

**MINUTES for October 16, 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, October 16, 2023, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Rebecca Brassart opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, County Counselor Jake Conard, Congressman Jake LaTurner District Representative Jacob Cochran, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the October 2, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Frazier 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 Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Johnson opposing.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the modification to the employee benefits plan as found in Amendment #1. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the modification to the employee dental plan as found in Amendment #4. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD and BRIDGE**

Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook informed the Board that a date has yet to be set for the start of the Wyandotte RD bridge. Cody stated that his crew has been working on asphalt and will be working on failing culverts near 110<sup>th</sup> ST and Messer RD this week.

**R&B EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 20-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, County Counselor Jake Conard, and Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook to return at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

**COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

County Extension Dale Helwig came before the Board to invite them to the annual meeting of the Cherokee County Research and Extension. Helwig went on to thank the Board for their support of the extension and the programs that they have supported. Helwig notified the Board that they have been selected as this years recipient of the extension appreciation award.

Helwig stated that the extension recently finished a hunters education course in Columbus and are in the process of finishing up one at Southeast. He went on to discuss the snap program funding that the extension has received and how they are using that to go into the school systems to present various programs.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Health Department Director Peyton Kessler came before the Board to request a 15-minute attorney client executive session with the Board.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15-minute attorney client executive session with the Board, County Counselor Jake Conard, Health Department Director Peyton Kessler to return at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Moates made a motion to allow the Health Department to administer flu shots to the county employees and the cost of the shots are to be paid out of employee benefits.

**CHC TRANSPORTATION**

CHC executive director Becky Gray and her colleague came before the Board to discuss the CareVan transportation that is currently offered in Cherokee County.

**RESOLUTION EMERGENCY MANAGER**

Commissioner Moates made a motion to adopt resolution 08-2023, a resolution appointing Matt Haviland as the Cherokee County Emergency Management. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve 10 bank account signature forms for an affidavit of authority for County Treasurer Heather Sapp. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, County Counselor Jake Conard, Health Department Director Peyton Kessler to return at 10:55 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 a 15-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, County Counselor Jake Conard, Health Department Director Peyton Kessler to return at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Emergency Manager Matt Haviland came before the Board to discuss a possible mobile home park coming to the county and what the requirements would be.

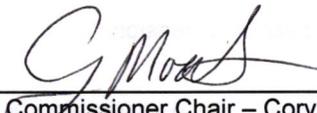
Matt discussed the floodplain management certification and discussed the FEMA properties that the county currently owns. The Board requested that Matt get a map with the location of all the FEMA properties before they make a further decision.

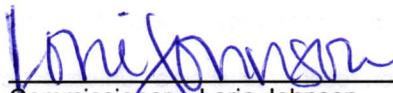
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 23rd day of October 2023.**

  
County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart

  
Commissioner Chair - Cory Moates

  
Commissioner - Lorie Johnson

  
Commissioner - Myra Carlisle Frazier