Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for May 24, 2021

Chairman Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission to order Monday, May 24, 2021, in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier opened with Prayer to Father God Creator and led all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

District #1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District #2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District #3 Commissioner and Chair of the Commission Corey Moates. County Attorney and County Council Nathan Coleman, County Clerk Kyle Rennie, Deputy County Clerk Kaden Wimmer all attending the open. Larry Hiatt, Proprietor, and Reporter for the Columbus News Report, also attending for the open.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept and approve the May 17, 2021 Commission minutes. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed. 3-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook reported he had gone to the Four State Farm Show in Pittsburg Ks. to look at and discuss mini excavators and trailers. Cody also invited the Commissioner to the County Lot to view a demonstration of mini excavators. Cody discussed rock crushers as well.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 9:45 with County Council Nathan Coleman and non-elect Cody Zook for Attorney-Client and reconvene at 9:50. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed. 3-0. The meeting reconvened at 9:50

Commissioner Moates moved to ratify the Road and Bride Purchase of a 2016 Freight Liner Truck and an End Dump Trailer. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Jason Rinker and Gregg DePratt, representing Stronghold Data of Joplin Mo, updated THE COMMISSION on a Phishing email test in the Cherokee County Courthouse. The purpose of the test is to educate County Employees about the dangers of Cyber Crime.

Reports of Department Heads:

Noxious Weed. Cord Mayes reported on a June 3 meeting at Big Brutus with other County Weed Departments.

Register of Deeds: Barbara Bilke reported on online research that is available to the public.

Economic Development: Janet Miller reported on the finishing of CBDG Grants. Janet also reminded THE COMMISSION if they wish to remain in the Rural Opportunity Zone program, they will need to do so by Resolution on or before June 30, 2021, for the 2021 year.

Commissioner Moates moved to change signatures on five accounts: the drug forfeiture checking account, the drug forfeiture savings account, the 911 savings, the main savings, and the insurance checking account. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Sheriff Department: Sheriff Groves reported on the two canine units in the County. The Sheriff also relayed information on IT at the law enforcement center.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 11:10 with County Council Nathan Coleman, County Clerk Kyle Rennie, Deputy County Clerk Kaden Wimmer for Attorney/Client, and reconvene at 11:20. The meeting reconvened at 11:20.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until Friday, May 28 at 9:00 a.m. to approve payroll and accounts payable for the upcoming Memorial Holiday. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

These Minutes were written in Draft by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this May 24th, 2021

County Clerk

Commissioner

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