

**MINUTES for June 12, 2023**  
**BOARD of CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (the Board), to order at 9:00 AM on Monday, June 12, 2023, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Commissioner Myra Frazier opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, County Counselor Nathan Coleman, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the June 5, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL of PAYROLL**

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the payroll as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL of PAYABLES**

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the payables as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

R&B Supervisor Cody Zook presented the Board with a raise increase for Cory Christiansen. Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the pay raise increase for Cory Christiansen from utility/operator at \$16.00/hr to diesel mechanic/fabricator at \$17.00/hr. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody informed the Board that he has been training on the tree cutter.

Zook stated that he had set a deadline of 3 p.m. June 5, 2023, for the dust abatement program. He stated that he had 6 residents who would be participating in the program.

**NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE ROAD & BRIDGE**

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, County R&B supervisor Cody Zook and County Counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 9:37 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for an additional 5-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, County R&B supervisor Cody Zook and County Counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

**SOLID WASTE**

Jim Burton with the solid waste committee came before the Board and requested that they set a date for a public hearing for the solid waste plan. The Board set the date of the hearing to be June 19, 2023, at 9:45 a.m. in the commissioners room #109.

**COX COMMUNICATION LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Cox Communication emailed the Board stating their intention to apply for grants to expand broadband services to residents and businesses in Cherokee County through the Office of Broadband Development's latest grant RFP program. Cox Communication stated in the email that they have been asked to seek out letters of support for the broadband expansion plans. Cox Communications emailed to find out if Cherokee County would be willing to support Cox's grant application.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the letter of support for Cox Communication. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE**

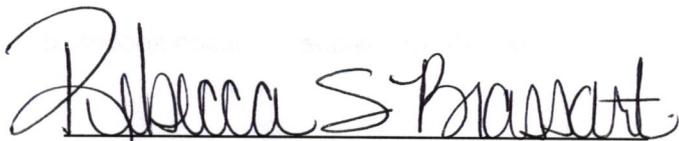
Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 20-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, and County Counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

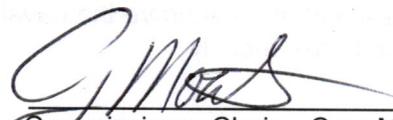
No action was taken because of the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

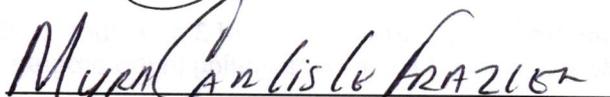
Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 19th day of June 2023.**

  
County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart

  
Commissioner Chair - Cory Moates

  
Commissioner - Lorie Johnson

  
Commissioner - Myra Carlisle Frazier