

**MINUTES for February 6, 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, February 6, 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, road and bridge supervisor Cody Zook, county counselor Nathan Coleman and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the January 30, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL of PAYROLL**

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

**APPROVAL of PAYABLES**

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the Board and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 12:08 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 5-minute extension to the attorney client privilege executive session with the Board and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 12:13 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

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

**ROAD and BRIDGE**

Cody Zook notified the Board that a representative with Kirk and Michael met with him last week regarding the bridge inspections.

Cody informed the Board that he has received the agreement for bridge project 13-0.8 on SE Wyandotte. Cody stated that the county will be doing the cleanout themselves which will save the county \$18,500.

Cody notified the Board that State Tractor and Sany America will both be here at the county lot February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE**

Commissioner Moates made a motion authorizing participation in Rural Opportunity Zone student loan repayment program for calendar year 2023.

**APPRAISER**

David Thornton presented the Board with a budgeted pay rate change for appraiser office employee Daisy Mooney.

Commissioner Cory Moates made a motion to approve a pay raise for Daisy Mooney from 20.33 to 21.39. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2023 ANNUAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ASSURANCE STATEMENT**

County clerk Rebecca Brassart presented the Board with the renewal for NPS project 20-00629, Riverton Picnic Facility. The Board discussed the annual statement and requested that county counselor Nathan Coleman to look at the annual statement and determine if we are required to sign the statement.

### **PROPERTY VALUATION DIVISION-KDOR**

David Dallman with PVD came before the Board to discuss the county appraisers office annual compliance review.

### **2022 SHERIFF UPDATE**

David Groves county sheriff came before the Board to notify them that in 2022 the county saw a 15.8% decrease in burglaries compared to 2021. In 2022 the agency processed 9 concealed carry permits, conducted 1336 investigations, and served 1712 civil processes. The sheriffs dispatch handled 56,025 non-emergency calls, 7,711 emergency 911 calls and 82 text to 911. Transmission by emergency discipline consisted of 81,843 for the sheriff's office, 146,221 for the city police department, 31,007 for the fire departments, 32,987 for the ambulance service and 34,207 for other (paging, backups, towing, etc). The county sheriff's office investigated 261 non-injury crashes and 34 injury crashes in 2022. Also updated was the number of inmate population, housing revenue, asset forfeiture. Groves also discussed the seatbelt program and the anticipated grant funding in 2023.

### **CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE**

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the cereal malt beverage license for off premise consumption for Rowdy's Rustic Lodge. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the cereal malt beverage license for on premise consumption for Pittsburg Travel Rowdy's Rustic Lodge. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion for a 5-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the Board, county counselor Nathan Coleman, and county sheriff David Groves to return at 11:27 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

### **ATTORNEY**

Commissioner Johnson discussed the bill for the \$16,800 autopsy bill for December which the county received. Johnson stated she was not sure how the county is to budget for this. She questioned whether we could certify our ems or deputies to be an assistant coroner for the county. Sheriff Groves stated he would ask the liaison for the sheriffs association if that was an option.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **TOWNSHIP**

County clerk Rebecca Brassart presented the Board with the township audit book which had been updated. The Board discussed it and requested that the following questions be posed to the townships. They would like to know if the townships are issuing 1099's to anyone receiving a check from the township over the amount of \$600.00. The Board wanted to know if the townships are putting cemetery mowing out for bid. They have also questioned whether the townships are carrying liability insurance for the cemeteries? The Board questioned whether the treasurers of the townships are bonded. The last item requested was whether any of the townships had a resolution in place for paying the township treasurer, trustee, and clerk over \$100.00.

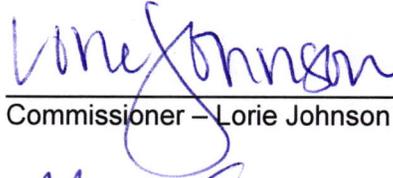
### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting so that the Board might go into a work session. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 13th day of February 2023.**

  
County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart

  
Commissioner Chair – Cory Moates

  
Commissioner – Lorie Johnson

  
Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier