

Chair of the Commission Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee county Commissioners to order Monday January 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in room #134 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 west Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Anderson opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Corey Moates, Lorie Johnson District 2 Commissioner elect, County Council Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Kyle Rennie all in attendance. Owner and reporter of the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt also present.

Commissioner Anderson moved to accept and approve the January 4, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Moates 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve accounts payable as amended. Commissioner Anderson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to lower the District Court Budget from \$291,600 to \$291,200. Commissioner Moates 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook updated the board on county road business, projects, upcoming plans. Cody requested a rate of pay increase for Bryan Williams from \$15/hr. to \$17/hr. and to promote Bryan to Road Boss.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve rate of pay increase for Bryan Williams to \$17/hr. Commissioner Moates 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Grant Spieth and spouse, Toni, addressed the board speaking about the County Mask Mandate offering numbers on positive cases in the Nation and the rise of COVID-19 deaths. They also ask the board to maintain the County wide mandate.

Stacey Manbeck addressed the board for a routine signature of contracts.

Commissioner Frazier moved to renew the Spring River Mental health and Wellness contract in the amount of \$ 121,457.00. Commissioner Anderson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adopt resolution 01-2021 Waiver of GAAP. Commissioner Moates 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier recognized Commissioner Anderson for his four years of service to Cherokee County as District 2 Commissioner with a Plaque and a round of applause.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn for the Swearing in of the newly elected County Officials.

The swearing ceremony was held in the lobby on floor 1 of the Cherokee County Courthouse. County Clerk Kyle Rennie (sworn in previous) swore in individually District 2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District 3 Commissioner Corey Moates, Sheriff David Groves, and Register of Deeds Barbara Bilke. Also sworn in previously, District Magistrate Judge Samuel J. Marsh. County Attorney Nathen Coleman recently elected by convention of the Cherokee County Republican Party for appointment by Governor Laura Kelly will be sworn in when the appointment is official. County Treasurer Raven Elmore will be sworn in later. Swearing in ceremony concluded.

Commissioner Frazier reopened the January 11, 2021 Commissioner Meeting.

Commissioner Frazier nominated Commissioner Moates to be the 2021 Commission Chairman. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the nomination, nomination passed in a 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier nominated Commissioner Johnson to be the 2021 Commission Vice Chairwoman. Commissioner Moates 2nd the nomination, nomination passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the 2021 American Bank signees. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

District 13 Senator Richard Hilderbrand spoke via phone with the Commission with an update on SB 21.

Economic Director Janet Miller addressed THE BOARD asking THE BOARD to award two Cherokee County Businesses with CBDG Grant funds.

Commissioner Frazier moved to award CDBG funds to Kiss Tech LLC. and Handy Mans. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to award \$10, 697.92 of CDBG Grant Funds in the amount of \$5000 each to Kiss Tech LLC. And Handy Mans of Cherokee County and remainder to go to Cherokee County Food Banks.

Health Department Director Betha Elliot updated THE BOARD on Covid-19 vaccinations, Betha stated Cherokee, Labette, and Montgomery County vaccinations were delivered to the Crawford County Health Department then redistributed. Also, hospital staff county wide is coordinating with Mercy and Freeman hospitals to distribute vaccines. Betha also conveyed, to receive a vaccination a consent form must be filled out and signed. Betha explained the Moderna vaccine comes in a 10-dose vial and must be used in 6 hours after thawed. 180 doses have been distributed county wide to health care providers. Betha went on to say she is notified a week in advance of up coming shipments of vaccinations. Betha also shared her volunteer list is in good supply.

THE BOARD agreed to meet in room 109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse in regular session on January 25, 2020.

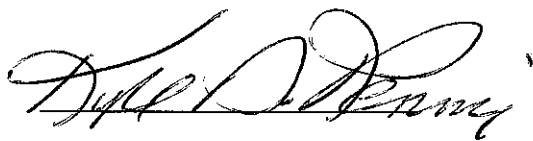
Discussion turned to the County Mask Mandate, both in support of and in support of removing the mask mandate.

Commissioner Johnson moved to opt out of mask mandate. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Frazier opposed.

Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn until the next regular session January 25,2021. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:40.

These Minutes Authored in Draft by County Clerk Kyle Rennie and Proofed by Clerk Jacque Delmont.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this January 25, 2021



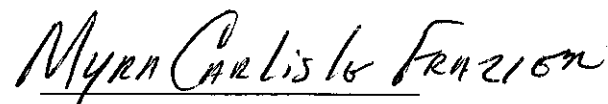
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