
Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2021

Chairman Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order Monday January 25, 2021 in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. County Clerk, Kyle Rennie opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Myra Frazier District 1, Lorie Johnson District 2, and Cory Moates District 3, County Counselor, Barbara Wright, County Clerk, Kyle Rennie, and Deputy Clerk Kaden Wimmer in attendance. Owner and reporter of the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt also in attendance.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the January 11, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to appoint the Cherokee County Solid Waste Advisory Board, Chairman Jim Burton, Board Members, Jenifer Fagan representing Republic Service, Gregg Klumper representing Jordan Disposal, Michael Robison representing Environmental Service C&D, Sue Drennan County Resident, Angela Feldkamp County Resident, Jim Tunnel County Resident, Richard Mallat, Jr. County Resident, and Emily Jordan representing City of Galena. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve payroll ending January 8, 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accounts payable in the amount of \$121,485.48. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Discussion was held on a Baxter Springs Ambulance that had been titled incorrectly.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 9:28 a.m. with non-elect County Counselor, Barbara Wright for contracts and to reconvene at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:40 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Johnson requested a February 4, 2021 Commissioner work session in room #134 of the Cherokee County Courthouse to begin at 10:00 a.m. The work session will be to discuss the expansion of a Cherokee County Business.

Commissioner Moates moved to adopt resolution 02-2021 (COVID-19 19 Public Health Order) Commissioner Johnson 2nd; motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Frazier opposed.

Commissioner Moates moved to renew a lease agreement Between Cherokee County Board of Commissioner and Jeff Scott for a property beginning at the Northwest corner of lot Thirty-one (31), Amended Scott's Third Addition, being a portion of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirty-four (34), South, Range Twenty-five (25) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Cherokee County, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Carl Huslig a consultant with Grid Reliability Consulting, LLC addressed THE BOARD announcing a plan to route transmission lines from the Wolf Creek Nuclear plant through the NE portion of Cherokee County.

County Appraiser Mark Hixon requested a rate of pay increase for Daisy Moony from \$16/39 hourly to \$16/80 hourly.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve Mark Hixon's request. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Lisa Dusenberry a representative with Globel Life addressed THE BOARD with Life insurance plans for employees of Cherokee County at no cost to the Cherokee County Commission as an added benefit.

County Treasure Raven Elmore addressed THE BOARD on the Galena Rural Housing Development.

City of Columbus Chamber of Commerce Director, Jean Prichett submitted her annual Chamber expenditures report and submitted the renewal for the 2021 Contract.

Commissioner Moates moved to renew the Transient Tax Agreement with the Columbus City Chamber of Commerce with signatures. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Janet Miller submitted a CBDG grant request in the amount of \$5000 for Rick Edwards Construction CO.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the request for Rick Edwards Construction Co. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to request funding from the State of Kansas for CDBG grant award to Rick Edwards Construction Co. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to appoint the Cherokee County Economic Advisory Committee As follows Position 1, (Amy Zortz) Weir. Position 2, (Bob Norris) Scammon. Position 3, (Daniela Rivas) Columbus. Position 4, (Brian Smith) Baxter Springs. Position 5, (Joe West SR.) Galena. Position 6 (Brad Wells) Commissioner District # 1 Brad is seeking replacement. Position 7, (Thomas Niegisch) Commissioner District #2. Position 8, (Bert Kellum) Commissioner District #3. Position 9, (Myra Frazier) County Commissioner. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to break until 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook reported on a used truck his department just purchased and county road projects and plans.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 11:39 a.m. with non-elect county Counselor, Barbara Wright, and R&B supervisor Cody Zook job performance and to reconvene at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0. No action taken.

Meeting reconvened at 12:10 p.m.

Appointments for 2021 Commissioner Moates moved to Appoint Cody Zook as Road & Bridge Supervisor. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to appoint Cord Mayes as Noxious Weed Department Director. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to appoint the American Bank of Baxter Springs, Galena, and Columbus as the Official Depository Bank of the Cherokee County Commission. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to appoint The Columbus News Report as the official Cherokee County newspaper for the Cherokee County Commission. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to submit payment to South East Kansas Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$5,640.45 for the 2021 annual dues. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to go into executive session at 12:43 p.m. with non-elect County Counselor, Barbara Wright for Policy and to reconvene at 12:55 p.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. No action taken.

Meeting reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn until the next regular session February 1, 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this February 1, 2021



County Clerk


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