

**MINUTES FOR JANUARY 27, 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 at 9:00 AM on Monday, January 27, 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, Machel Smith, and Chris Zimmerman

**Larry Albers - Citizen**

He appeared before the Board with concerns over the recent controlled burn on January 18, 2014, of a house on Bobwhite Drive in the Weir area. The owner lives in Pittsburg and the property is used to collect salvage items only. The Weir Fire Department was there. The Board stated they would get with Jason Allison and Sheriff Groves and look into the matter.

**Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor**

**Gene Langerot - County Lot Supervisor**

They appeared before the Board on routine county road business. Gene reported that work has begun on the new gas pumps but the three checks for payment needs to be issued. The Board will check with Kevin to see if early checks can be done.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2014 BOCC Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Commissioner Hilderbrand addressed the appointment of the Official County Newspaper that was tabled from last week. All three county newspapers are in attendance and will be given a chance to address the Board.

Larry Hiatt from the News Report - Spoke last week and has nothing new. He did add that true circulation numbers are available by checking to see who pays the most sales tax. It's available from the Kansas Department of Revenue. They publish on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Chris Zimmerman of the Cherokee County News-Advocate - presented a written statement regarding their newspaper. They will run legal publications for \$4/column inch. They publish on Wednesday.

Machel Smith of the Galena Sentinel Times - presented a written statement regarding their newspaper. They will run legal publications for \$3.75/column inch. They publish on Wednesday.

Commissioner Napier stated that he would like to see all three newspapers named as the official county newspaper.

Commissioner Napier made a motion for a 5 minutes recess. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 9:40 AM.

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The meeting reconvened at 9:45 AM.

Chairman Hilderbrand stated that Mr. Cure will not be able to attend this morning's meeting, therefore the naming of the official county newspaper will be tabled until next week.

**Machelle Smith and Janet Miller - Route 66 Byway Committee**

They presented two draft letters of support addressed to Secretary Mike King with the Kansas Department of Transportation. They are asking the Board to support two projects benefiting Cherokee County.

The letters would support the Transportation Alternative Program funding applications for implementation of the Kansas Byways Interpretive Plan and the Kansas Byways Bicycle and Pedestrian Strategic Plan.

The Board will have Mr. Cure review the letters.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to amend the agenda for Galen Zook and Bill DeHart from 10:00 AM to 9:55 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 9:55 AM.

**Galena Zook, Bill Dehart – Cherokee County Fair Board**

They appeared before the Board representing the Cherokee County Fair Board. They presented a written summary of expenses from the 2013 County Fair.

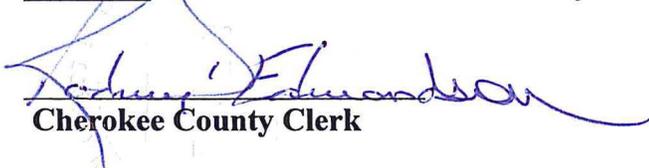
They presented a plan to build a new Fair Office. It would be ADA compliant on ground level. The current office is upstairs and not accessible by ADA Standards. Materials have been estimated at \$7,347.45.

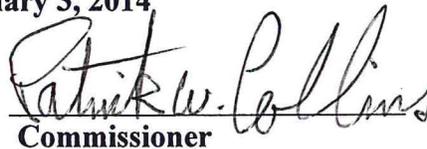
Last year there was an electrical failure at the 4-H Campsite. The Westside of the camping area will need to be rewired before the 2014 Fair. They have applied for a grant from Empire Electric to help with the project, but haven't heard back yet. The materials needed are estimated at \$2,655.38 plus the Fair Board would dig the trench and pay the meter base cost.

The Board took their proposals under advisement.

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

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this day, February 3, 2014

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

**Fair Board  
Agenda**

1. Big Thank You, For the 12,000.00
2. Would like to Build a user friendly ( ADA ) Fair Office.
3. 4 – H camping electrical is very old and needs upgrade.

## **2013 Spending of County Money**

**12,000 dollars to Fair Assoc**

### **Money Break down**

All Fair Judges; 3421.50

Ribbons and Trophies; 751.24

(Note: only needed a ½ of order used our stock up, normal year is 1400.00)

Total Premiums Paid out; 4570.06

Advertizing TV; 1984.00

(Getting public notified)

Fair Book entry form; 916.00

(Note; I sold 2445.00 in Adv in book, printing cost was 3361.92)

Empire Electric bill: 579.32

(Note: 4-H camping, Barns, and open class building, I collected 1580.00 in camping rent fee. And the total electric bill fair week 2159.32)

**Total of above expense 12,222.12**

(Note: This money is only spent on the 4 – H exhibitors and open class exhibits, electric where the exhibits are displayed, and advertizing to notify the public, plus help with the fair book where the entry form is available.

The overall Net of the 2013 fair was 2804.43

## **Reason for New Fair Office**

- 1. ADA, More users friendly for the public.**
- 2. Elderly Exhibitors are able to collect premium without climbing a flight of stairs. ( currently will not climb )**
- 3. Will be a better location ground level for the superintendents to communicate with fair management.**
- 4. Will be a ground level place if someone should pass out from heat. EMTs can use as a cooling station for victim.**
- 5. Will be a big area for meetings. (Currently meet at Class ltd.**
- 6. Will provide a place to hold Annual Fair lunch.**
- 7. Overall reason the public can find the Fair Office Fair week.**
- 8. And the elderly people are 75% of open class, garden, clothing ,crafts and will be able to walk in to a fair office that we will be proud of. That we might be people friendly.**

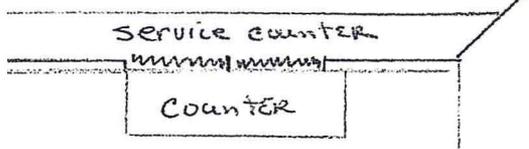
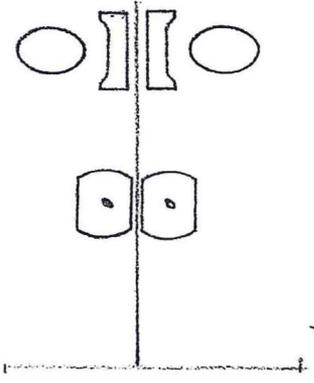
**Fair Office**  
**Material List**

10 – 2x4 x 10'	147.00
2 – 2x4 x 10' treated	10.00
2 – 2x4 x 16' treated	16.00
2 – 2x4 x 16'	13.00
1 - 2x4 x 8'	3.05
1 - 2x4 x 8' treated	3.90
25 - 2x4 precut studs	77.00
2 - ¾ " sanded one side plywood	77.50
14 - rolls of insulation 40sq ft 32 ft long.	168.00
30 - ½" OSB wafer	270.00
1 - 6' French door	388.00
2 – entry doors with glass ½	418.00
4 – entry lever pull knobs locks	132.00
1 – 30"x 30" serving window ( ADA )	95.00
17 – cases 10per box ceiling tile	694.00
3 – yards concrete ( ADA entry )	300.00
1 – sheet vinyl cabinet top	50.00
10 – 1x4 x 12' bottom trim bd.	90.00
1 – plumbing supply	125.00
1 – electrical supplies	150.00
1 - Mini Slit Air and Heating Unit ( KC Riverton H/A )	4120.00

**Total: \$7,347.45**

**Note:** Got two Bids from CK Co. on AC/ Ht., Kc heating air is the cheapest on a mini slit unit. I figured an overhead gas unit that hangs from ceiling and using two a/c window units for air. But we would need gas meter plus run supply line to building and the cost is with-in a few dollars in different.

242 sq ft  
Officer Office



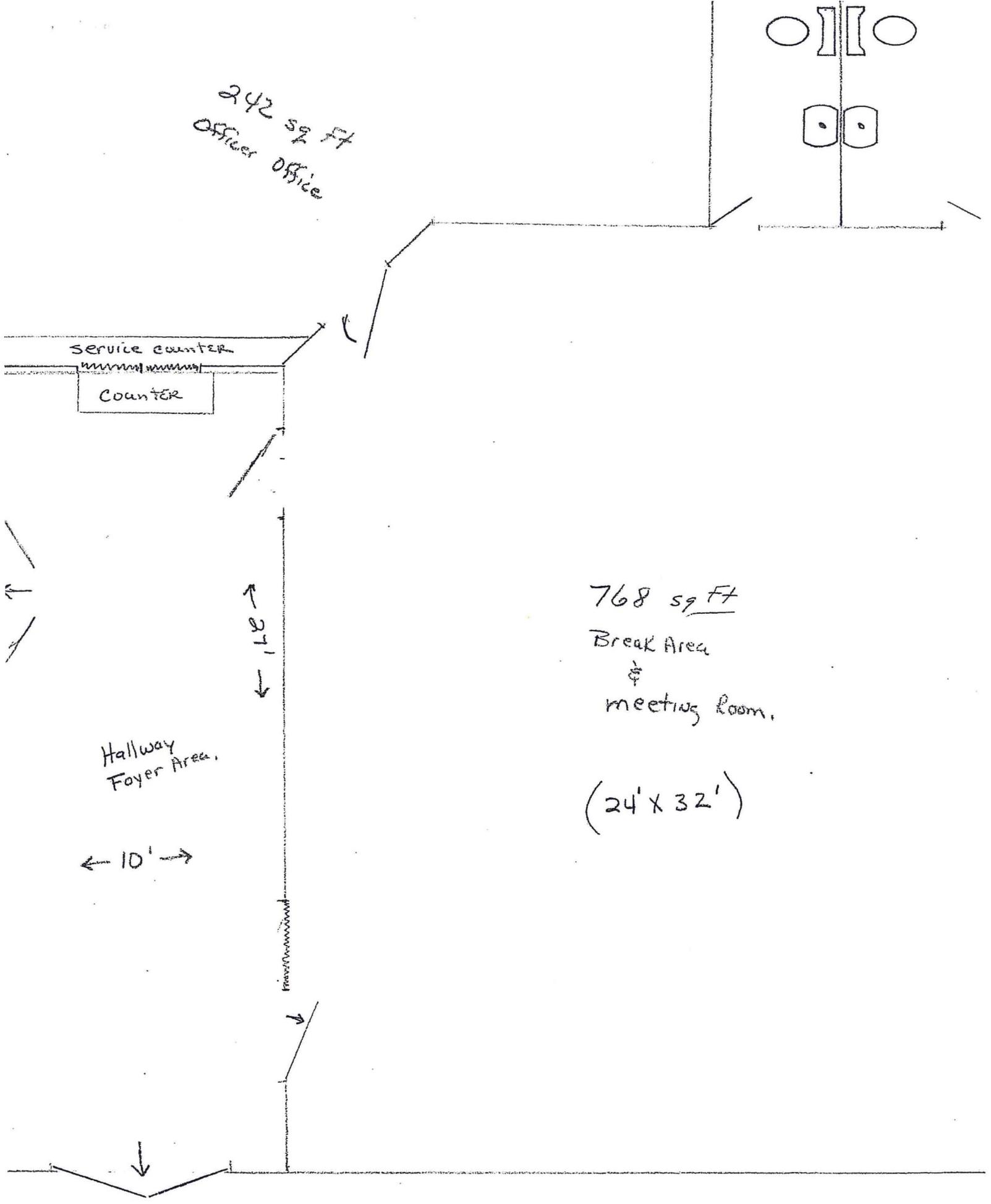
768 sq ft  
Break Area  
&  
meeting Room.

(24' x 32')

Hallway  
Foyer Area.

← 10' →

← 18' →



## **4 – H Camping Westside Estimated Material list.**

This is a list of material needed for upgrading the Westside of the camping area will have to be rewired by the 2014 fair. These prices are listed and bid at the lowest vendors cost. The labor will have to be volunteered by the fair board and or 4-H parents or kids and supervised by Galen Zook.

### **Material needed**

21 - 120volt 30amp plugs w/ box lids camper plug = 778.05 @ Pitt Locke  
1 – GFI 20amp w/weather box = 6.50 @ Pitt Locke  
4050 ft – wire goes under ground #10 single BL, Whi , Gr, = 855.00@ Pitt Locke  
3 rolls – black ,white ,green # 10 above ground = 285.00 @ pitts locke  
1 ½ conduct 410 ft under ground = 212.79 @ pitt locke  
12- 1 ½ sweeps =22.80 @ pitt locke  
70 ft 1 ½ riser conduct =36.33 @ pitt locke  
24 – nut couples = 28.00 @ pitt locke  
6- weather deep J boxes = 44.10 @ pitt locke  
2- S40 joints 8” white pipe (outlet stands) =177.20 @ B& L Miami  
30 bags concrete (Fill Pipe outlet stands) = 137.70 @ Farmers Coop  
3 – 2x12 12 ft ( breaker box stand) = 71.91 @ Riverton

**Total = 2655.38**

Fair board cost 1327.69 plus fair board would dig trench and pay meter base cost.

Grant cost 1327.69

# Cherokee County News-Advocate

1242 Military Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713  
P.O. Box 231 Columbus, KS 66725  
620-429-2773 or 620-856-4081 phone

The Cherokee County New-Advocate has a circulation of over 2,000 as stated on our statement of ownership presented to the United States Post Office September 30, 2013. We also have a web presence with our website [www.sekvoice.com](http://www.sekvoice.com), and have the capabilities to upload ads and legal publications on this website which has 4,700 visitors per month, 3,500 unique visitors, and over 13,500 pageviews. We also have a presence on facebook with over 1,100 likes. We can provide a link on facebook to the legal publications that we run for the County.

Our office is located at 1242 Military Baxter Springs, KS, but provide a pick up location for classifieds, press releases, and newspapers at 4-State Printing in Columbus, KS. We also maintain a Columbus telephone number and fax number.

We employ 4 full time employees and have several free lance writers that live in Cherokee County. Tessa Newberry is active in the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Chris Zimmerman is active in the Baxter Springs Chamber of Commerce, and is also Treasurer of the Foundation for the Promotion of Cherokee County. Tessa lives in Columbus and is a notary, she is always available to come to the county office to pick up any legals that need to be run, and will personally drop off all proof of publications for legals that are run. The newspaper will run the legals for \$4.00 per column inch, and will print extra editions of the delinquent tax list and pay to have them inserted into the Columbus News Report, and Sentinel Times.

Advertising is a very big draw for readers, and we have all of the area grocery stores that advertise on a weekly basis plus the smart source coupons.

Chris Zimmerman  
Publisher  
Cherokee County News-Advocate

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# Sentinel-Times

January 24, 2014

As the publisher of the Sentinel-Times I'd like to point out a few facts that you may not know about our publication and our efforts to provide broad coverage to the Citizens of Cherokee County:

1. On a regular basis the meetings that we cover are County Commission, Galena City Council, Weir City Council, Scammon City Council, Galena School Board, Riverton School Board. We make every attempt to get to the Baxter City Council. We have a cooperative agreement with the Cherokee County News-Advocate to share stories of Columbus City Council and Columbus sports in exchange for our Galena Council and sports.
2. We provide News Rack distribution throughout the county:
  - Galena:  
We have one outside box and three inside racks.  
The Sentinel-Times office, Casey's General Store and Dollar General Store.
  - Riverton:  
We have two inside racks and one outside rack.  
Old Riverton Store and Riverton Quick Stop.
  - Baxter Springs:  
We have two outside boxes and three inside racks.  
Marvin's IGA, Cash Saver, Dollar General Store, Angels on the Route and Weston's Cafe.
  - Columbus:  
We have one outside racks and one inside rack.  
Apple Market, Dollar General Store, Fastmart and Casey's General Store.
  - Cherokee:  
We have one inside at the R & J's Convenience.
  - Scammon:  
We have one inside at the Scammon Express.
  - Weir:  
We have one outside box at the Post Office.
  - Joplin:  
We have one inside rack at the Stateline Convenience and Downstream Q Store.

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17. We have sports writers for Galena, Riverton and Baxter Springs, and publish Columbus sports from the News-Advocate.
18. This past year we have published 7 community tabloids with 5 left to be published, highlighting history and current happenings of the different communities.
19. In August 2013 we published our first Live Cherokee County magazine, highlighting reasons to live, work, the outdoors and visit Cherokee County. We have distributed throughout the county as well as to CVBs in Parsons, Pittsburg and Joplin. We also were able to have it in the two state operated Travel Centers.

In closing, we have strived to improve our publication for the benefit of our community and our county. We made the decision a few years ago to make our publication more recognizable to the county at large with the change in our publication name from the Galena Sentinel-Times to the Sentinel-Times. That change in no way meant that we were going to ignore our roots and our heritage in the Galena Community, but as an extension of the Galena community as we expanded our horizons and coverage.

Sincerely,

*David F. Nelson*

David F. Nelson  
Publisher and Owner  
Publication: Sentinel-Times  
Published by the Galena Sentinel-Times  
dnelson@sentineltimes.com

Zone/Zip	Amount
within 30 miles of our office	
66739	636
66725	162
66770	135
66713	201
66728	5
66781	61
667	53
648	76
743	4
673	7
within a 100 miles	
741	3
658	2
656	4
641	3
660	4
672	12
666	10
Below are Mixed States	
Zone 5	12
Zone 6	11
Zone 4	22
Zone 3	18
Zone 7	8
Zone 8	1
Kansas	10
FL	4
Col	6
Ca	7
Az	5
Va	3
TX	12
Mo	9
Ark	4
945	1
935	1
Ok	5
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ASSISTING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ALONG LIFE'S JOURNEY

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

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

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WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of providing services for the residents with mental retardation of the County and of levying a tax for providing such services, but have determined that it is more practicable to contract with a non-profit corporation for such services for the residents with mental retardation of said county as provided by K.S.A. 19-4007(a), and

WHEREAS, Service Provider is a non-profit corporation, licensed by the State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in accordance with K.S.A. 75-3307(b) and is capable of providing services for individuals with mental retardation.

NOW THEREFORE, the Commissioners contract for services as enumerated in 3. Below, for the residents with mental retardation of said county with Service Provider and Service Provider agrees to supply said services upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Term. The term of this agreement shall be for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014

2. Consideration. The Commissioners agree to levy taxes upon all the taxable tangible property in the County as provided by K.S.A. 19-4004 for the purpose of providing revenue to pay for services for the residents with mental retardation of said county. Upon receipt of such tax money, the Commissioners shall pay the amount budgeted or actually received (whichever is less) to the Board of Directors of the Service Provider and the Board of Directors of the Service Provider is authorized to receive and expend such moneys to provide services for residents with mental retardation of said county. Payment of tax money collected are to be made quarterly. The amount to be budgeted for 2014 is \$ 111,457.

3. Services. The services to be provided are Children Services, Day Activity, Employment Services, Community Living, Respite Care, Transportation, Case Management and Administrative and Support Services.

4. Reports. Service Provider shall annually provide the Commissioners with a Certified Public Audit report showing the amount of fees collected, the amount of money received under said contract, and any other income, and showing further the disbursements, including salaries by Service Provider.

CLASS LTD
Service Provider

By: Scott Thompson
Scott Thompson
President/CEO

COMMISSIONERS:
Board of County Commissioners
Cherokee County

Patrick W. Collins
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COMMISSIONERS:
Board of County Commissioners
Cherokee County
[Signatures]



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January 17, 2014

Rodney Edmondson  
Cherokee County Clerk  
Cherokee County Court House  
PO BOX 14  
Columbus, Kansas 66725

Dear Mr. Edmondson:

Enclosed are two 2014 agreements for the commissioners to sign for CLASS LTD to provide services for individuals with mental retardation in Cherokee County with county mill levy funds. Scott Thompson, President/CEO, has signed both for your records. Please have the commissioners sign both agreements and return one in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melody White". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Melody White  
Executive Assistant