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*Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2021*

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Chairman Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission to order Monday May 17, 2021 in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Johnson opened with all standing in Prayer to Father God the Creator. And leading all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

District #1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District #2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District #3 Commissioner Corey Moates, County Clerk Kyle Rennie, Deputy County Clerk Kaden Wimmer were attending for the open. Proprietor and reporter for the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt also attending for the open.

Cherokee County resident Rick Hartzfield attending for the open.

County Attorney and County Council Nathan Coleman attending after the open.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve for publish the May 10, 2021 Commission minutes. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve payroll ending May 7, 2021. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$112,631.23. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook addressed THE COMMISSION with question about yield signs and stop signs. Cody also reported he had signed a contract with Owen Corning and had went to pick up a Freightliner truck he had purchased. Cody also said discounts would apply for bundle purchasing, adding on other equipment in package deals would save money. Cody reported he is ready to send a draft of a revised Culvert Policy to the County Attorney for review. Cody reported on asphalt on SE Quaker and 30<sup>th</sup> and an update on equipment he listed on Purple Waive in recent weeks.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive Session at 9:27 with non-elect Cody Zook for employee discipline and to reconvene at 9:40. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0

Meeting reconvened at 9:40.

Cherokee County resident Rick Hartzfel addressed The Board asking for a speed limit sign or two East of Alt. 69 on Messer RD.

Dale Helwig and Christina Holmes with Cherokee County K- STATE Research and Extension along with Board members Valorie Stone, David Holmes, Clark Hall, Tom Thiele, and Rodney Oels presented the Extension 2022 budget proposal.

Cherokee County resident Bruce Andrews came before The Board asking for direction about a disagreement with a neighbor concerning a boundary fence. After discussion, The Board advised Bruce to look into private legal counsel.

Deputy Kaden Wimmer updated The Board with election updates on two House Bills, 2183 and 2332.

County Appraiser Mark Hixon recommended a rate of pay increase from \$13.12 to \$13.45 hour for Paige Allen.

Commissioner Moates moved to increase the rate of hourly pay to \$13.45 for Paige Allen. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier Moved to hire interim Appraiser David Thornton for an additional three day, June 28,29, and 30 at a prorated salary based at \$64,500. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to pay out of the Data Processing Fund the monthly Maintenance fee of \$6,985 to Stronghold Data. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 11:50 for Attorney/Client and to reconvene at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.


Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn until the next regular session May 24, 2021. Commissioner Jonson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15. These Minutes were written in draft by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.


ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this May 17th. 2021



County Clerk



Commissioner



Commissioner



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