

**MINUTES FOR AUGUST 28, 2017****BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS****CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS****CONVENE**

Chairman Collins called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 28, 2017 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Jordan Zabel, and Machel Smith

Juanita Hodgson, County Treasurer, presented current budget and fund balance reports for the Board to review. She stated that the employee benefit fund is in the red by \$95,000 but the weekly claims from last week will add another \$33,000 for a total of \$128,000 in the red. She advised the Board to let it set until the distribution next month. She reported that sales tax revenue will be deposited on Wednesday in the amount of \$175,646.90 with \$117,000 going into county general. That is an increase of \$10,000 over August of 2016. She stated that the next distribution is September 20<sup>th</sup>, but do not expect big numbers as it will be a small one.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the payroll for the period ending August 18, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor, appeared before the Board on routine county road business. They reported that the dust control application will be done next week. Leonard stated that there are sewer and gas lines in the area on Kansas Ave. in Baxter Springs where they were considering removing trees. He stated that it would be easier to cut the trees down and apply stump killer instead of pulling the trees out.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins for a 15 minute executive session for the purpose of non-elected personnel with the Board, Leonard Vanatta, and Louis Schreiner for a period of 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:25 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the accounts payable for the period ending August 23, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2017 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.

Raven Elmore, County Treasurer Elect, appeared before the Board. She stated that her plan is to open all new accounts on the first day. She stated that she would like to get with Gene Mense regarding the balance of the accounts. She stated that she has an idea regarding delinquent taxes. The Board stated that they would welcome her ideas and to bring those ideas to them after she takes office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session for the purpose of attorney client privilege for an election matter with the Board, Counselor Wright, and Clerk Edmondson for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:49 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:59 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.

At 10:02 a.m. Chairman Collins stated that the meeting would be adjourned to the District Courtroom upstairs for the Public Hearing for the 2018 County budget.

Gene Mense and Matt Mense of the Mense CPA Firm, LLC appeared before the Board for the Public Hearing for the 2018 Cherokee County budget.

Chairman Collins stated that in regards to a ballot question for Economic Development, it would be expensive and it has to be a separate election. He stated that the Board intends to set up town hall meetings regarding Economic Development in the county and to watch the newspapers for more information.

Chairman Collins opened the 2018 Cherokee County budget hearing at 10:12 a.m.

Citizens voiced concerns with the Health Insurance premiums that are being paid by employees and the amount being spent for employee benefits.

Commissioner Anderson stated that he has worked a plan to increase the employees' portion of the health insurance by 5% per pay period. The increase would be 5% of the total cost of the plan that each employee is on. He stated that the savings would be \$75,000 to \$82,000 per year, or almost half of a mill. He stated that the single plan would increase by \$36.72 per month. The family health and dental plan would increase \$81.68 per month. Gene Mense stated that the plan would create a .503 mill levy reduction in the employee benefit fund. That would set the county mill levy at 52.350.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to increase the employee rate for Health Insurance by 5% per pay period. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to reduce the remainder of one mill from the casino revenue for 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0. Mense stated that the mill levy would be 51.852 as a result of that action with a total budget for expenditures of \$15,214,593.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to take the \$10,000 increase from Economic Development and give it back to the Extension Office. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to adopt the county budget at 51.852 mills for 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Moates voting no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to close the budget hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session for attorney client privilege for the purpose of litigation with the Board, Counselor Wright, and Clerk Edmondson for a period of five minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:06 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.


Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, September 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:13 a.m.

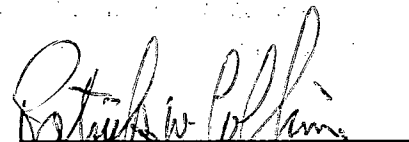
The Board will not meet on Monday, September 4, 2017 due to the observance of the Labor Day holiday.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

<b>FUND BALANCES 8/24/2017</b>					
<b>FUND</b>	<b>FUND #</b>	<b>Balance 2017</b>	<b>August A/P</b>	<b>August P/R</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>County General</b>	<b>100</b>	\$ 1,148,292.22	\$ 52,890.41	\$ 96,459.68	\$ 998,942.13
<b>County Equipment Reserve</b>	<b>102</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TECHNOLOGY FUND</b>	<b>103</b>	\$ 34,055.67	\$ 382.57	\$ -	\$ 33,673.10
<b>Treasurer Technology Fund</b>	<b>104</b>	\$ 3,312.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,312.36
<b>Clerk Technology Fund</b>	<b>106</b>	\$ 11,226.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,226.81
<b>STATE LINE ROAD PROJECT</b>	<b>105</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Jail Salestax</b>	<b>107</b>	\$ 452,645.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 452,645.38
<b>Law Enforcement Center</b>	<b>108</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>RD BRIDGE</b>	<b>110</b>	\$ 1,752,967.35	\$ 54,848.51	\$ 47,413.59	\$ 1,650,705.25
<b>EX COUNCIL</b>	<b>120</b>	\$ 57,305.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,305.66
<b>NOXIOUS WEED</b>	<b>130</b>	\$ 3,501.78	\$ 18.54	\$ 1,110.38	\$ 2,372.86
<b>SEVERE WEATHER EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>135</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>140</b>	\$ 1,212,308.67	\$ 1,221.92	\$ 15,623.37	\$ 1,195,463.38
<b>Clean Up Illegal Dump</b>	<b>142</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TRI CO WIC</b>	<b>145</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>FAIR</b>	<b>150</b>	\$ 6,033.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,033.87
<b>ELECTION</b>	<b>160</b>	\$ 96,996.82	\$ 327.04	\$ 1,727.69	\$ 94,942.09
<b>COMM COLLEGE</b>	<b>170</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>SOIL CONSERV</b>	<b>180</b>	\$ 6,705.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,705.87
<b>SPECIAL BRIDGE</b>	<b>190</b>	\$ 319,366.47	\$ 56,278.51	\$ 852.50	\$ 262,235.46
<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>	<b>200</b>	\$ 33,808.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,808.70
<b>MENTAL RETARD</b>	<b>210</b>	\$ 30,202.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,202.51
<b>FAM LIFE CENTER BOND &amp; INT</b>	<b>216</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>AMBULANCE</b>	<b>220</b>	\$ 211,263.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 211,263.50
<b>CHEROKEE COUNTY 911</b>	<b>224</b>	\$ 229,150.60	\$ 1,964.42	\$ -	\$ 227,186.18
<b>FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT</b>	<b>227</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>APPRAISAL</b>	<b>230</b>	\$ 171,674.73	\$ 990.11	\$ 6,676.62	\$ 164,008.00
<b>COUNTY BLDG</b>	<b>250</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>EMPL. BENE</b>	<b>260</b>	\$ (49,586.75)	\$ 45,715.44	\$ -	\$ (95,302.19)
<b>PAYROLL W/HOLD</b>	<b>265</b>	\$ 82.58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82.58
<b>SPECIAL (TORT) LIABILITY</b>	<b>290</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>ELDERLY</b>	<b>300</b>	\$ 20,417.63	\$ 321.02	\$ -	\$ 20,096.61
<b>DESIGNATED DV &amp; SA PROSEC</b>	<b>301</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>CDBG-Grant Family Life</b>	<b>302</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>08LEPC PLAN/TRAIN GRANT</b>	<b>303</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>SPIDER PROGRAM</b>	<b>304</b>	\$ 2,032.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,032.43

