MINUTES for April 8, 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, April 8, 2024, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Clerk Rebecca Brassart opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, County Road and Bridge Road Supervisor Cody Zook, County Counselor Jake Conard, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve the minutes as presented from April 1, 2024, Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD and BRIDGE

R&B Supervisor Cody Zook came before the Board to present a raise for Brier Martin from \$17.00/hr. to \$18.00/hr. Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the raise for Brier Martin from \$17.00/hr. to \$18.00/hr. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Zook stated that the HIRR project has been postponed until next Monday.

Commissioner Moates discussed a washout on SE Star Rd. Zook stated that the Road and Bridge crew will clean it out. Commissioner Moates cautioned Zook to watch the property line. Zook stated that a segment of the road east of the intersection of SE 82nd Terr. and SE Star Rd. will be closed for 2-3 days to allow for the repairs.

Commissioner Johnson brought a complaint to the attention of the Board. Johnson stated that County Resident Chris Ryan has had issues with water backing up into his yard due to road work done adjacent to his property. Ryan stated to Commissioner Johnson that dirt was brought in to remedy this issue, but the dirt contains chunks of rock and other debris in it. Commissioner Johnson stated that the subpar dirt needs to be cleaned up, and Ryan needs to be brought quality dirt. Cody stated that he has instructed Road and Bridge staff to not enter the ditch with a backhoe, which is what caused the original issue of water backing up into the property. Zook stated that a roller is going to the affected area tomorrow, and it should roll there for about 3 hours.

ARPA FUNDING

County Clerk Rebecca Brassart updated the Board on the current balance that the ARPA Fund has. Brassart stated that County Treasurer Heather Sapp and herself had worked on Friday to make sure the ARPA Fund balance was correct.

MONDAY WORK SESSION

The Board discussed subjects to be brought up in the Monday work session which will follow the regular meeting. Discussion will include the personnel handbook, the County bid process, sewer collections, and the FEMA bid process.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 15th day of April 2024.

County Clerk - Rebecca Brassart

Commissioner Chairman - Cory Moates

Commissioner - Lorie Johnson

Commissioner - Myra Carlisle Frazier

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