

MINUTES for FEBRUARY 13, 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 13, 2023, 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 Rebecca Brassart, road and bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the February 6, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD and BRIDGE

Cody Zook came before the Board to recommend raises for three employees and the new hire of two new employees. Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve raises for the following county lot employees and approval of two new hires.

Stanley (Andy) Davis 15.75 to 16.00

Jeremy Erwin 15.00 to 16.00

Michael Shockley 15.50 to 16.00

James Getman 16.00 utility/operator

Cory Christianson 16.00 utility/operator

Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody discussed with the Board the upcoming maintenance/building and upkeep plans, upcoming roadway plans.

Zook stated he held interviews on 02/09/2023 and had 12 candidates, on 02/10/2023 he completed employee reviews.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15-minute non-elected executive session with the 3 commissioners and road and bridge supervisor Cody Zook to return at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Moates amended the motion to include county counselor Nathan Coleman to be present during the executive session. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NON-ELECTED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier made a motion for a 5-minute non-elected executive session with the 3 commissioners, county register of deeds Barb Bilke and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken due to the executive session.

KCAMP

Yana Ross with KCAMP came before the Board to go over the different deductibles which could be available to the county, along with different programs that could be useful.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jared Glover emergency manager came before the Board to discuss the different options available for him to be a code enforcement officer for the county.

Glover presented the Board with a contract to purchase a storm siren. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to purchase the storm siren in the amount of \$31,055.05 for the city of West Mineral are to be paid out of ARPA. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the 3 commissioners and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken due to the executive session.

BUKATY

Bukaty representatives Derek Dick and Joe Holdenried came before the Board to update them on the counties self-funded medical insurance. Joe stated that although its early that the number are looking good. He also showed the Board the that by being self-funded it saved the over \$200,000 in 2022.

REGULAR MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to Monday being a holiday the Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Friday February 17th.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP AUDIT APPROVAL

Rebecca Brassart county clerk presented the Board with the updated audit report of all the townships and fire district that reside in the county so that the Board might approve them. Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the 2022 annual township budget review. Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

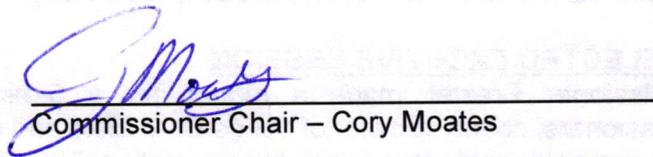
Bert Kellum came before the Board to update them on the progress he has made on updating the NRP plan due to the expiration of the original plan. After some discussion it was decided that Kellum would meet up with county clerk Rebecca Brassart during this week to work on the NRP.

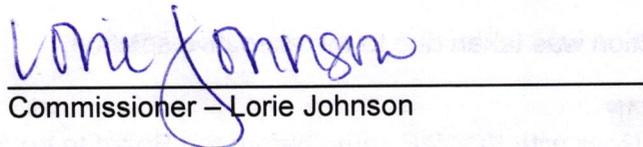
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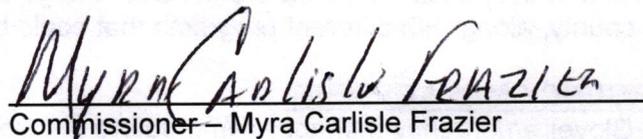
Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 17th day of February 2023.


County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart


Commissioner Chair - Cory Moates


Commissioner - Lorie Johnson


Commissioner - Myra Carlisle Frazier