<u>FUND</u>	<u>FUND #</u>	<u>Balance 2016</u>	<u>August A/P</u>	<u>August P/R</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>E/P GRANT</u>	<u>306</u>	\$ -			\$ -
<u>COPS GRANT</u>	<u>307</u>	\$ -			\$ -
<u>JUVENILE BLOCK GRANT</u>	<u>309</u>	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
<u>LANDFILL</u>	<u>310</u>	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
<u>REMODEL GRANT</u>	<u>313</u>	\$ -			\$ -
<u>INVESTIGATOR GRANT</u>	<u>314</u>	\$ -			\$ -
<u>GALENA MINE CLOSURE</u>	<u>317</u>	\$ -			\$ -
<u>EMERG SHELTR GRANT</u>	<u>338</u>	\$ -			\$ -
<u>SEWER DIST #1 BOND &amp; INT</u>	<u>320</u>	\$ 5,542.84			\$ 5,542.84
<u>SEWER DIST #1 OPER &amp; MAINT</u>	<u>330</u>	\$ 80,687.54	\$ 1,553.18	\$ 1,121.64	\$ 78,012.72
<u>SHELTERED WORKSHOP BD &amp; IN</u>	<u>340</u>	\$ -			\$ -
<u>SPECIAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMT</u>	<u>360</u>	\$ 1,264.20			\$ 1,264.20
<u>SPECIAL ROAD MACHINERY</u>	<u>370</u>	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
<u>COUNTY BOND &amp; INTEREST</u>	<u>390</u>	\$ -			\$ -
<u>PROS ATTORN TRAIN</u>	<u>410</u>	\$ 2,883.79			\$ 2,883.79
<u>ELECTRONIC MONITORING</u>	<u>412</u>	\$ 910.00			\$ 910.00
<u>ATTORNEY APPLICATION FEE</u>	<u>413</u>	\$ 6,882.38	\$ 100.00		\$ 6,782.38
<u>DIVERSION SUPERVISION FEE</u>	<u>414</u>	\$ 5.00			\$ 5.00
<u>ADMINISTRATION FEE BAD CKS</u>	<u>415</u>	\$ 88.81			\$ 88.81
<u>SPECIAL PARKS &amp; RECREATION</u>	<u>430</u>	\$ 1,494.16	\$ -		\$ 1,494.16
<u>SPEC ALCOHOL</u>	<u>440</u>	\$ 7,091.92	\$ -		\$ 7,091.92
<u>TOURISM</u>	<u>450</u>	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
<u>VINS</u>	<u>460</u>	\$ 7,940.90	\$ -		\$ 7,940.90
<u>INFORMATION NETWORK OF KS</u>	<u>465</u>	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
<u>BANKRUPTCY FUND</u>	<u>470</u>	\$ 1,865.21			\$ 1,865.21
<u>CONCEALED WEAPON APPS</u>	<u>489</u>	\$ 292.50	\$ -		\$ 292.50
<u>SPECIAL LAW ENFORC TRUST</u>	<u>490</u>	\$ 24,217.60	\$ 533.41		\$ 23,684.19
<u>DRUG TAX STAMP FUND</u>	<u>491</u>	\$ 2,368.25			\$ 2,368.25
<u>CO ATTY SPEC LAW ENFORC</u>	<u>492</u>	\$ 628.56			\$ 628.56
<u>Drug Forfeiture Fund</u>	<u>493</u>	\$ 8,963.06			\$ 8,963.06
<u>Justice Assistance Grant</u>	<u>494</u>	\$ -			\$ -
<u>DRUG FREE GRANT 91-03</u>	<u>495</u>	\$ -			\$ -
<u>Attorney Foreiture Funds</u>	<u>496</u>	\$ 7,674.75			\$ 7,674.75
<u>RURAL WATER #8 GRANT</u>	<u>505</u>	\$ 246.00			\$ 246.00
<u>FLOOD PURCHASE AGREEMENT</u>	<u>513</u>	\$ -			\$ -
<u>FLOOD BUYOUT PROG 1997</u>	<u>517</u>	\$ -			\$ -
<u>SIREN</u>					\$ -
<u>NSP</u>	<u>353</u>	\$ -			\$ -
			\$ 217,145.08	\$ 170,985.47	

