

MINUTES FOR JULY 11, 2011
COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

The Cherokee County Commissioners met July 11, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Collins and those present were Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Deputy County Clerk Paula Cheney submitted the revised minutes for June 27, 2011; Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the revised minutes, and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand voting in favor. Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand, and Deputy County Clerk Cheney signed off on the document.

MOTIONS

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve and pay July 2011 Mid-Month Accounts Payables; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Hilderbrand and Collins voting in favor

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to take a break; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand voted in favor.

COUNTY APPOINTED DEPARTMENT HEADS

Betha Elliott of the Cherokee County Health Department - reported that two computers went out and she would need to purchase replacements with WIC funds, also her office was busy with classes being scheduled for the public during the rest of the week at the Columbus Community Building and The Baxter Springs Community Building.

Wayne Elliott of 911 Mapping - submitted Voucher #70615 for \$676.99 to purchase a microphone for dispatch, from Washington Electronics, to be taken out of Line Item 226, the 911 Wireless Fund. His office submitted a monthly report of income and they also added some new addresses in Cherokee County.

Supervisor Leonard Vanatta, of Road & Bridge, and Gene Langerot - reported they have been doing general road maintenance in the county. They have also been asphaltting and cutting brush in the county. The County Lot employees have started working from 6:00 AM to 2:30 PM due to the heat. Commissioner Hilderbrand asked Leonard to take a look at Rainbow Bridge and Route 66 for signage. Hilderbrand also asked Cecil Brown to spray at the roadside park on Highway 400 near the round-about.

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Nancy Herrenbruck, County Appraiser - reported that the county will be on the new Orion System being mandated by the state by the end of the week. The office has also been working out in the working and it has been very hot so they try to get out early, and dogs have also been a problem. Sharon Jones will be retiring and they have scheduled a retirement party for her on August 5, 2011 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Deana Randall of Human Resource - reported that she was busy.

Ralph Houser, Courthouse Maintenance - reported that the work for the new elevator will begin July 25, 2011 and the elevator will be out for at least two months.

Jason Allison of Emergency Preparedness - reported that the rest of the weather radios are in at Radio Shack and would be available to the public in a couple of days as they are currently being programmed. Radios are still available for Galena and Baxter Springs citizens at a cost of \$5.00 each from the last distribution.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF DAVID GROVES - reported that the county was reimbursed for meth clean-up and the Click It and Tick It Program. The number of inmates is up for Sedgwick County being housed in Cherokee County. His office has received a high number of calls regarding the debris, and the speed from the trucks on Highway 7 going to B-3.

Cherokee County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson - reported that Gene Mense was auditing the county for its annual audit report. Information from her office and the Clerk's Office was being reviewed. Her office is busy with registering vehicles and her new employee was doing well. She also said that she had hired Candy Harris as a new employee to work real estate, and she starts July 25, 2011. Ms. Harris currently works in the County Attorney's Office. She also said she has been getting calls about having another tax sale this year.

Christy Grant, Register of Deeds - reported that her office was busy selling passports.

Cherokee County Deputy Clerk Paula Cheney - reported that County Clerk Crystal Gatewood was in Topeka, Kansas for a subpoenaed deposition by Penn Gaming, involving the lawsuit by the county. The July County Certification was completed by Gatewood and her staff and the Clerk's Office expressed their thanks to everyone for staying out of the AS-400 so it could be completed and the report results were 100% accurate when viewed by the Department of Revenue. The office is currently working on the mail election for USD 247 and has been very busy selling hunting and fishing licenses, and registering boats.

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BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

Doug Mogle and Ron Costlow of the Cherokee County Ambulance Association came before the commission to submit their 2012 Budget Proposal for Districts #1, #2, and #3. They need to replace ambulances, so they submitted an increased amount due to the cost of the trucks, buildings, and personnel needed. No decisions were made by the commission.

BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Sandra Friend came before the commission for financial reports for the area Fire Departments, the commission referred her over to Clerk Gatewood or the area City Clerks.


Betty McBride came before the commission to get the commission to sign off on the deed for a property owned by the county in Treece, Kansas. Commissioner Collins signed off on the documentation.

Darrell Shumake came before the commission to have Water District #3 easements renewed and have the deed signed. Commissioner Collins said they would give it to Commissioner Garner to sign next week. Mr. Shumake left the deed with Commissioner Collins.

ADJOURNMENT

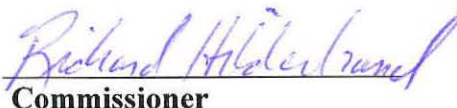
Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 AM, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand and all voted in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held July 18, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

Resolved and ordered this day, July 18, 2011


Cherokee County Clerk

Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner