MINUTES for July 18, 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 9:00 AM on Monday, July 18, 2022, 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 Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, assistant county counselor Kurt Benecke, county clerk Rebecca Brassart, road and bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, and Columbus News Report reporter Carson Cobb were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022, meeting as written. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Cody Zook road and bridge supervisor came before the Board to inform them that he has now received nine of the ten road graders that have been leased.

Zook also notified the Board that they will begin asphalting on SW Wyandotte today and plan to begin asphalting later in the week in the Galena area.

Cody further discussed with the Board the dust abatement program. He stated they just finished the first round and due to the interest, he plans to do another round.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NON-ELECTED-EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute non-elected employee executive session with the three commissioners, assistant county counselor Kurt Benecke and road and bridge supervisor Cody Zook to return at 9:35 AM. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session resulted in no action beginning taken

INFASTRUCTURE MONEY - PAUL ROGERS

Paul Rogers came before the Board to discuss the infrastructure money that will be coming to the State of Kansas. Paul stated its federal infrastructure grants and will create funding opportunities.

MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR

Chris Johnson came before the Board to present two bids for the chillers and stated he will get one more bid for the boilers.

KHP OFFICE IN COURTHOUSE

Dakota Smith an officer of KHP contacted Chris Johnson to see if there might be an empty room for at the courthouse that KHP officers could use on occasion to do their paperwork.

COLUMBUS NEWS REPORT FAIR AD

The Board agreed to use \$50.00 out of each commissioner's recreation fund to place the \$150.00 fair ad.

GENE MENSE - BUDGET

Gene Mense called in by phone to discuss the 2023 budget and the revenue neutral rate with the Board. After discussion with Gene, it was agreed that the Board would exceed the RNR.

ADJOURNMENT INTO WORK SESSION

Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn the meeting the regular meeting and continue into a budget work session. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 25th day of July 2022

Commissioner Chair

Commissione

Commissioner