
Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2021

Chairman Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission to order Monday, March 8, 2021, in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Corey Moates opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

District #1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District #2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District #3 Commissioner Corey Moates, County Clerk Kyle Rennie, all in attendance. Proprietor and Reporter of the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt also attending.

Commissioner Corey Moates moved to accept and approve the March 1, 2021, Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve the March 5, 2021, Special meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve payroll ending February 26, 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Kansas #13 District Senator Richard Hilderbrand addressed THE BOARD with an update on the amended SB 21. Richard explained the amended SB 21 passed the House and now is going back to the Senate for further consideration.

Ashley Harman staff in the Appraisers office reported the Full-Service Body Shop of Columbus, Kansas, will be at the Courthouse this week to write estimates on vehicles that were caught in a chemical mist from the MCR construction Co. while washing the exterior of the courthouse on February 4, 2021.

Solid Waste Director Jim Burton updated THE BOARD with information about obtaining bids of roll-offs from the cities.

Road and Bridge supervisor Cody Zook reported he has both crews working on SE Quaker rd. Cody also reported on other county rd. and county lot business.

Reports of Department heads: Deana Randall and Rebecca Brassart reported on department business. County Treasurer Raven Elmore reported and advised THE BOARD on transferring CDs to other county depositories.

Commissioner Moates moved to transfer \$190,000 from Baxter State Bank to the Labette bank at an interest of .45 for 1 year. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

911 Mapping Department Head Rebecca Brassart advised THE BOARD on Summit Postage Co. Rebecca and County Treasurer Raven Elmore have been working with Summit to lower postage cost for Cherokee County.

Commissioner Moates moved to contract with Summit for Cherokee County postage, with Summit agreeing to buy out the remaining Pitney Bowes contract in the amount of \$1573.18. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Jess Pfannenstiel representing K-WORC, presented THE COMMISSION with an Exceptional Loss Ratio Award for 2020, a first-place rating for Cherokee County.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 11:10 with elected County Council Nathan Coleman and appointed County Appraiser Mark Hixon for Policy and to reconvene at 11:30. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. The meeting reconvened at 11:30. No action was taken.

Commissioner Moates moved to grant CDBG-CV funds to RJ's Retail Liquor, LLC and Shortcreek Hardware, LLC in the amount of \$3,425 each. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

THE COMMISSION agreed to request from the state \$ 7,868.42 for food pantries.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until the next regular session on March 15, 2021, Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

These minutes were drafted by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this March 15, 2021



County Clerk



Commissioner



Commissioner



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