

Minutes for November 23, 2020
Cherokee County Commission
Cherokee County Kansas

Chairperson Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday November 23, 2020 in room #34 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner County Clerk Kyle Rennie opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates, County Counselor Barbara Wright, County Clerk, Kyle Rennie were present. Member of the Press, Larry Hiatt present. District 2 Commissioner Elect Lorie Johnson present. Many Cherokee County residents were present to voice their opinions on Governor Kelley's executive order 2068.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve the November 16, 2020 minutes Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 2-0 Commissioner Anderson abstained from the vote as he was absent from the November 16, 2020 meeting.

Road & Bridge Assistant Supervisor, Cody Zook reported on several county road projects. He also reported many of the FEMA jobs were nearing completion and that one county lot employee had suffered an injury to his knee.

The Rural Water District #3 Board addressed THE COMMISSION asking if it would be possible to complete the insurance claim on the water line under Cherry Creek in the NW part of the county that sustained damage in the track hoe accident in September.

Commissioner Frazier moved to reimburse Rural Water District #3 \$14,875.10 in damages sustained in the September 2020 Track hoe accident. To be paid out of the Highway Department. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adopt Resolution 27-2020. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Resolution 27-2020 is a resolution defining more clearly Cherokee County policy regarding non-elected salaried employees reporting sick and vacation leave.

Commissioner Moates moved to break until 10:00 a.m. and reconvene in the District Courtroom on the 2nd floor. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

After some discussion about moving the meeting to the lobby on the First floor, Commissioner Moates moved to relocate the meeting to the lobby on the first floor. Motion failed, due to lack of a 2nd.

Many concerned citizens of Cherokee County were present to voice their opinions on the Governors recent Executive Order 2068 requiring face mask. All spoke with conviction both for and against mask wearing. All three Commissioners also spoke about their views about wearing or not wearing face masks.

Commissioner Moates moved that Cherokee County opt out of Executive Order 2068 requiring face masks. The motion died, due to the lack of a 2nd. Due to lack of passing the Governor's mandate goes in effect November 25, 2020.

Informal break while the meeting was moved back to room #34

Discussion was held on Riverton Sewer District rates.

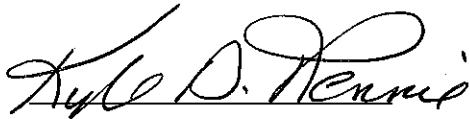
Commissioner Frazier moved to set a date for a public hearing for the sewer district rates to be determined by whatever date Commissioner Anderson can secure a meeting facility in Riverton. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Anderson volunteered to set the date for the hearing and report back to THE COMMISSION.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 12:08 p.m. with Sheriff Groves, County counselor, Barbara Wright, and District #2 Commissioner elect Lorie Johnson for chain of command and to return at 12:12 p.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 12:12 p.m.

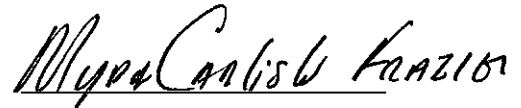
Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until the next regular session November 30, 2020. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this November 30, 2020



County Clerk



Commissioner



Commissioner



Commissioner