

MINUTES FOR MAY 21, 2012**COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY****OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK****CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD**

The Cherokee County Commissioners met May 21, 2012. Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the minutes for May 14, 2012 as presented by Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, and Garner voting in favor. Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins and Garner, and County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the minutes. County Clerk Gatewood and County Treasurer Hodgson gave the approval that funds were available to pay May 2012 Payroll and Accounts Payables for the county, and it is duly noted Treasurer Hodgson turned in her monthly report to the commission and the Clerk agreed with the numbers she submitted. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve and pay May 2012 Accounts Payables and May 2012 Payroll; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins voting in favor. Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand and Collins, and Clerk Gatewood signed off on the documentation. The commission signed off on grant papers submitted by the County Health Department. Commissioners Collins and Garner signed off on a part time employee for the County Attorney's Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**County Sheriff David Groves requested an Executive Session for Courthouse Security.**

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into **Executive Session for Courthouse Security** for ten minutes with himself, Commissioners Collins and Garner, and Sheriff Groves; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins voting in favor. They went in at 10:50 AM and returned at 11:01 AM.

The County Counselor requested an Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege for Pending Litigation. Commissioner Collins made the motion to go into **Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege regarding Pending Litigation** for ten minutes with himself, Commissioners Collins and Garner, and the County Counselor; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. They went in at 11:20 AM and returned at 11:32 AM.

MOTIONS MADE BY COMMISSION

Commissioner Garner made the motion to pass and approve Resolution No.06-2012 as presented by the County Counselor in regards to the following: **PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOUNDMENT OF ANIMALS PROHIBITED FROM BEING IN CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF COSTS RELATED THERETO; AND, PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SUCH ANIMALS...**; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins voting in favor. Signing off on the resolution were Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand and Collins, and Clerk Gatewood. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes.

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Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to recess for lunch; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins voting in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Leonard Vanatta of Road and Bridge came before the commission and gave his weekly road and bridge report. The commission, Leonard Vanatta, and Clerk Gatewood signed off on a Contract for Engineering Services by Consultant Schwab-Eaton from Manhattan, KS for the construction of roadway approaches and bridge replacement 0.8 miles East and 0.5 miles South of Columbus on Brush Creek and also for the project located 7.5 miles East and 1.0 miles North of Weir on Taylor Branch Creek; this is for construction of roadway approaches, bridge replacement and other services.

The commission opened the bids for asphalt, oil, diesel fuel, gasoline, and tires at 9:15 AM. Those submitting bids were: Tri-State Asphalt from Quapaw, OK; Swift Construction Company Inc. from Neosho, MO (Asphalt); Teeter's Paving from Quapaw, OK (Asphalt); Jim Wood's Marketing Inc. from Baxter Springs, KS (Diesel Fuel and Gas); Frost Oil Company from Van Buren, AR (Oil); and Nebraskaland-Kansasland Tire Group from Pittsburg, KS (Tires). The commission reviewed the bids with Leonard Vanatta and Gene Langerot of the County Lot. Commissioner Collins made a motion to allow Leonard Vanatta and Gene Langerot to take under advisement the bids submitted and then come back to the commission with their recommendations; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor.

The commission moved the meeting to the courthouse break room regarding the proposed Employee Handbook. There was a discussion for changes and questions from Department Heads within the county over the proposed Employee Handbook, prepared by the County Counselor, as directed by the commission. Many suggestions were given, as well as questions involving the legal issues of the wording, as well as the interpretation of Kansas Statutes. No action was taken regarding the proposed handbook.

Brian Hillier of Meritain came before the commission and gave an update on health coverage for county employees and their families, and he also explained that Meritain was bought out by Aetna. Those in attendance asked questions regarding current coverage as well as changes in the health care coverage for 2013. The commission thanked Mr. Hiller for coming in.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Garner, and Collins voting in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held June 4, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas. The courthouse will be closed for the observation of Memorial Day on May 28, 2012, so the commission will not be meeting.

Resolved and ordered this day, June 4, 2012



Cherokee County Clerk

Commissioner



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