

Minutes for October 19, 2020
Cherokee County Commission
Cherokee County Kansas

Commissioner Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday October 19, 2020 in room #34 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates, County Counselor, Barbara Wright, and County Clerk, Kyle Rennie were present. Member of the Press, Larry Hiatt present.

Commissioner Anderson moved to accept and approve the October 5, 2020 regular session minutes. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve the October 13, 2020 Special Meeting minutes scheduled at 5:45 p.m. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the October 13, 2020 Special Meeting minutes scheduled at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved approve payroll ending October 2, 2020. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed. 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve accounts Payable. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to transfer \$250.00 County Clerk election fund to County Appraisers budget. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Supervisor, Leonard Vanatta reported on county bridges and projects and other Department business.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 9:24 a.m. with non-elect county counselor Barbara Wright and Leonard Vanatta for discipline and to reconvene at 9:34 a.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:34 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Anderson moved to sign the Meritain Health Plan Renewal. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 9:48 a.m. with non-elect county counselor Barbara Wright, for litigation and to reconvene at 9:58 a.m. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:58 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept the settlement agreement and to keep litigation case 2:17-cv-02644-JAR-GEB strictly confidential per a condition of the agreement. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed. 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 10:03 a.m. with non-elect County Counselor Barbara Wright and county employee Scott Boyes for interviews and to reconvene at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 10:16 a.m. with non-elect county counselor Barbara Wright and Cody Zook for interviews, and to reconvene at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m. No action taken

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 10:45 a.m. with non-elect county counselor Barbara Wright and county employee Tom LaTurner for interviews and to reconvene at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m. No action taken.

Jason Rinker and Gregg DePratt with Stronghold Data addressed THE BOARD reminding everyone October is Cyber Security Month, Jason and Gregg invited THE BOARD and others to attend a Cyber Security Awareness event hosted by Stronghold Data in Joplin, MO. October 22, 2020. They also reported the courthouse Domain server is ageing and could fail at any time.

Commissioner Frazier moved to replace and update the courthouse server at a cost of \$1396.00 and to be paid out of courthouse tech fund. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Cherokee County resident Laddie Howard addressed THE BOARD asking for help with the poor condition of road NW 20th and Star Valley, THE BOARD is taking it under advisement.

Cherokee County Attorney Jake Conard reported his Department will be offering two conceal carry classes free of charge to Cherokee County residents scheduled for November 2, 2020 and December 5, 2020.

Dale Helwig and Christina Holmes invited THE BOARD to the K STATE Extension annual banquet to be held at 4-H building Columbus, Kansas November 5, 2020.

Cherokee County Health Department head Betha Elliot reported on SPARKS funding, testing, contract tracing, and vaccines.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 12:05 p.m. with non-elect county counselor Barbara Wright, Betha Elliot, Sherriff David Groves, Dale Helwig, Raven Elmore, and Christina Holmes for administration, and to reconvene at 12:12 p.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 12:12 p.m. No action taken.

Discussion was held about a FEMA lease with Riverton High School.

Discussion on purchase of a Defibrillator for the Courthouse.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 12:25 p.m. with non-elect County Counselor Barbra Wright for hiring and to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. No action taken.

Commissioner Frazier moved to break at 1:02 p.m. and to reconvene at 1:45 p.m. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 1:43 p.m.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 1:45 p.m. with non-elect County Counselor Barbara Wright, Road & Bridge employees Leonard Vanatta and Joni Hicks, and applicant Cody Zook for follow up interview, and to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m. No action taken.

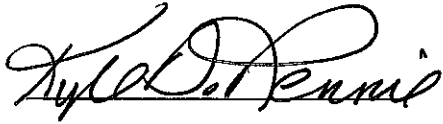
Commissioner Frazier moved to hire Cody Zook as assistant Road & Bridge Supervisor starting November 2, 2020 at a prorated salary of \$45,000 yearly. Then start as Road & Bridge Supervisor January 1, 2021 at

a yearly salary of \$50,000 for a 90- day probation period. Then \$52,000 yearly after probation.
Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to increase the hourly wage for Joni Hicks from \$14.25 to \$15.50.
Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion Passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until the next regular session Monday October 26, 2020.
Commissioner Anderson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:04.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this October 26, 2020



County Clerk



Commissioner



Commissioner



