

**MINUTES FOR JUNE 27, 2011**  
**COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**  
**CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD**

The Cherokee County Commissioners met June 27, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Garner, and those present were Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. County Clerk Crystal Gatewood submitted the minutes for June 20, 2011, Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to accept the minutes; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted by Clerk Gatewood for the Special Meeting held June 23, 2011; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand, and Garner voting in favor. Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand and Garner, and Clerk Gatewood signed off on both approved minutes.

Clerk Gatewood submitted the Annual Township Reports for review by the commission. All Annual Reports were due by January 31, 2011, but Salamanca and Lola have not submitted theirs. Clerk Gatewood has been waiting for them, and has had numerous contacts with the ones not yet submitted, but she wanted to get the official reports submitted to the commission.

**COMMISSIONERS COLLINS, HILDERBRAND, AND GARNER SIGNED OFF ON AND APPROVED THE FOLLOWING - AND OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS**

Voucher #5103 - \$1,144.00 to Pro Ct - submitted by Betha Elliott of The Cherokee County Health Department

Voucher #6861 - \$2,330.00 to Pro Ct - submitted by Wayne Elliott of 911 Mapping  
Voucher #2955 - \$855.00 to Pro Ct - submitted by Wayne Elliott of 911 Mapping

Carl Hayes of the Health Department brought in the Local Environmental Protection Program Annual Report for the commission. The commission asked Carl to keep abreast of KDHE news on C & D landfills and let them know what is happening.

Register of Deeds, Christy Grant, came before the commission to find out if the commission was planning to keep the line item Employee Compensation in the General Fund so departments can use the funds to purchase items for their offices. The commission said they were still planning to keep it in for the 2012 County Budget and use it the same way.

Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood and Deputy Paula Cheney gave a quick overview of the new state law and federal law regarding voters in Kansas. Starting on January 1, 2012, all voters will be required to show a photo ID on Election Day at the polling places, as well as requiring photo ID's when registering to vote. Starting January 1, 2013, all citizens must have ID documentation and U.S. Citizenship verification to register to vote in Kansas. Commissioner Garner made the motion to designate the Cherokee County Clerk's Office to assist individuals in requesting birth certificates from the Office of Vital Statistics and will be the storage area for all documentation; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand, and Garner voting in favor. For more information contact the Cherokee County Clerk, Crystal Gatewood at 620.429.2042.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into **Executive Session for ten minutes for Non-Elected Personnel** with himself and Commissioners Garner and Collins; Commissioner Collins seconded the motion with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. **They went in at 10:27 AM and returned at 10:35 AM.**

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session for ten minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege** with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, and County Counselor Kevin Cure; Commissioner Hilderbrand seconded the motion with Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand, and Garner voting in favor. **They went in at 11:45 AM and returned at 11:55 AM.**

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session for ten minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege** with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, County Counselor Kevin Cure, and Teresa Watson via telephone; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, and Garner voting in favor. **They went in at 12:03 PM and returned at 12:07 PM.**

## BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

Leonard Vanatta and Gene Langerot of Road & Bridge came before the commission and discussed general county maintenance. The commissioners and Kevin Cure signed off on all documentation for the mowers recently purchased from John Deere.

Randy Monson and Chris Brown came before the commission to discuss cattle owned by an individual who leases the pasture area from Jim Hale. The cattle have been a nuisance, getting out of their fencing and the loose cows are eating corn in the cornfield as well as in area gardens. The commission suggested that they get the Cherokee County Attorney and County Counselor involved. Jim Hale and son Travis Hale were present at the meeting. The cost for three mowers was \$279,545.00 for the county, and an early check was issued for the 1<sup>st</sup> payment of \$65,282.98.

## CITIZENS COMING FORWARD - NOT ON THE AGENDA

A group of area citizens from the county came before the commission to discuss the problem with the loaded trucks coming from Joplin, MO, bringing in construction debris from the May 22, 2011 tornado that hit Joplin, MO. The trucks are using county roads and traveling at higher speeds than allowed, some are not covered, and debris is flying out on the roadways and their properties. The citizens are concerned with the safety factors as well as health concerns of citizens in the county.

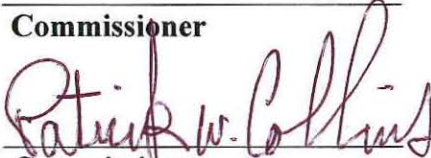
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn at 12:12 PM; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor. The next regular Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held July 11, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas. The Cherokee County Commission will not meet July 4, 2011 to observe the 4<sup>th</sup> of July legal holiday,

**Resolved and ordered this day, July 11, 2011**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

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