

Minutes for June 8, 2020  
Cherokee County Commissioners  
Cherokee County Kansas

Chairperson Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 8, 2020 in Room 34 of the Cherokee County Courthouse, located at 110 West Maple, Columbus Kansas. Commissioner Anderson opened with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Corey Moates, County Counselor Barbara Wright, County Clerk Kyle Rennie were present. Members of the Press present, Larry Hiatt.

Commissioner Anderson moved to accept and approve the June 1, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the amended May 18, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the June 2, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. Moates abstained.

Joan Buergin, Cherokee County resident addressed THE BOARD requesting speed limit signs on NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, Kansas.

Road & Bridge Supervisor, Leonard Vanatta reported on county road conditions. Louis Schreiner County Lot Supervisor, reported on transmission repair options for one of the road maintainers.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 9:29 a.m. with non-elected County Counselor Barbara Wright, Leonard Vanatta, and Louis Schreiner for non-elected personnel job applications, and to reconvene at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson moved to hire Jim Freeman as an employee at the County Lot for \$15 an hour. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 2-1, Commissioner Moates opposed.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 9:40 a.m. with non-elected County Counselor Barbara Wright, Leonard Vanatta, and Louis Schreiner for nonelected employee benefits, and to reconvene at 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:50 a.m. no action taken.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the 2021 Community Corrections budget plan. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to appoint Misty Moore as Treasurer for Shawnee Township. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to add Betty Morgan and Sue Proffitt (employees of the County Clerks Department) as signatories on the American Bank account. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Deana Randall, HR Department, presented her 2021 budget request. The Board took it under advisement.

Cherokee County Treasurer, Raven Elmore, presented her 2021 budget proposal. The Board took it under advisement.

Commissioner Frazier moved to exempt the CDBG-CV Grant from Government Environmental Review. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept the CDBG-CV contract. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Janet Miller, Economic Director, drafted a letter acknowledging the nomination of Historic Route 66 as an All American Road. The nomination was made by the Kansas Historic Byway Nominating Committee.

Commissioner Frazier moved to sign the letter in support of the nomination of Route 66 as an All American Road. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Register of Deeds, Barbara Bilke presented her 2021 budget proposal. Proposal was taken under advisement by the Board.

David Holmes, Carla Karsten, and Dale Helwig, presented the 2021 Cherokee County Extension Council Budget. The Board took it under advisement.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve and sign a contract to hire Cecil Brown as temporary Noxious Weed department employee. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

County Attorney, Jacob Conard presented his 2021 budget proposal. Request was taken under advisement by the Board.

Commissioner Anderson moved to hire Taylor Brown at \$15.60 an hour in the Appraiser's Office, employment starting June 29, 2020. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Sheriff Groves updated THE BOARD on COVID-19 cases for surrounding counties, 1 in Montgomery, 4 in Labette, 1 in Cherokee, and 1 in Crawford.

Sheriff David Groves presented his 2021 budget proposal. Proposal was under advisement by the Board.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until the next regular session, June 15, 2020.  
Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. 3-0 Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this June 15, 2020



*Tyler P. Kennis*

County Clerk

*Myra Carlisle Frazier*

Commissioner

*G. Moad*

Commissioner

*Neal Anderson*

Commissioner

