RESOLUTION No: 003-11

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A 2011 CHARTER COMMISSION IN JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

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At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners conducted Thursday, January 13, 2011, there came before the Board for consideration the matter of establishing a 2011 Charter Commission in Johnson County.

The Board, upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted Resolution No. 003-11; to-wit:

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WHEREAS, Johnson County, Kansas is a municipality organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas and for the past 10 years has operated under a form of government created through a Home Rule Charter as prescribed by statutes for counties designated as urban areas in the State; and

WHEREAS, the current Home Rule Charter for Johnson County was approved by the voters of Johnson County, Kansas, on November 2, 2000, with an effective date of January 11, 2001, and that Home Rule Charter requires the Board of County Commissioners to establish a new Charter Commission within thirty 30 days of a date which follows by 10 years the effective date of the Home Rule Charter, and at least once every 10 years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to establish a new 2011 Charter Commission to review and consider amendments for the Home Rule Charter for Johnson County Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas, that there shall be and hereby is established a new 2011 Charter Commission for Johnson County and that the 2011 Charter Commission shall be formed, organized, convened, and shall perform the duties and responsibilities authorized by K.S.A. 19-2680 et seq., and amendments thereto, and the Johnson County Home Rule Charter.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that:

1. **APPOINTMENTS.** The 2011 Charter Commission shall consist of 25 members, who shall be appointed as prescribed in K.S.A. 19-2682, as amended, and all such appointments shall be made and confirmed within 30 days after the effective date of this resolution.

2. **MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATION.** The Clerk of the Board, or his or her designee, shall convene a meeting of the members of the 2011 Charter Commission within 30 days following the appointment of its members, and the 2011 Charter Commission shall then organize and commence its responsibilities as prescribed in Section 6.04 of the Home Rule Charter. At least one meeting of the 2011 Charter Commission shall be a public hearing.

3. **BUDGET AND EXPENSES.** The members of the 2011 Charter Commission shall serve without compensation except for necessary expenses authorized by the Board of County Commissioners.

4. **PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES.** The 2011 Charter Commission is empowered to conduct comprehensive studies of any or all phases of County government operations, including a review of the existing Johnson County Home Rule Charter and major resolutions of the Commission as they affect the operation of Johnson County government. On or before January 13, 2012, a report of the 2011 Charter Commission’s findings shall be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. Such report shall include recommendations of the 2011 Charter Commission and such other information deemed important. Recommendations of the 2011 Charter Commission may include suggested changes in the administration of the County government, programs, and activities. It may also include proposed amendments to the Charter. All recommendations of the 2011 Charter Commission shall be adopted by a majority vote of its membership. The 2011 Charter Commission, as established by the resolution, shall terminate on the date that follows by 30 days the submission of its report.

5. **ELECTION.** The Board of County Commissioners shall consider all suggested changes, as allowed by law, of the 2011 Charter Commission, and it shall submit all proposed Charter amendments to the electorate. Such election shall be held at the next regularly scheduled election at which all qualified electors of the County are eligible to vote and which follows by at least 60 days the submission of the 2011 Charter Commission report.
This resolution shall be effective from and after its adoption.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

ED BILERT, Chairman

ATTEST:

DONALD D. JARRETT
DONALD D. JARRETT, Clerk of the Board

Brenda W. Barnes
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD D. JARRETT
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