event of a power outage and the gymnasium could be utilized for short term housing if a major natural disaster should occur. In coordination with the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Cherokee County Health Department the site can be identified as the emergency preparedness site for the south end of Cherokee County. The site has been inspected by the area Red Cross and we have had no response from that inspection.

Budget and 2014 Request

With Kansas Medicaid starting at the end of 2012 all of our processes for billing has changed and we are now billing three companies instead of one for Medicaid services we provide. Medicaid reimbursements for mental health services are down statewide from last year and overall reimbursements have increased on the medical side. As we feared, KanCare appears to be taking funds from mental health services and transferring them to medical services.

Our ability to serve everyone regardless of ability to pay gets more and more difficult. We still do not know what effect the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will have on mental health and substance abuse services. We anticipate our caseloads may go even higher. Citizens will always receive emergency mental health services and screenings for state psychiatric hospitalization. The Governors mental health initiative this year took money out of existing services and repurposed it to serve mostly adults instead of the children and families it had been serving

for several years. Our funding reductions in state grants simply will not allow us to continue to provide every needed service regardless of ones ability to pay. Unfortunately those who are unable to pay are usually those county residents that are unemployed and/or have no insurance or Medicaid.

We are **requesting County support in 2014 of \$117,030** for our mental health sand substance abuse treatment services. This is an increase of 5% over the support we receive from the county in 2013. We also wish to remain the Substance Abuse Service Provider for Cherokee County and continue to receive the portion of the Liquor by the Drink Tax returned to Cherokee County that must go to a special alcohol and drug program fund.

See attachments:

1. Summary that details the services provided in 2012.
2. Mill levy comparison for surrounding counties and the state as a whole.
3. Revenue and Expense estimated budget for 2014.

**2013 Spring River Mental Health and Wellness, Inc.
Services Provided 2012**

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Direct Service Hours</u>
	2012
Individual Counseling	6,834
Family Counseling	928
Group Counseling	133
Intake (Admission Evaluations)	1,278
Psychological Testing	259
Medication Check	571
Screening / Emergency	1,067
Case Management/A&D Case Mgmt	18,885
PSR Group - Adult	1,040
PSR Group - Children	8,370
Attendant Care Services/PR	2,268
JJA Truancy, Connections	305
Total Direct Service Hours	41,938
Juv. Offender Day Reporting Total Days Reporting	106

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Indirect Service Hours</u>
Phone Consultation	74
Case Conference	46
Consultation and Education	1,033
Total Indirect Service Hours	1,153
TOTAL HOURS OF SERVICE PROVIDED	43,091

<u>Number of People Served</u>	
Severe & Persistently Mentally Ill Adults	174
Other Adults	632
Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children	339
Other Children	129
Juvenile Intake and Assessment	88
Total Served – Outpatient Services	1,362
Parenting in Divorce Program	305
DUI Evaluations/MIP/SB-123	404
MIP SAPEM school	43
Total Served – Education & Evaluation Programs	752

TOTAL UNDUPL. PERSONS SERVED IN 2012 **2,114**

Southeast Kansas Mill Levy Amounts 2013
13 Counties Representing 4 Mental Health Centers

County	Pop.	Mill			Dollars			Per Capita			
		2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	
Cherokee	21,603	0.756	0.662	0.7	\$111,457	\$108,030	\$111,457	\$5.29	\$5.00	\$5.16	
Crawford	36,311	2.011	2.095	1.964	\$553,848	\$538,100	\$538,100	\$14.25	\$14.82	\$14.82	
Wilson	9,409	0.518	0.487	0.487	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$4.22	\$4.25	\$4.25	
Elk	2,882	1.037	1.323	1.393	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$33,000	\$10.00	\$10.41	\$11.45	
Chautauq	3,669	0.084	0.084	0.922	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$8.01	\$8.18	\$8.18	
Montgom	35,471	1.126	0.73	0.721	\$272,000	\$414,282	\$333,782	\$7.94	\$11.68	\$9.41	
Labette	21,607	0.98	0.98	1	\$135,454	\$135,983	\$138,992	\$6.22	\$6.29	\$6.43	
Allen	13,371	1.016	1.015	1.011	\$107,100	\$107,100	\$110,300	\$8.11	\$8.01	\$8.25	
Anderson	8,102	0.785	0.785	0.832	\$65,600	\$67,600	\$69,600	\$8.33	\$8.34	\$8.59	
Bourbon	15,173	0.717	0.757	0.717	\$76,747	\$72,528	\$75,000	\$5.13	\$4.78	\$4.94	
Linn	9,656				\$90,600	\$93,300	\$93,300	\$9.71	\$9.66	\$9.66	
Neosho	16,512	0.715	0.715	0.65	\$98,100	\$102,000	\$102,000	\$6.11	\$8.01	\$6.18	
Woodson	3,309		1.109	0.988	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$10.80	\$10.58	\$10.58	
TOTAL	197,075							Average	\$0.00	\$9.01	\$8.68

2012 Southeast Kansas Average per Capita: \$8.68

Statewide Average: \$9.19
Statewide Average w/o Johnson County* \$6.21

All of the counties above comprise the area served by the five mental health centers in southeast corner of the state.

The statewide average includes all 105 counties.

*Average when Johnson County removed from formula.

Spring River Mental Health and Wellness 2014 Budget Revenue & Expenses

August 12, 2013

Client Fees		2,777,256
Parenting in Divorce Program		9,480
ADSAP Program		<u>118,392</u>
Sub total		\$2,905,128
Grants		408,768
County Mill Levy		117,030
County Alcohol Tax		12,012
Interest Income		1,920
Health & Wellness Cntr		179,040
Miscellaneous Income		<u>121,044</u>
Sub total		\$839,814
TOTAL REVENUE		\$3,744,942
Personnel		2,792,304
Travel		105,323
Occupancy Costs		157,980
Supplies & Materials		81,504
Contractual Services		248,232
Other Operating Expenses		<u>326,076</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$3,711,419
NET REVENUE		\$33,523

Contractual Services includes; Advert, Attorney fees, Audit & CPA, Computer Maintenance contract, contract psychiatry, Equip Lease/maint, Subscriptions & dues, Telephone, telephone comp. lines & other

Other Operating Expense includes; bad debt expense, insurance (D&O, Prof Liab, Bonding), interest, planning & development, recruitment, depreciation & other.

Cherokee County Conservation District 2014 Operations Fund Budget

	Preceding Year Actual 2012 Column 1	Current Year Estimated 2013 Column 2	Proposed Budget 2014 Column 3	Adopted Budget 2014 Column 4
Expenditure Classifications:				
Salaries & Wages (gross)	\$ 16,478.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 2,593.28	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Meeting & Travel Expenses	\$ 570.78	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 658.98	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Equipment Purchases & Maintenance	\$ 735.43	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,512.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Securities Redemptions/Reinvestments	\$ 56,397.36	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 74,000.00
Reimbursements & Fund Transfers	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 1,031.63	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Information & Education	\$ 203.83	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 90,181.29	\$ 90,950.00	\$ 152,850.00	\$ 152,850.00
Receipt Classifications:				
Cash on Hand, January 1*	\$ 122,408.04	\$ 148,401.12	\$ 124,640.12	\$ 124,640.12
a. Checking Account	\$ 44,747.33	\$ 50,245.40	\$ -	\$ -
b. Savings/Investment Account	\$ 14,755.20	\$ 24,765.87	\$ -	\$ -
c. Petty Cash & Other Currency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
d. Short-Term Securities	\$ 62,905.51	\$ 73,389.85	\$ -	\$ -
County Appropriation - General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County Appropriation - Special Levy	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
County Appropriation - Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Appropriation (matching funds)**	\$ 24,281.00	\$ 24,889.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Interest	\$ 495.01	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Securities Redemptions/Reinvestments	\$ 56,397.36	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 74,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Refunds or Transfer of Funds	\$ 10,001.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Receipts	\$ 238,582.41	\$ 215,590.12	\$ 248,890.12	\$ 248,890.12
Less Total Expenditures	\$ 90,181.29	\$ 90,950.00	\$ 152,850.00	\$ 152,850.00
Cash on Hand, December 31	\$ 148,401.12	\$ 124,640.12	\$ 96,040.12	\$ 96,040.12

* The sum of Cash On Hand, January 1 must equal Cash On Hand, December 31 of previous year.

** NOTE: As per K.S.A. 2-1907c, if state appropriations are insufficient to match county funds (not to exceed \$25,000/district), distribution shall be prorated in proportion to eligible amount.

Please submit completed budget forms to the Division of Conservation (DOC) following district adoption of the final budget. If unable to do so by September 1, please contact the DOC.

Cherokee County Conservation District 2014 Enterprise Fund Budget

	Preceding Year Actual 2012 Column 1	Current Year Estimated 2013 Column 2	Proposed Budget 2014 Column 3	Adopted Budget 2014 Column 4
Expenditure Classifications:				
Operating Expenses	\$ 108.79	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Meeting Expenses	\$ 1,179.67	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Travel Expenses	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Fixed Assets Purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Information & Education	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,288.46	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
Receipt Classifications:				
Cash on Hand, January 1*	\$ 5,707.83	\$ 5,548.05	\$ 8,161.05	\$ 8,161.05
a. Checking Account	\$ 5,707.83	\$ 5,548.05	\$ -	\$ -
b. Savings/Investment Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
c. Petty Cash & Other Currency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Retail Sales & Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Rental	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Interest	\$ 14.22	\$ 13.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Donations/Sponsorships	\$ 1,094.46	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Receipts	\$ 6,836.51	\$ 9,761.05	\$ 14,426.05	\$ 14,426.05
Less Total Expenditures	\$ 1,288.46	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
Cash on Hand, December 31	\$ 5,548.05	\$ 8,161.05	\$ 12,526.05	\$ 12,526.05

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Warstler Excavating

Division of Warstler Worldwide, LLC
6014 SE Hwy Alt. 69
Riverton, KS 66770
620-848-3558
417-438-0784

Emergency Renovation Proposal for: Cherokee County Sewer District Lowell Lift Station

This is material (as described and noted) and machine work and labor proposal as per inspection and functionality assessment indicated substantial need of renovation of the Lowell Lift Station. Any additional and unforeseen items will be added at cost for acquisition plus standard and customary profit.

All work will be done in accordance with KDHE Construction Standards.

Scope of Work:

Install 2 new PUMPS meeting the pump curve of the original Myers 4VH75M4 pumps.
Install a new CONTROL PANEL with pump alternating circuit and high level and low level alarms.

Install New FLOATS and brackets

Replace Electrical Service from the bottom of the service disconnect to the new control panel.

Install new CHECK VALVES and PLUG VALVES including gaskets / hardware as required / and stainless hardware as required inside wet well area.

Install a TRASH BASKET to prevent nursing home waste from entering pumps.

Rebuild Steel WET WALL TOP and pour a concrete apron where needed.

Proposal Price for described Scope:

\$ 54,407.00

Accepted By _____

Title _____

This _____ day of _____, 2013

*We appreciate the opportunity to submit a proposal,
and look forward to the opportunity to serve you!*

Brett D. Warstler

Managing Member Warstler Worldwide, llc

**Cherokee County Sewer District
Lowell Lift Station
Estimate of Costs**

Pumps (2 @ \$7000.00)	\$ 14,000.00
Control Panel / Floats / Controls	\$ 7,500.00
Electrical	\$ 3,270.00
Check Valves (2) Plug Valves (2)	\$ 890.00
Gaskets / Hardware	\$ 460.00
Stainless Hardware inside wet well	\$ 1,000.00
Steel Plate to rebuild well top	\$ 487.00
Concrete	\$ 800.00
Trash Basket	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL Parts for Lowell Lift Station	\$ 30,407.00
LABOR for Lowell Lift Station	\$ 24,000.00
TOTAL PROPOSAL PRICE:	\$ 54,407.00

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

July 15, 2013
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met July 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall. The meeting was presided over by President of the Council Grant Spieth in Mayor Melton Greene's absence. Council members present: Dale Burton, Jerri Burton, Barbara Capron, Mike Leighty, Marion Morgan, Thomas Niegisch, Dewey Smith, Gary Smith, Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Doug Hosier.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Burton Jerri moved to approve the Council Meeting minutes from June 17, 2013 with one date correction. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Leighty moved to approve the Special Council Meeting minutes from June 27, 2013. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 13-328

Smith Gary moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance number 13-328. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

VISITOR-TRISH CARROLL

Trish Carroll came before the council to seek their approval, support and endorsement of the Joplin Regional Partnership Initiative Implementation Plan. She presented the council with a draft resolution for their consideration. City Attorney Robert Myers advised the council that they could go ahead and vote to adopt the resolution or have the Economic Development Committee review it and bring it before the council again at the next meeting. It was decided to review the proposed resolution and re-address it at the next meeting. Ms. Carroll also spoke to the council about appointing a temporary replacement to the Cherokee County Advisory Committee during Mayor Greene's absence, to represent Columbus along with herself.

APPOINTMENT TO CHEROKEE COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Capron moved to appoint Thomas Niegisch to the Cherokee County Advisory Committee, on a temporary basis during Mayor Greene's absence, to represent the City of Columbus. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

VISITOR

Randy and Debra Froebe came before the council to address an ordinance dealing with animals. The ordinance in question was originally drafted in 2006 requires residents who have farm animals and whose property borders city limits, to buy yearly permits for the animals. He stated there have been no complaints against his animals and was under the impression that during a police committee meeting held a few months back, a new ordinance was being drafted to grandfather in the properties who have always been allowed to have these types of animals.

They do not understand why this ordinance is being brought up again, when it failed to pass back in 2006. City Attorney Robert Myers stated that the ordinance in question is *not* an ordinance because it was never passed and that the current city code states no farm animals are allowed inside the city limits. President of the Council Grant Spieth referred the matter back to the police committee.

The Froebe's also asked for the council's permission to use the industrial park again this year for the youth soccer league games and for the city to provide portable toilets.

ALLOW YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE TO USE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Smith Gary moved to allow Columbus Youth Soccer League to use the industrial park for soccer games and for the city to provide portable toilets. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

VISITOR

Francine Boulware, First United Methodist Church Trustee, came before the council to address two issues. The first involves the community grant they received last year for improvements to the church thrift store, located at 134 W. Pine, and the second being the condition of the building next to the thrift store at 138 W. Pine. The work has begun on the thrift store building, but has been put on hold because of the condition of the building to the west at 138 W. Pine. Their attorney has advised them to move out of their building for safety reasons. They are waiting on engineering reports before continuing with the improvements being made, and are asking for an extension of time to have them completed. City Attorney Robert Myers asked if they could come back when the deadline to have the projects completed is closer, which is September 1, 2013, to see what progress had been made. Ms. Boulware stated that the city had condemned the building and wanted to know what the time frame is for tearing it down. City Superintendent Jim Burton stated that he had contacted PEC about inspecting the building at 138 W. Pine and assess the integrity of the common wall. The city has not started the condemnation process on the building at 138 W. Pine.

DEMOLITION CONTRACT WITH PEC

Burton Dale moved to approve contract with PEC, up to \$2,500.00, to inspect and prepare report on the building at 138 W. Pine. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: Thomas Niegisch. Motion carried: 8-1.

VALLET GUTTER BID

Burton Dale moved to accept bid from Marbery Concrete Inc. to install valley gutter at intersections of Kansas and Elm Streets and Second and Sycamore Streets in the amount of \$13,762.00 to be paid out of Street Reserve Fund. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

SEWER MANHOLE CONTRACT

Burton Jerri moved to approve and allow President of the Council to sign contract with PEC for engineering services for a proposed Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project not to exceed \$26,350.00, and go out for project bids. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

LIFT STATION CHECK VALVE CONTRACT

Capron moved to approve and allow President of the Council to sign contract with PEC to provide engineering services for proposed Repair Project at Lift Station No. 1, not to exceed \$4,600.00. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

BIDS FOR TERMITE INSPECTION

Capron moved to go out for bids to inspect and treat City Hall for termites. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

DEMOLITION AT 600 N. KANSAS

Burton Dale moved to accept bid from B-3 Construction in the amount of \$1,100.00 for demolition at 600 N. Kansas. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Motion carried: 9-0.

DEMOLITION AT 301 S. FLORIDA

Burton Dale moved to accept bid from B-3 Construction in the amount of \$1,100.00 for demolition at 301 S. Florida. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

MUNICIPAL COURT TO USE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Smith Dewey moved to allow Columbus Municipal Court to use the city council chambers for court until reconstruction on court room is complete. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

ROAD CLOSURE FOR COUNTY FAIR

Burton Jerri moved to close Country Road between Park and Kansas Streets from 6:00pm to 11:00pm for Cherokee County Fair. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

STEP INCREASE-PAUL HARLOS

Morgan moved to approve step increase for Paul Harlos to \$11.35 per hour, Range 7 Step L per Appendix A, effective 5/17/2013 with retro pay. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

STEP INCREASE-JACOB CAIN

Morgan moved to approve step increase for Jacob Cain to \$9.31 per hour, Range 6 Step G per Appendix A, effective 6/21/2013 per Appendix A with retro pay. Smith Gary seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

STEP INCREASE-STEPHEN MATTICE

Morgan moved to approve step increase for Stephen Mattice to \$13.22 per hour, Range 10 Step F per Appendix A-1, effective 5/21/2013 with retro pay. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

STEP INCREASE-JIM BOWEN

Morgan moved to approve step increase for Jim Bowen to \$10.28 per hour, Range 9 Step B per Appendix A, effective 6/25/2013 with retro pay. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE FOR JIM BOWEN

Morgan moved to approve Family Medical Leave for Jim Bowen for twelve (12) weeks, beginning 7/9/2013 and ending 10/1/2013, with medical updates being provided every 2 weeks and provide a full medical release before returning to work. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: Capron. Motion carried: 8-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Morgan moved to go into Executive Session for ten (10) minutes from 8:07pm to 8:17pm for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the President of the Council, City Council, City Attorney and Acting City Clerk present. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

HIRE CITY CLERK

Morgan moved to hire Kim Richards for the position of City Clerk with starting pay of \$14.89 per hour, FLSA exempt, Range 14 Step B per Appendix A, providing she passes all pre-employment testing. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT RESOLUTION

Smith moved to have City Attorney prepare a resolution, creating a City Manager/Five Commissioner form of City Government, which would have to be approved by the city council and put on election ballot for citizens to vote on. Morgan seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Morgan, Smith Gary. Voting nay: Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Spieth. Motion *failed*: 3-6.

ADJOURNMENT

Niegisch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

Meetings:**Fire**

Tues. July 23, 2013 @ 6:00 pm

Economic Development

Tues. July 23, 2013 @ 6:30 pm

Police & Licensing

Wed. July 24, 2013 @ 6:30 pm

Budget & Finance

Thurs. July 25, 2013 @ 6:00 pm

Judi Mogle, Acting City Clerk

(Published in the official county newspaper on the 14th day of August, 2013)

RESOLUTION NO. 24 - 2013

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STOP SIGNS AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, (hereinafter referred to as "Board") has the authority under K.S.A. § 19-101a to regulate travel through roads located within the unincorporated areas within Cherokee County, Kansas, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, meeting in regular session, this 12th day of August, 2013, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Stop Signs Established. At the intersection of NW 10th and Ballard Street in Cherokee County, Kansas, a sign shall be placed and established stopping northbound and southbound traffic on Ballard Street.

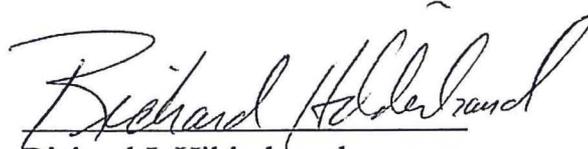
Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this resolution, or the application thereof to any circumstances, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 3. 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 12th day of August, 2013, by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS.



Patrick W. Collins
County Commissioner



Richard J. Hilderbrand
County Commissioner



Charlie Napier
County Commissioner

ATTEST:



Rodney Edmondson
County Clerk of Cherokee County,
Kansas
Resolution No. 24 - 2013

Prepared by:
Kevin Cure, Attorney

August 12, 2013

Cherokee County Commissioners
Courthouse
110 W Maple
Columbus, KS 66725

Re: Pledge November 2008

Dear Commissioners,

We would like to complete collection of the matching funds/pledges made toward the FEMA Grant to provide a tornado shelter and backup generator for the Wellness center in Riverton. As you know this part of the project was to allow the wellness center to be utilized for a public storm shelter and to serve as an emergency for temporary housing/shelter in case of a natural or man-made disaster. We have appreciated working with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office in assuring the availability of the facility to the public when our facilities are closed.

The pledge made by the County Commission in November 2008 was for \$59,125 to be paid in five annual payments of \$11,825 beginning in 2009. The initial three payments were made in 2009, 2010 and 2011. We did not receive the 2012 payment and have not received the 2013 payment which will complete payment of the County's pledge.

We would like to close out this part of the fundraising. I have attached an invoice for both years 2012 and 2013.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,



Scott Jackson
Executive Director

Invoice

2012 Pledge toward FEMA Project	\$11,825
2013 Pledge toward FEMA Project	<u>\$11,825</u>
	\$23,650

Please submit to;

Spring River Mental Health and Wellness, Inc.
PO Box 550
Riverton, KS 66770