

MINUTES for February 5, 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, February 5, 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, County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, County Road and Bridge Road Superintendent, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Fraizer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from January 29, 2024, meeting. Commissioner Moates 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 Frazier made a motion to approve the payables as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTOR COACH BRIDGE EXEMPTION

Commissioner Johnson brought to the Boards attention that she has been contacted by Economic Development Director Dale Helwig regarding the weight limit of the bridge directly south of Rainbow Bridge. The bridge currently carries a limit of 10 tons and the with the upcoming consequential the motor coach tour buses would have to miss the Rainbow Bridge stop if the weight limit of the bridge isn't exempted for motor coaches. County Counselor Jake Conard stated that he will check on it and Commissioner Johnson stated she would check with David Ross at KDOT.

ROAD and BRIDGE

Commissioner Johnson notified Bryan Williams R&B Superintendent that the Southeast School District had called regarding the roads in their district. Commissioner Johnson stated that she had rode the bus and took pictures that she would like to set down and review with Bryan. Johnson also informed Williams of SW 70th St near Tedlock house needed rock as well.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Manager Matt Haviland informed the Board that there are 9 Hazard Mitigation properties that have not been renewed. Discussion surrounded the property of Jim Adams which had previously been on a lease agreement and due to his death had yet been renewed. His family would like to continue that lease. The Board felt the lease should be put up for bid.

Matt informed the Board that since putting out the Nixle flyer there have been 200 new signups to the system.

NOXIUS WEED

Noxious Weed Director JC Parsons came before the Board to present his annual 2024 management plan and annual noxious weed report for Board approval. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the annual 2024 management plan and noxious weed report. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HAMLIN ENERGY

Commissioner Moates made a motion to stay with Hamlin Energy as the county's gas consultant. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

R.O.Z. RESOLUTION

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve resolution 05-2024, the Rural Opportunity Zone resolution. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NPS RIVERTON PICNIC FACILITY

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to authorize the Board chair to sign the NPA Riverton Picnic Facility agreement. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EPA

Members of the EPA came before the Board to discuss the updates with the lead screening levels and to advise the Board they are currently working in the Weir, KS area.

SKIDMORE

County Clerk Rebecca Brassart presented the Board with the bill from Crawford County Abstract in the amount of \$6,000 for the research they have done on the Skidmore project. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to bill KDWP for their portion of the bill in the amount of \$3,000. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion.

ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the Board, County Counselor Jake Conard, and Interim Appraiser Daisy Mooney to return at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute non-elect executive session with the Board, and County Counselor Jake Conard to return at 10:13 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to extend the current executive for an additional 10-minute non-elect executive session with the Board, and County Counselor Jake Conard to return at 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

APPRAISER APPLICATIONS

The Board reviewed applications presented to them by County Clerk Rebecca Brassart. The Board requested Brassart to set up an interview with one of the applicants for Monday February 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE SESSION

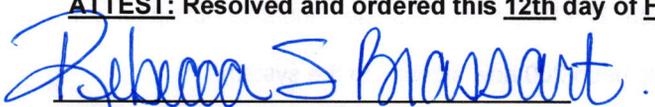
Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15-minute non-elect executive session with the Board, County Counselor Jake Conard, Human Resource Director Deana Randall and Road and Bridge Human Resource employee Deanna Fitz to return at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

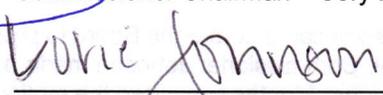
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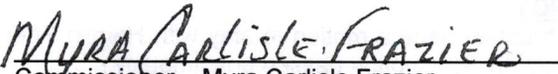
Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 12th day of February 2024.


County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart


Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates


Commissioner – Lorie Johnson


Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier