Cherokee County Special Meeting for September 13, 2021

At 6:30 p.m. on Monday September 13, 2021, Chairman Moates called to order the Special Meeting of the Cherokee County Commission in the District Court Room of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas.

District #1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District #2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District #3

Commissioner Corey Moates and spouse Amber, County Clerk Kyle Rennie, Cherokee County Auditor and CPA Gene Mense of Mense CPA's firm of Joplin Mo. County Treasure Raven Elmore, County Register of Deeds Barbara Bilke, Cherokee County Sheriff David Groves, Under Sheriff Terri Clugston and Spouse Brenda representing the Health Department. Department Heads: Cody Zook, Janet Miller, representing Cherokee County Extension Dale Helwig attending for the open. Proprietor and Reporter for the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt also attending. City of Columbus Mayor Grant Spieth and spouse Toni. Cherokee County resident Susan Drennon all attending for the open.

Commissioner Moates declared the purpose of the special meeting was to open a public hearing to discuss and answer objections of the intent to exceed the county RNR (Revenue Neutral Rate) of 48.536 mills. Questions from those attending covered the county benefits package, emergency preparedness, and the ½ cent sales tax.

Commissioner Moates moved to adopt resolution 14-2021 a resolution making available the option for Cherokee County Kansas to Levy a Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Commissioner Johnson 2^{nd} the motion, motion passed 3-0.

At 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Moates closed the RNR hearing.

At 6:52 p.m. Commissioner Moates opened the Cherokee County 2022 proposed budget hearing.

Discussion on recycling and the relationships of cities and county working together for the recycling effort.

At 7:19 Commissioner Moates closed the proposed budget hearing.

Commissioner Moates opened discussion on the Riverton Sewer Budget. The Commission spoke on the raise in the monthly sewer rate.

Commissioner Moates moved to adopt the Cherokee County 2022 proposed Budget as presented. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to adopt the Riverton Sewer District 2022 proposed Budget as presented. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

These Minutes were written by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

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