

**MINUTES for March 4, 2024**  
**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, March 4, 2024, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Counselor Jake Conard opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier by phone, County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, County Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, Emergency Manager Matt Haviland and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Fraizer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from February 26, 2024, 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 and BRIDGE**

R&B Supervisor Cody Zook came before the Board to present a new hire for Sam Gray. Commissioner Moates made a motion to hire Sam Gray as a utility 1/operator at a rate of \$16.00/hr. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody notified the Board that Dennis Boyes will be retiring at the end of the month.

Sany America has presented the county with the opportunity to use a wheeled excavator prototype as a research and development for their company. The county will be allowed to use the excavator for free and will be allowed to put as many hours on it as we want. Cody said he plans to clean creeks with it and do some ditching as well.

Zook stated the bridge project is going well and seems to be on schedule.

Commissioner Moates requested that the R&B replace the speed limit sign on the last mile of W. 12<sup>th</sup> St., due to the incorrect MPH sign being posted. Moates stated the correct signage should be 30 MPH. Moates also suggested that Cody speak to Deputy Jones regarding that radar that is currently out there.

Commissioner Moates requested that Cody look at asphaltting between SE 90<sup>th</sup> St., and SE 100<sup>th</sup> St., on SE Star Rd. He also stated that on SE 107<sup>th</sup> St., by Big Pond Rd that dump trucks have been running that road and has caused a big spot that will need to be repaired. Cody stated he will contact the trucking company regarding the road.

**PRESERVATION of BALLOTS**

County Clerk Rebecca Brassart requested that the board designate two electors of two leading political parties per KSA 25-2708 regarding the destruction of ballots with an expiration of 22 months for state and national elections and 6 months for county, city, school district and township elections.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to designate Matt Haviland of the republican party and Jess Frasher of the democrat party as instructed per KSA 25-2708 to oversee the destruction of the expired ballots. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CONDOR LANE VACATE**

Commissioner Moates made a motion to publish the notice of vacate proposal for Condor Ln., and to set the hearing date for April 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **FEMA BIDS**

Commissioner Moates opened the sealed bids for the FEMA properties that had been advertised for bid. Commissioner Moates then made a motion for a 10-minute attorney client executive session with the Board and County Counselor Jake Conard to return at 10:22 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

Commissioner Moates then made a motion for a 10-minute attorney client executive session with the Board and County Counselor Jake Conard to return at 10:42 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

Commissioner Moates read the bids aloud as follows:

Tract 1: 6476 SE Varck RD

Alex Lambert for \$150.00 for a 3-year lease.

Matt Haviland withdrew his bid.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to accept the bid from Alex Lambert in the amount of \$150.00 for a 3-year lease. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tract 2: 7295 SE 78<sup>th</sup>

There were no bids submitted.

Tract 3: 9490 SE 90<sup>th</sup>

Bob and Rebecca Brassart withdrew their bid. There were no other bids submitted.

Tract 4: 4844 SW 130<sup>th</sup>

Brian Patton for \$150.00 for a 3-year lease.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to accept the bid from Brian Patton in the amount of \$150.00 for a 3-year lease. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tract 5: 4956 SW 130<sup>th</sup>

Jared Hall for \$200.00 per year.

Matt Haviland withdrew his bid.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to accept the bid from Jared Hall in the amount of \$200.00 for a per year lease. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tract 6: 7462 SE Paw Paw Ln

Kyle D. Cox for \$502.50 for a 3-year lease.

Mike Walker for \$3600.00 for a 3-year lease.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to accept the bid from Mike Walker in the amount of \$3600.00 for a 3-year lease. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tract 7: 7999 SE Hwy Alt 69

Stanley Shaffer for \$400.00 for a 3-year lease.  
Commissioner Moates made a motion to accept the bid from Stanley Shaffer in the amount of \$400.00 for a 3-year lease. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tract 8: 7641 SE Watermelon Ln  
No bids were submitted.

Commissioner Frazier requested to hold off on rebidding the properties to give the Board time to review resolution 09-2023.

**APPRAISER INTERVIEW**

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 30-minute non-elect executive session with the Board, Interim Appraiser Daisy Mooney, and Appraiser applicant Ryan DeLeon to return at 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

**PROPERTY VALUATION DIVISION-APPRAISER**

Director of PVD Mike Dallman joined the meeting by phone to discuss the 2023 Appraiser Office non-compliance issues. Dallman reviewed the non-compliance issues with the Board and County Interim Appraiser Daisy Mooney. Dallman explained the process in which non-compliance is figured.

**ADJOURNMENT**

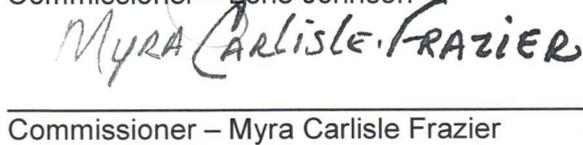
Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 18th day of March 2024.**

  
County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart

  
Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates

  
Commissioner – Lorie Johnson

  
Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier