

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

The Cherokee Commissioners met September 13, 2010. Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins were present. Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the revised minutes for August 30, 2010 as presented by Clerk Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, and County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the documentation. It is noted that Commissioner Garner had a family emergency and had to leave after lunch. Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept and pay the Mid-Month Accounts Payables for September as presented by Clerk Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all three commissioners voted in favor.

MOTIONS MADE BY COMMISSION

Commissioner Garner made a motion to recess for lunch, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all three commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Collins made a motion for additional coverage through KCAMP for Network Security and Privacy Insurance at no additional cost to the premium, except to pay the \$100.00 for the necessary paperwork to KCAMP for the coverage, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three commissioners voted in favor. The commission also requested County Clerk Gatewood and Treasurer Juanita Hodgson to get with the IT personnel to make sure this type of coverage would be beneficial to the county.

DOCUMENTS SIGNED AND OTHER FORMS SIGNED BY THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Collins and Garner signed off on the hire of 4 new employees for the Sheriff's Department. The new hires replaced employees who quit and took other employment elsewhere.

A transfer of sick hours was signed off on by Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand.

Commissioner Hilderbrand and County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the NSP Award for The Rehabilitation of Residential Homes at 424 Delaware Ave. in Columbus, Kansas and 402 E. 5th St. in Galena, Kansas. The SA Construction Company was awarded the contract from the State of Kansas.

Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand, and Garner signed off on the following bills to be paid:

Invoice # 9816 - (Appraiser) - \$522.50

Invoice # 9817 - (Appraiser) - \$1,549.00

Invoice # 9819 - (Appraiser) - \$3,069.74

Invoice # 5095 - (Health Department) - \$1,200.00 (WIC)

OTHER BUSINESS

Road and Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta and County Engineer Gene Langerot came before the commission to discuss general road and county maintenance. Gene Langerot reported the three new dump trucks for the county should be here the first part of October instead of September. They also discussed the 2011 Road & Bridge Budget and where line items needed increases. The commissioners had turned in the proposed budget for 2011 with no increases. The commissioners thanked them for coming in.

The commission met with Maintenance Director Ralph Houser to discuss the Courthouse Budget for 2011 and they discussed the need for the repair or replacement of the elevator in the courthouse and the cost of the project. Ralph also discussed the need for replacement windows in the Courtroom and the commission asked him to get estimates and get back with them. The Courthouse Budget was submitted by the Commissioners and the budget was the same amount as 2010's budget.

Treasurer Juanita Hodgson came in and reported sales tax revenues were up from last year at this time.

Cecil Brown of the Noxious Weed Department said that the reason for the increase in his budget is the county needed to replace the sprayer as the current sprayer is old and not working properly. He also found out the parts are no longer available due to the age of the machine. The commission asked him to get bids for the sprayer and bring them back to review.

The commission met with all County Officials and Department Heads and discussed their budget concerns for this year and in 2011. The commissioners asked questions about their proposed budgets and thanked each of them for their input about their budgets. Many were concerned about their budgets and reported they had cut back as far as they could without cutting services to the citizens in Cherokee County. The overall consensus of the Department Heads and Elected Officials was the added increase of the cost of goods to run their offices. No decisions were made about the County's 2011 budget.

Budget Proposals turned in for 2011:

Commissioners - \$91,500.00 (2010 - budget \$91,500.00) - Same

County Clerk - \$163,000.00 (2010 - budget was \$165,000.00) - Decrease of \$2,000.00

County Treasurer - \$140,000.00 (2010 - budget was \$140,000.00) - Same

Register of Deeds - \$110,000.00 (2010 - budget was \$110,000.00) - Same

County Appraiser - \$331,400.00 (2010 - budget was \$340,000.00) - Decrease of \$8,600.00

911 - Mapping & Addressing - \$62,897.20 (2010 - budget was \$65,000.00) - Decrease of \$2,102.80

Cherokee County Road & Bridge - \$3,360,000.00 (2010- budget was \$3,360,000.00) - Same

Cherokee County Attorney - \$240,000.00 (2010 budget was \$240,000.00) - Same

Emergency Management - \$68,550.00 (2010 - budget was \$78,578.00) - Decrease of \$10,028.00

Courthouse Budget - \$455,000.00 (2010 - budget was \$455,000.00) - Same

County Counselor - \$32,000.00 (2010 - budget was \$32,000.00) - Same

County Sheriff - \$1,000,000.00 - (2010 – budget was \$1,014,033.00) - Decrease of \$14,033.00

County Jail - \$843,356.33 - (2010 - budget was \$847,375.08) - Decrease of \$4,018.75

Elections - \$189,000.00 - (2010 budget was \$189,000.00) - Same

Noxious Weed - \$73,500.00 - (2010 budget was \$70,500.00) - Increase of \$3,000.00

Health Department - \$629,394.00 - (2010 budget was \$713,027.00) - Decrease of \$83,633.00

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

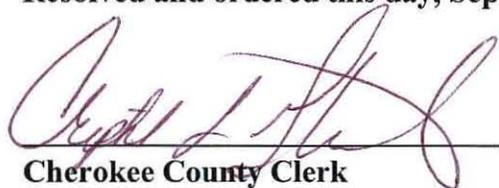
Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into **Executive Session for fifteen minutes for Personnel/Non - Elected** with himself, Commissioners Garner and Collins, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three voted in favor. They went in at 9:05 AM and returned at 9:20 AM.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session for fifteen minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege** with himself, Commissioners Hilderbrand and Garner, and County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand, and Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand voted in favor. They went in at 2:36 PM and returned at 2:50 PM.

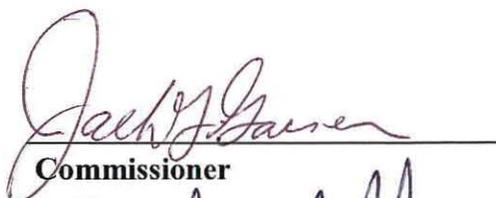
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 2:54 PM, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand, and Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand voted in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held September 20, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

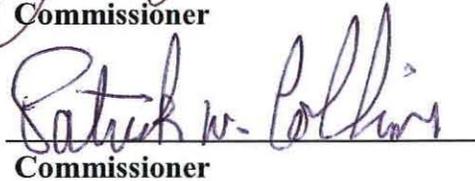
Resolved and ordered this day, September 20, 2010



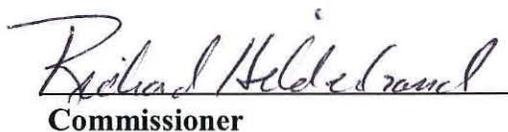
Cherokee County Clerk



Commissioner



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