

**MINUTES for December 21, 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 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2023, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, and County Clerk Rebecca Brassart were present.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023, meeting as presented. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL of PAYROLL**

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the payroll as presented. Commissioner Frazier 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 and BRIDGE**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the hiring of employee Casey Lowry at a payrate of \$16.00/hr as a utility 1/operator. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISTRICT COURT**

The Board had some questions for District Court Clerk Sandi Green regarding payables that were paid through District Court. The Board was pleased with her answers and thanked her for coming in to answer their questions.

**NON-ELECT PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

County Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, to return at 9:15am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

County Commissioner Moates made a motion to extend the current non-elect personnel executive session with the Board for another 5 minutes and to return at 9:26am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

County Commissioner Moates made a motion to extend the current non-elect personnel executive session with the Board for another 10 minutes and to return at 9:31am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Kurt Benecke came before the Board to answer a few questions regarding payables. Benecke then took the opportunity to discuss the current happenings in 2023 and what 2024 is looking like for the County Attorney's office.

**NON-ELECT PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

County Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, to return at 9:54am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

County Commissioner Moates made a motion to extend the current non-elect personnel executive session with the Board for another 10 minutes and to return at 10:05am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

County Commissioner Moates made a motion to extend the current non-elect personnel executive session with the Board for another 10 minutes and to return at 10:16am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

**JANUARY 8, 2024, MEETING**

County Commissioner Moates discussed that the Board would do the reorganization of the Board and then will make all necessary office appointments.

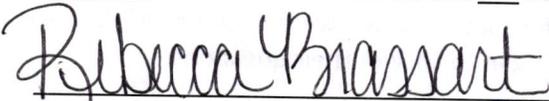
**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The Board had some questions regarding some payables that were presented today. After some discussion the Board gave Matt some direction in how to handle the payables and his budget. Discussion also surrounded him being available 24 hours and how to handle that once he has reached 40 hours in a week and whether he was allowed to take comp time. The Board stated he should keep track of his hours and his sick time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

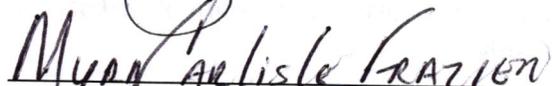
Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 8th day of January 2024.**

  
County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart

  
Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates

  
Commissioner – Lorie Johnson

  
Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier