

Minutes for special Sales Tax Planning Meeting August 20,2020
Cherokee County Commissioners
Cherokee County Kansas

Chairperson Frazier called the Special session of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. Thursday August 20,2020 in room #34 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas.

Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Corey Moates, County Council Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Kyle Rennie were present.

Cherokee County residents present; Carol Rae Qualls of Galena, Doug Mogle, Grant and Tony Spieth, Tom Pryor, Lorie Johnson, and Larry Hiatt all of Columbus.

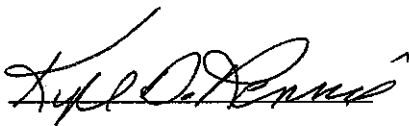
Commissioner Anderson opened explaining the sales tax in question is not a new tax, it is simply a continuation of the 1\2 cent sales tax the residents of Cherokee County voted to fund the new Cherokee County Law Enforcement Center. Anderson went on to explain the 1\2 tax is due to expire December 31,2020. Also, the first and foremost reason to retain the 1\2 cent sales tax is to fund the Ambulance districts in the County, and to fund maintenance of County owned buildings and property. It is suspected the Galena Hospitals will declare themselves a non-profit even though that has not happened up till the current time. Larry Hiatt added the Galena Hospitals could declare a non-profit status through 2021. Larry went on to say if that happened the county would have to reimburse the property tax they would have paid and if we did not have the continuation of the 1\2 cent in place, that could be very difficult to come up with.

Tom Pryor asked about wording that would appear on the ballot and the expiration date of the continuation. Commissioner Frazier had copies for those in attendance, and said it is due to expire December 31, 2032.

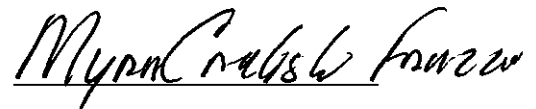
Those in attendance agreed that they would like to see a committee formed for the purpose of educating the public about the ballot issue. Such a committee would have to file as a political committee to be able to spend money that would be needed for printing information flyers. Commissioner Anderson volunteered to ask Judy Adams, Riverton, to help form that committee.

Commissioner Anderson moved to adjourn until the next regular session August 24, 2020. Commissioner Moates 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this August 24, 2020



County Clerk



Commissioner



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Commissioner