

MINUTES for October 24, 2022
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 9:05 AM on Monday, October 24, 2022, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Clerk employee Tonia Altis opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, county clerk employee Tonia Altis, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, and Owner of the News Report Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the October 17, 2022, meeting. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD and BRIDGE

Cody Zook updated the board once again on the issues he continues to face with the dump trucks. Last Friday he had a truck on the side of the road Hwy 7 with an engine locked.

Zook notified the board that he is still dealing with issues with multiple trucks, one has been parked for over a year with 4 wheel drive issues. Zook stated that they had gained 2 trucks but now lost 1 due to the engine issues.

Commissioner Moates asked Zook if they had gotten any more dump truck prices. Zook said that James is getting with CT out of Kansas City to get prices and they are waiting on quotes. Zook also said that he had done some online pricing but with 6 trucks with issues he has been focused on them.

Zook also updated on the upcoming sale. He has gotten private bids and there is a lot of interest in them. Cody stated that at the last meeting they set the date for November 28th to open bids.

Cody then updated the board and stated that he would be getting some asphalt in a few days. Cody said they will start on Faulkner Rd and will be doing patch until Thanksgiving, but due to the dry weather it is pulling the asphalt roads away so there are more road issues than normal and because of issues in getting asphalt there may be an issue in where they have to use gravel on some roads.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jared Glover Emergency Manager was asked by Commissioner Johnson about the property near Crestline on 90th (Spencer School). Johnson asked if Jared knew that the building was falling in on the backside and if anyone was living in it. Jared explained that he had only seen pictures and that he could go out by there and take some more and see, but he was not sure if it is vacant or not. Commissioner Johnson then asked, at what point the board has ability to take action if a structure is falling in, contains asbestos and debris is blowing to the neighbors?

Commissioner Moates presented Resolution 23-2013 to the board to review and stated that this resolution should answer that.

Johnson stated that she had received a call regarding the property and that it may be a health and environmental hazard.

Commissioner Moates asked if they could get an asbestos check on the property and Jared said that he would get a hold of some people to see what he could do to get it looked at.

Glover then advised the board that the grant money would be here in a few weeks.

Commissioner Moates asked Glover about the property that was to be demoed. Glover informed the board that they could go forth as she was in prison.

Commissioner Frazier suggested that there needed to be a policy put in place and asked who would do the work. Jared said he would talk with Cody Zook to see if they can, and the board agreed that he needed to talk to Cody and see what the county can handle.

SOLAR

Commissioner Moates mentioned road usage and said he had gotten 3 more leases on solar stuff. Coleman stated that they needed to put Cody Zook on the agenda as a work session and sit down and talk with him. Commissioner Johnson followed with putting Zook on for next Monday.

GRANT FUNDING

Commissioner Johnson mentioned that at a convention meeting someone had heard we were no longer going to do the funding. Johnson stated that she likes the program and would like to keep it, but management of the program needs redone if continued.

Commissioner Frazier and Commissioner Johnson both thought that there needed to be a return investment from the money. So, the BOC will take some time and brainstorm of a way to utilize some of the funding as an investment.

NORTH BOILER SYSTEMS

Maintenance Supervisor Chris Johnson was present with North Boiler Systems Jesse. Jesse presented a quote to the board for the costs of labor, installation, and parts. He explained the upgrades, efficiency, and ideas of changing out old to new. Stated the quote is not cheap but the piping so far is good. There could be unforeseen costs if piping in the walls is not good, but so far, no leaks. The chiller and boiler will both be replaced and there will be 2 boiler units, to run at opposite times. Run one for a while then switch and they will be able to control by phone and are more compact.

Jesse also talked about the parts and the 55 units that will be replaced and how they will work as a new unit compared to the old unit. The old unit is almost 65 years old, made of copper and seals are not solid so there are some leaks. The new unit would be stainless steel. Jesse stated that the current fan coils have a lot of different sizes in different areas. They will all be replaced. Chiller will have 4 compressors and will be able to be set anywhere between 25% and 100%.

Commissioner Frazier asked about boiler efficiency and warranty. Jesse stated that the copper is only about 75% effective and burns a lot off and said the quote included a 1-year warranty on equipment, labor and installation but they can offer a 5-year warranty to include manufacturer defect for a small added fee.

Commissioner Moates asked how long the quote was good for and Jesse said the next few months.

The board agreed to take some time to discuss means it is such a high bill.

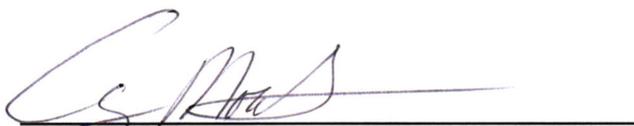
Jesse agreed and informed the board that the 2 boilers have been received and that they are now just waiting on screens. They will have those in soon and will be able to install the system this winter.

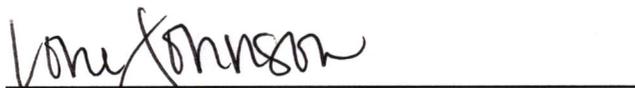
ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 31st day of October 2022.


County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart


Commissioner Chair - Cory Moates


Commissioner - Lorie Johnson


Commissioner - Myra Carlisle Frazier