

Minutes for August 17, 2020
Cherokee County Commissioners
Cherokee County Kansas

Chairperson Frazier called the regular session meeting of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday August 17, 2020 in room #34 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates. County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk, Kyle Rennie were present. Larry Hiatt member of the press also present.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve the August 10, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Discussion was held on Track hoe accident. The incident happened August 12, 2020. Location was located from junction 7 & 69 highways, 7 miles west on 160, then 1 mile north on 70th, ¾ mile west on Bethlehem Road on the North side in Cherry Creek.

Commissioner Frazier moved to give \$200 (for new boots) to all who were in the water working at Cherry Creek trying to secure the track hoe. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 9:09 a.m. with non-elect personnel County Counselor Barbara Wright and R&B Supervisor Leonard Vanatta for discipline and to reconvene at 9:28 a.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:28 a.m. No action taken.

On August 17^h 2020 at 9:30 a.m. The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners became The Cherokee County Canvass Board. Cherokee County Clerk, Kyle Rennie and Deputy Clerk, Paula Cheney reported to the Canvass Board for official canvass of the August 3, 2020 primary election, there were 100 provisional ballots, 48 for recommendation to be counted and 52 not to be counted.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept the Election Officials recommendation to count the 48 provisional ballots and reject 52. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

All in attendance moved to County Election Officials Office to witness the counting of the 48 provisional votes and, to witness The Cherokee County Canvass Board sign the official Canvass Document making the August 3, 2020 Primary Election official.

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners reconvened in # room34.

Jason Allison Emergency Preparedness Director recommended to THE BOARD to not renew the 6930 SE Vark RD lease.

Commissioner Frazier moved to not renew the 6930 Vark RD lease. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Economic Development Director Janet Miller addressed the THE BOARD asking for signatures for distribution of CDBG Grant funds in the amount of \$10,000 to go to the Los Lunas Mexican Restaurant of Columbus Kansas. Chairwoman Frazier signed the CDBG distribution grant document.

Following Fema Properties up for renewal of lease:

Commissioner Frazier moved to renew lease of lots 7 and 8 of Scott's Second Sub-Division in Cherokee County, Kansas. With John Barnes. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson moved to renew lease of a tract of land in Section 29, Township 34, Range 25 in Cherokee County, Kansas. With Bill Sowerby. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0

Commissioner Moates moved to renew lease of lots 23 and 24 in Amended Scott's 3rd Subdivision Cherokee County, Kansas. With Bill Sowerby. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to renew lease of The East half of lot 31 of Scott's 3rd Subdivision in Cherokee County, Kansas, with Neil Qualls and Jim Adams. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson moved to renew lease of lot 34 and South 35 feet of lot 35 Osborn's addition to the town of Riverton, Cherokee County, Kansas. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commission Frazier moved to renew lease of The South 1\2 of the South 1\2 of the Northeast Quarter of section 14, Township 34 South Range 24 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Cherokee County, Kansas with Mark French. Commissioner Anderson 2nd the Motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to renew lease of lot 2,3,4, and 5 in Scott's Subdivision, Cherokee county, Kansas. to Glen A. Helms. And Lynda J. Helms. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed +3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to renew lease of lot 1 Scott's Subdivision in Cherokee County, Kansas. To Glenn Helms. Commissioner Moates moved to 2nd the motion; motion passed 3-0.

Commission Anderson moved to renew lease of Lot 28 Scott's Second Subdivision, in Cherokee County, Kansas. To Ray and Tracy Albright. Commissioner Moates 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to renew lease of a Portion of Government Lot 1 being a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 34, Range 21, East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Cherokee County, Kansas. To Jerry Crain and Joe Mooney. Commissioner Anderson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson moved to renew lease of Lot 13 in Scott's fourth Subdivision in Cherokee County, Kansas. To Miriam Barton. Commissioner Moates 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Jason Rincker and Gregg DePratt with Stronghold Data reported the Security training the previous week was a success. They also reported the Courthouse Server needs to be replaced and could fail at any time.

Commissioner Moates moved to enter into contract with Stronghold Data to replace the server for \$600 a month, with an installation fee of \$1200.00. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Ronnie and Wade Rippel both voiced their concerns about the Track hoe accident at Cherry Creek.

Commissioner Moates moved to terminate Leonard Vanatta from Cherokee County employment. Motion died from lack of second.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 11:11 a.m. with non-elect personnel County Counselor Barbara Wright, for discipline. And to reconvene at 11:30 a.m. Commission Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Frazier moved to break for 10 minutes. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Dale Helwig and Christina Holms Administrators of the SPARK Funds reported checks would be going out soon for approved applications.

Commissioner Frazier moved to give authority to Betha Elliot to hire staff as needed and for which she has grant money. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to break for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion was held on the sewer budget.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 1:10 a.m. with non-elect personnel County Counselor Barbara Wright and Louis Schriener for discipline and to reconvene at 1:35 a.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. No action taken.

Commissioner Frazier moved to take a 5-minute break at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

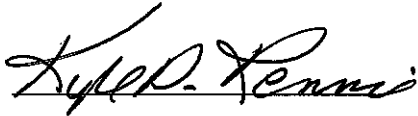
Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 1:45 with non-elect personnel County Counselor Barbara Wright and Leonard Vanatta for discipline and to reconvene at 2:15 a.m. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 2:15 a.m. No action taken.

County Counselor, Barbara Wright presented a letter of resignation effective December 31, 2020 from Leonard Vanatta, Road and Bridge Supervisor for Cherokee County.

Commissioner Anderson moved to accept Leonard Vanatta's letter of resignation. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Moates opposed.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until the special Sales Tax Meeting August 20, 2020. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this August 24, 2020



County Clerk



Commissioner



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Commissioner

