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*Cherokee County Commission Meeting for August 16, 2021*

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At 9:00 a.m. on Monday August 16, 2021 Chairman Moates called thew regular session of the Cherokee County Commission Meeting to order in room#109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator and leading all attending 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 Attorney and County Council Nathan Coleman, County Clerk Kyle Rennie all attending for the open. Proprietor and reporter for the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt also attending for the open.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the August 9, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Report: Supervisor Cody Zook recommended two new hires Nathan Davis and Sean Hutching. Recommended Starting Wage \$12/hr. Cody also requested an hourly wage increase Scott Boyes and Jack Hall. Cody reported on Asphalt and Brush Cutters.

Commissioner Moates moved to hire Sean Hutching into the Road and Bridge Department at \$12/hr. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to hire Nathan Davis into the Road and Bridge Department at \$12/hr. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to increase the hourly wage for Scott Boyes to \$17/hr. from \$16/hr. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to increase the hourly wage for Jack Hall to \$17/hr. from \$16/hr. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 9:23 with County Council Nathan Coleman and Cody Zook for non-elect Personal and to reconvene at 9:40. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:40.

Columbus Resident Toni Speith asked about parts for recycling trailers. Cody Zook relayed the parts are back ordered.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 10:00 with County Council and County Clerk Kyle Rennie for non-elect Personal and to reconvene at 10:15. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:15

Commissioner Moates moved to adopt Resolution 10-2021 a Resolution Authorizing Participation in High Risk Rural Road Project. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to purchase KARPEL software for the County Attorney Department at a purchase price of \$32,845 and to be paid from the Equipment reserve fund. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Department head Reports by County Clerk Kyle Rennie and County Attorney Nathan Coleman, and County Appraiser Dave Thornton.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 10:35 with County Council Nathan Coleman and County Clerk Kyle Rennie for Attorney/Client and to reconvene at 10:50. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:50.

Courthouse Maintenance Director Ralph Houser discussed the supply of courthouse cleaning supplies.

Sheriff Groves came before The Commission to discuss repairs at the Law Enforcement Center, the Sheriff Department's Budget Proposal, and wages.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 12:07 p.m. with County Council Nathan Coleman and County Appraiser Dave Thornton for non- elect Personal and to reconvene at 12:15. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 1:45 with County Council Nathan Coleman and Sheriff Groves for Attorney/Client and to reconvene at 2:00. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.


Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until the next regular session August 23, 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

These Minutes were written by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

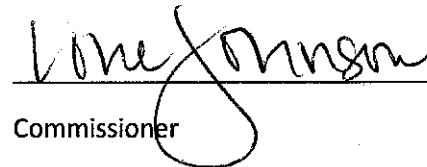
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021



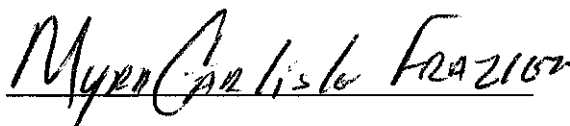
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