

MINUTES FOR APRIL 5, 2010
COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

The Cherokee County Commissioners met April 5, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hilderbrand and those present were Commissioners Collins and Garner. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. County Clerk Crystal Gatewood submitted the minutes for March 29, 2010, Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the minutes, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all voted in favor.

COMMISSIONERS COLLINS AND GARNER SIGNED OFF ON AND APPROVED THE FOLLOWING:

VOUCHER #5091 - \$5,690.00 - PRO CT - COMPUTER EQUIPMENT - H1N1 GRANT FUND - CHEROKEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

VOUCHER #5007 - \$1,045 - COMPUTER EQUIPMENT - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

COMMISSIONER HILDERBRAND MADE A MOTION TO SUBMIT A LETTER WRITTEN BY LEONARD VANATTA, SUPERVISOR OF ROAD & BRIDGE, REGARDING THE PROJECT ON COAL VALLEY RD. BETWEEN 30TH AND 40TH STREETS IN CHEROKEE COUNTY, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION SURFACE MINING SECTION IN FRONTENAC, KANSAS. HIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARNER, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR AND SIGNED OFF.

COMMISSIONERS GARNER, HILDERBRAND, COLLINS, AND CHEROKEE COUNTY CLERK GATEWOOD SIGNED OFF ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS AWARDED THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE OLD HWY 96 PROJECT TO APAC-MISSOURI, INC.

COMMISSIONER HILDERBRAND SIGNED OFF ON THE 11TH JUDICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, NOTHING HAD CHANGED AND MACK YOUNG OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT SAID THE GOALS STILL REMAINED THE SAME AS THE YEAR BEFORE.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Clinton Hurt of the 11th Judicial District came before the commission to give an update on the closures across the state for District Court Services. Cherokee County and other surrounding counties will have the following schedules:

The District Court Offices will be closed April 9, 2010
 April 16, 2010
 April 23, 2010
 May 7, 2010

The offices will also be closed to the public- 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM following the Friday closers so the office staff has the ability to process paperwork without interruption.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel for ten minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, and Deana Randall, Human Resource Clerk, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. They went in at 9:20 AM and returned at 9:24 AM.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege for twenty minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Collins, and County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all voted in favor. They went in at 10:26 AM and returned at 10:46 AM.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege for twenty minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Collins, and County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all voted in favor. They went in at 10:46 AM and returned at 11:02 AM.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Jason Allison of Emergency Preparedness reported FEMA was here on Thursday, April 1, 2010 to discuss the disaster declaration for #1849 and what to expect with their help. He gave an update on the Reverse 911 System, Route 66 Marathon, NRP Project, and the new rules on snow removal.

County Attorney John Bullard reported his office was busy.

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Betha Elliott of the Cherokee County Health Department reported the clinic still has vaccine for the H1N1 available. She also reported that on May 4, 2010 she would be attending a training of municipal infrastructure in Missouri. The Health Department has also been very busy.

Wayne Elliott of 911 Mapping reported he had been selling various types of maps of the county and also discussed adding new addresses in the county.

Sheriff David Groves reported that his office would be doing a mock accident at the Baxter High School in Baxter Springs, Kansas for the students this month. He also gave a monthly report on crime in the county and the ATM for the inmates is up and running.

Ralph Houser, Maintenance Director of the Courthouse reported he is working on proposals for a new elevator and windows for the courthouse.

Cherokee County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson reported her office sent out 9,184-second half tax notices, the tax payments are due May 10, 2010. She also reported a total of \$261,000.00 is in the Delinquent Tax Account as of January 1, 2010. Vehicle has been very busy. Ms. Hodgson also asked the commission about the tax sale date and Commissioner Collins reported County Counselor Kevin Cure is to come in April 12, 2010 and would set the date.

Cherokee County Register of Deeds Christy Grant reported her office has been very busy doing passports for citizens. She also reported she had been very busy doing deeds and she was short handed in her office right now.

Supervisor Leonard Vanatta of Road & Bridge and Gene Langerot reported they were busy working on roads in the county and general maintenance. The meeting with FEMA on April 1, 2010 went well and the county should be receiving a check for \$24,000.00 for storm #1849, and the FEMA Officials assured them everything is in the works. A GPS System was discussed for the County Lot but no decisions were made.

Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood reported her office was working on the city elections to be held in Columbus, West Mineral, and Baxter Springs on April 6, 2010. She reminded the Department Heads and Elected Officials to have their budget proposals for 2011 in by June 7, 2010. She reported her office had received additional budget training on all budget areas and the new regulations and statutes for Kansas.

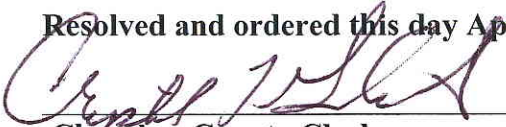
The commission requested everyone to watch their spending because Sales Tax is down 16%.

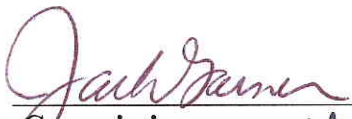
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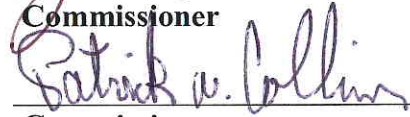
ADJOURNMENT


Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held April 12, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas and will adjourn at 12:00 PM.

Resolved and ordered this day April 12, 2010


Cherokee County Clerk


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April 1, 2010

Bureau of Environmental Remediation
Surface Mining Section
4033 Parkview Dr.
Frontenac, KS 66763

Dear Mr. Balk,

This letter is in reference to the project on Coal Valley Rd. between 30th and 40th in Cherokee County. The county has been receiving several complaints concerning the condition of this road. Area farmers and residents use this road when traveling in large farm equipment to avoid using the main highway. Due to the deteriorating condition of the road travel has become unsafe. Your urgent attention to the reconstruction project for this mile section would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Leonard Vanatta
Road Supervisor



Patrick Collins Jack Garner Richard Hilderbrand
Cherokee County Commissioners
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