

MINUTES FOR JULY 31, 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, July 31, 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, Kimberly Barker, and Mabelle Smith

Chairman Collins received written notice from KDOC that the request for time extension on the Small Cities CDBG #16-IT-001 for the flood buyout project has been granted. The new completion date is October 31, 2017. It was noted that this will be the County's last time extension.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2017 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor, appeared before the Board on routine county road business. He presented an agreement with KDOT for three applications of magnesium chloride and water for dust control on county roads while the Highway 7 Project is on-going.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the KDOT agreement for dust control on county roads. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard presented an invoice from Schwab Eaton for payment to PCiRoads for final payment on the Galena viaduct bridge project. The payment needs to be held until Carey Spoon with SEKRPC gives the okay to pay.

Leonard stated that the bridge on Black Jack Rd. is nearing completion. The next project is for the completion of the guard rail. He anticipates the project to be finished by the end of August.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel for a period of five minutes with the Board, Leonard Vanatta, and Counselor Wright. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:31 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:36 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.

Players and coaches from the Kansas State Champion Cherokee Community Little League team appeared before the Board. They will represent Kansas in the Midwest Regional tournament in Indianapolis, IN next week. The team is leaving on Friday and are trying to raise at least \$10,000 in funding for the trip. Commissioner Collins stated that they would have a donation for them on Wednesday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the payroll for the period ending July 21, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the accounts payable for the period ending July 27, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Gene Mense and Matt Mense of the Mense CPA Firm, LLC appeared before the Board for the second budget workshop for preparation of the 2018 Cherokee County Budget. They presented the second draft that included the updates from the first workshop. Gene stated that after getting information on the county employees classified as emergency personnel, he determined the percentage of employee benefits attributed to those personnel. The tax lid limit would be \$9,096,254 in taxes levied. The current budget proposal has \$8,877,329 in taxes levied which is \$218,925 under the lid. The proposed budget is a 6.621 mill levy increase from 2017 with a rate of 53.919.

The Board approved the draft for publication and the setting of a public hearing for consideration of the 2018 budget. The public hearing will be set for August 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. for public comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to take a 10 minute recess. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:33 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:43 a.m.

Athena McColm and Margaret McColm appeared before the Board to provide an update on the construction of the Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the Courthouse. They have placed posters around the county and also had a booth at the county fair last week. They have received contacts from out of state residents regarding purchasing pavers. They have received an offer from Lorie Johnson to provide the needed ground work and an offer from Rocky Mosler to build the retaining wall and provide the needed materials. They just need someone to do the concrete and labor to set the pavers. There will be space for 900 to 1,000 pavers. There has been several citizens that have voiced their concern over having the monument up on higher ground near the Courthouse. The design being presented today addresses those concerns and places the monument back on level ground on the northeast corner of the lawn. They are seeking approval from the Board to begin the dirt work and to remove the dead tree. The Board gave the approval to begin the groundwork and tree removal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session for attorney client privilege regarding county property for a period of 10 minutes with the Board, Counselor Wright, and Clerk Edmondson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:05 a.m.


The meeting reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.

Clerk Edmondson provided an update on the City of Columbus primary election for Mayor to be held tomorrow, August 1st. Canvassing of the election will be held next Monday at 9:00 a.m.

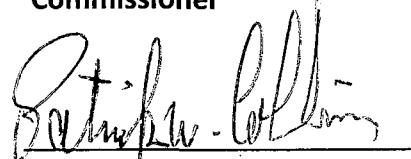
Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, August 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:25 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 7th day of August, 2017


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

VETERANS MEMORIAL



IN HONOR OF ALL VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED AND
CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY DURING TIMES
OF PEACE AND WAR AND IN LOVING MEMORY TO
THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THAT SERVICE



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

GOD ★ DUTY ★ HONOR ★ COUNTRY

South

Retaining Wall 2'

7' Side walk

48" BENCH 14"

VETERANS MEMORIAL
7' 6'

PAVERS

48" BENCH 14"

CONCRETE

Side walk 7'

RETAINING WALL

West

EXISTING SIDEWALK

Edge 1'

Edge 1'

East

45'6"

1'-0"

Existing Side Walk

7'-0"

8'-9"

24" x 24"

45'-6"

North

