## Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2021

At 9:00 a.m. on Monday July 19,2021 Chairman Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission to order in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. County Clerk Kyle Rennie opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator, and leading all attending 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, County Attorney and County Council Nathan Coleman, County Clerk Kyle
Rennie, Courthouse Maintenance Director Ralph Houser attending for the open. Proprietor and
Reporter for the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt also attending.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the July 12,2021 Commission minutes. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook reported on the Owens Corning Contract. Cody recommended to hire Zachary Gregory as a Grader operator. And road ditching and road building.

Commissioner Moates moved to hire Zachary Gregory as a Grader Operator at \$ 14/hr. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to hold an executive Session Starting at 9:17 for non-elected personnel with County Council Nathan Coleman, and County Lot employees Joni Hicks and Shelli Daniels and to reconvene at 9:40. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:40.

Mayor Dale Thompson of Cherokee Kansas came before the board explaining that Pete's LLC purchased R&J convenient store on at the intersection of 400 & K7 Highways and their plans to convert it to a travel center. Dale is asking Cherokee County for help to run sewer service to the new travel center. The commission will be taking it under advisement.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 10:14 with County Council Nathan Coleman for Attorney/Client and to reconvene at 10:25. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to give authority to Cody Zook to enter in to contract with Owens Corning. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to give written notice to County Clerk Kyle Rennie of intent to exceed Cherokee County Revenue Neutral Rate and to hold public hearing on September 13,2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Court Room of the Cherokee County Courthouse. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed.

Commissioner Moates moved to adopt Resolution 09-2021 a Resolution Ratifying the hiring of Dave Thornton as interim Appraiser starting July 1,2021 through December 31, 2021. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to break for lunch at 11:50 and to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed. 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 1:00.

Open session on Cherokee County 2022 Budget Preparation.

Chairman Moates adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**County Clerk** 

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