

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2019
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

Chairman Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 25, 2019 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Thomas Niegisch opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Neal Anderson, Myra Carlisle Frazier, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2019 BOCC meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

Jim Burton representing the Solid Waste Committee appeared before the Board regarding the upcoming e-waste recycling day. He stated that April 20th has been chosen and it would probably be at the American Legion Fairgrounds again this year. He stated that the price has increased \$500 this year. He stated that the budget should be okay with the increase. He reported that they have collected 243,310 pounds of e-waste since the program started 11 or 12 years ago.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an attorney/client executive session for potential litigation purposes with the Board, Counselor Wright, Clerk Edmondson, and County Appraiser Mark Hixon. The meeting will reconvene at 9:20 a.m. in the commission room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:10 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

Commissioner Moates reported that Hallowell Manufacturing is due a personal property tax refund of \$42,019.27 for the tax years of 2017 and 2018.

Jerry Messer appeared before the Board regarding the Stippville schoolhouse property that was demolished during the K-7 Highway project. He stated that they are looking at the possibility of building a new storm shelter on that site. He asked the county to consider helping with leveling the ground and possibly providing clay and rock if it was needed. The Board stated that they would consider helping.

Renee Charles, representing the Historic Route 66 Association, appeared before the Board. She stated there are grants available to repaint Rainbow Bridge. They are needing a copy of the grant that was done the last time the bridge was painted. Clerk Edmondson will try to locate the grant.

Commissioner Moates thanked the volunteers that helped clean up the courthouse after the water line break over the weekend that flooded the ground floor and part of the first floor offices.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson for an attorney/client executive session for contract purposes with the Board, Counselor Wright, Clerk Edmondson, and Sheriff David Groves.

The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 9:38 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:33 a.m.

Sheriff David Groves presented a contract for medical services from Advanced Correctional Health Care for the Board to review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to sign the agreement with Advanced Correctional Health Care to provide inmate medical care. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Groves also presented a contract with the City of Galena to provide around the clock dispatch services for the City of Galena for the Board to review. The contract is for \$3,750 per month for all dispatch operations. Galena is currently paying \$2,250 for night and weekend dispatch services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to accept the contract with the City of Galena as presented by Sheriff Groves. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the payroll for the period ending February 15, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the accounts payable for the period ending February 21, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county road business.

The Board reviewed the KWORC inspection report for the Courthouse and the County Lot. Steps are being taken already to correct the deficiencies listed in the report.

Commissioner Moates asked Leonard to check on the culverts at SE 60th St. & Lostine Rd as they appear to be collapsing. Commissioner Frazier asked Leonard to check on cutting a ditch to drain the water at the entrance to the Oak Hill Cemetery. Leonard stated that he has been unable to locate a written agreement with Ottawa County, Oklahoma regarding one of the bridges on the state line. A new agreement may be needed to insure that inspections are done timely.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel with the Board, Counselor Wright, Clerk Edmondson, Leonard Vanatta, and Louis Schreiner. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 10:35 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:10 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.

Robert Myers appeared before the Board to provide an update on his pending tax sale. He stated that nearly \$400,000 in back taxes have been collected from properties on his list. He presented a check from the District Court for collected fees in the amount of \$44,100 from the \$300 redemption fee that was assessed to each property on the sale list. He anticipates having the tax foreclosure sale in May. It's possible that two dates will be needed due to the large number of properties to be sold.

Counselor Wright presented the condemnation of a property located at 10576 NE 30th St. in Weir for review. She stated that Dennis Pope had told the Board that he had contracts with different people to clean up the property. Art Mallory provided pictures and stated that nothing has been done to the property since the last hearing.

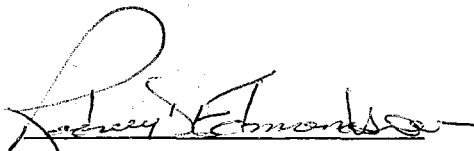
Counselor Wright stated that she is currently working on a problem with a deed for property sold in the 2014 Sheriff's sale. She stated that there is an error in the legal description and that she is doing research and working to resolve the issue.

Jason Allison introduced Jess Pfannenstiel, the KCAMP adjuster, to the Board. He is here to assess the damage to the courthouse from the broken water line over the weekend.


Thomas Niegisch, KissTECH appeared before the Board. He stated that he is working out a few kinks with the new sound system. He stated that the new laptop computer for the shop was delivered last week.

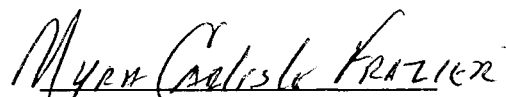
Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, March 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:29 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 4th day of March, 2019


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


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**ESTIMATED TAX REFUND
HALLOWELL MANUFACTURING**

Tax Year	Original Assessed Value	Corrected Assessed Value	Difference	Mill Levy	Correct Amount	Amount Paid	Refund Amount
2017	236,618	6,733	229,885	0.105911	713.10	25,060.45	\$ 24,347.35
2018	345,644	6,733	338,911	0.103780	698.75	18,370.67	\$ 17,671.92
TOTAL							\$ 42,019.27