<b>BUDGET BALANCES 2017</b>							
<b>COUNTY GENERAL</b>	<b>Beginning Budget</b>	<b>BUDGET AVAIL.</b>		<b>August A/P</b>	<b>August P/R</b>	<b>AFTER Aug ISSUE</b>	<b>%</b>
Commissioners	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 33,192.88		\$ -	\$ 2,926.40	\$ 30,266.48	31.86%
County Clerk	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 52,795.00		\$ -	\$ 4,180.80	\$ 48,614.20	36.28%
County Treasurer	\$ 94,000.00	\$ 24,728.23		\$ 95.50	\$ 8,638.95	\$ 15,993.78	17.01%
County Attorney	\$ 277,970.00	\$ 102,390.57		\$ 716.76	\$ 9,584.69	\$ 92,089.12	33.13%
Register of Deeds	\$ 95,263.00	\$ 39,150.95		\$ -	\$ 3,293.80	\$ 35,857.15	37.64%
County Counselor	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 11,663.55		\$ -	\$ 1,071.36	\$ 10,592.19	35.31%
Sheriff Dept	\$ 1,225,000.00	\$ 331,373.30		\$ 2,189.96	\$ 38,265.40	\$ 290,917.94	23.75%
District Court	\$ 289,300.00	\$ 153,563.32		\$ 1,265.20	\$ 1,274.40	\$ 151,023.72	52.20%
Courthouse	\$ 475,000.00	\$ 260,235.95		\$ 18,772.34	\$ 1,696.18	\$ 239,767.43	50.48%
Emergency Prep	\$ 66,443.00	\$ (24,700.88)		\$ 84.48	\$ 3,634.40	\$ (28,419.76)	-42.77%
Human Resources	\$ 37,751.00	\$ 12,240.39		\$ -	\$ 1,474.40	\$ 10,765.99	28.52%
Recreation	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 8,925.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,925.00	81.14%
Jail	\$ 948,000.00	\$ 333,055.32		\$ 17,963.14	\$ 18,332.00	\$ 296,760.18	31.30%
Computer Prog	\$ 55,000.00	\$ (3,208.77)		\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ (4,008.77)	-7.29%
Jury Cost	\$ 9,693.00	\$ 8,337.78		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,337.78	86.02%
Juvenile Dentention	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 29,381.00		\$ 9,276.00	\$ -	\$ 20,105.00	23.65%
Geneology Society	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	25.00%
Emergency 911	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 23,419.32		\$ -	\$ 2,086.90	\$ 21,332.42	35.55%
Jail JOP Reserve	\$ 617,340.00	\$ 617,340.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 617,340.00	100.00%
Gis Info	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,647.27		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,647.27	68.24%
USD 493	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
ROZ	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	100.00%
Economic Development	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 17,657.73		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,657.73	39.24%
Landfill Transfers	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Appraisal Services	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	100.00%
Election Equipment Lease	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	100.00%
Building Maintenance	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	100.00%
Dept Office Supply	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 28,465.88		\$ 1,727.03	\$ -	\$ 26,738.85	44.56%
<b>Total County General</b>	<b>\$ 4,902,760.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,176,653.79</b>		<b>\$ 52,890.41</b>	<b>\$ 96,459.68</b>	<b>\$ 2,027,303.70</b>	<b>41.35%</b>

	<u>Beginning Budget</u>	<u>BUDGET AVAIL.</u>		<u>August A/P</u>	<u>August P/R</u>	<u>AFTER Aug ISSUE</u>	<u>%</u>
Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -			0.00%
Technology Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 382.57	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Treasurer Technology Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Clerk Technology Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Rd & Bridg	\$ 3,136,694.00	\$ 1,310,024.70		\$ 54,848.51	\$ 47,413.59	\$ 1,207,762.60	38.50%
Ex Counc	\$ 213,397.00	\$ 53,349.25		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,349.25	25.00%
Noxious Weed	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 14,934.91		\$ 18.54	\$ 1,110.38	\$ 13,805.99	34.51%
Health &Wic	\$ 571,466.00	\$ 368,118.74		\$ 1,221.92	\$ 15,623.37	\$ 351,273.45	61.47%
Fair	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	50.00%
Direct Elect	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 109,676.66		\$ 327.04	\$ 1,727.69	\$ 107,621.93	67.26%
Comm College	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Soil Conservation	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 6,250.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,250.00	25.00%
Special Bridge	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 56,278.51	\$ 852.80	\$ -	0.00%
Mental Health	\$ 111,457.00	\$ 27,864.25		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,864.25	25.00%
Mental Retard.	\$ 111,457.00	\$ 27,864.25		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,864.25	25.00%
Ambulance	\$ 607,584.00	\$ 202,528.08		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 202,528.08	33.33%
Cherokee County 911	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,964.42	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Appraiser	\$ 280,067.00	\$ 129,495.32		\$ 990.11	\$ 6,676.62	\$ 121,828.59	43.50%
Payroll	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		0.00%
Employee Bene	\$ 3,242,409.00	\$ 1,190,562.33		\$ 45,715.44	\$ -	\$ 1,144,846.89	35.31%
Elderly	\$ 17,282.00	\$ 10,918.45		\$ 321.02	\$ -	\$ 10,597.43	61.32%
Landfill	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 3,347.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,347.00	25.75%
Sewer Dist #1	\$ 153,034.00	\$ 101,371.98		\$ 1,553.18	\$ 1,121.64	\$ 98,697.16	64.49%
Concealed	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Spider	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Vins	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Attorney Application Fee	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Co Attorney Spec Law Enforc	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Special Park	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Special Alcohol	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Tourism	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Spec Law	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 533.41	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Drug Tax Stamp Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	0.00%
<b>Total</b>		\$ -		\$ 217,145.08	\$ 170,985.77		

