Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2021

At 9:00 a.m. on November 1, 2021, Chairman Moates called to order the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Johnson opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator. And leading all attending in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

District #1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District #2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District #3 Commissioner Corey Moates, Assistant County Attorney and Council to the Commission Kurt Benecke, County Clerk Kyle Rennie attending for the open. Reporter Jacob Spencer and Proprietor of the Columbus News report Larry Hiatt attending for the open.

Commissioner Frazier moved to amend the October 25, 2021, minutes adding the words (to be paid from the recreation fund) into the motion approving the purchase of a news- paper advertisement to run in the Columbus News Report remembering the approaching Veterans Day Holiday on November 11,2021. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept and approve the October 25, 2021, commission meeting minutes as amended for publish. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept and approve the October 27, special meeting minutes for publish. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve payroll ending October 22, 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$433,644.91. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Cherokee County Sheriff Groves spoke with and updated The Commission on a number of topics.

Inmate Housing, the upcoming Wesley Smith Trial, Law Enforcement onsite audit of firearms and equipment, offender compliance, October 25, 2021, Drug Take Back, and 10- digit dialing.

Report of Road & Bridge Department: Supervisor Cody Zook updated The Commission on R&B Projects.

1. Bridge replacement order #011 C-5002-01, 2. Tax Properties, CDL training for county and city employees, 3. Noxious Weed Training for JC Parsons in Wichita November 3, 2021.

Commissioner Moates moved to sign KDOT Bridge Project #11 c-5002-01 bridge replacement at SW 110 rd. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 9:43 with Courthouse Maintenance Director Ralph Houser and assistant County Council Kurt Benecke for Courthouse Security and to reconvene at 9:50 Commissioner Johnson 2^{nd} the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Discussion with Rural Water #3:

John Houser, Ruth Hale, and Jay Justice representing Rural Water District #3 came before The Commission requesting financial support from ARPA for much needed major repair to 40- and 50-year-old main water lines inside Water district #3.

Chad Ruddick representing New York Life came before The Board introducing himself and offering his insurance assistance to Cherokee County employees.

Mill Levy Discussion.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn until the next regular session November 8, 2021. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

These minutes were written by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this October 12, 2021

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner