

**MINUTES for MARCH 27, 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, March 27, 2023, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County clerk employee Tonia Noel 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, road and bridge superintendent Bryan Williams, county counselor Nathan Coleman, USD 508 representative Kerri Jensen and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the March 20, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Cody Zook came before the Board to present a pay increase for employee Rick Martin from a rate of \$15.00 to a rate of \$16.00. Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the raise for Rick Martin from \$15.00 to a rate of \$16.00. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody Zook presented the Board with a new hire for Kevin Vanderpool as a utility 1/operator at \$16.00. Commissioner Moates made a motion to hire Kevin Vanderpool as a utility 1/operator at a rate of \$16.00. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody informed the Board that they will be seeing a couple of bigger purchases on his credit card as he purchased some items with it.

Zook discussed the call which had been received regarding the low water crossing on SE Pence.

Cody informed the Board that he will be concentrating on the NW Lawton low water crossing and the NW Belleview bridge problem.

**ROAD VACATE**

County counselor Nathan Coleman discussed with the Board the plan to vacate a portion of NW 1st ST in the Skidmore area.

**OPIOID PARTICIPATION**

County counselor Nathan Coleman discussed the participation in the national opioid program. Coleman stated he will has requested that the national opioid program contact him directly.

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

County clerk Rebecca Brassart presented the Board with an addition to the solid waste committee which was left by Jim Burton. The Board reviewed the addition of Jared Glover emergency manager. Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the addition of Jared Glover to the solid waste committee. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The solid waste committee consist of the following.

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| Jim Burton (chairman) | Columbus Resident                 |
| Jenifer Fagan         | Republic Service                  |
| Michael Murphy        | Jordan Disposal                   |
| Michael Robison       | Robison Environmental Service C&D |
| Sue Drennan           | Cherokee County Resident          |
| Angela Feldkamp       | Cherokee County Resident          |

Jared Glover  
Richard Mallett, Jr.  
Linda Phipps

Cherokee County Emergency Management  
Cherokee County Resident  
Galena Resident

### **NRP HEARING**

Chairman Cory Moates opened the hearing of the Cherokee county neighborhood revitalization plan at 10:00 a.m. for comments and discussion.

Darren Collins came before the Board to discuss that he felt the plan needed to be simplified. Collins also stated he had an issue in late 2022 regarding the former plan. Commissioner Frazier suggested that Collins come back at another scheduled time to discuss his issue regarding the former plan issue. Collins set a date to come back with the county clerk.

County counselor Nathan Coleman requested a 5-minute attorney client privilege executive session, with the Board. Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 5-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the 3 commissioners, and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for an additional 3-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the 3 commissioners, and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 10:43 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken due to the executive session.

After further discussion of the plan and some amendments to be made commissioner Johnson made a motion for the continuance of the hearing to be held during the next regular meeting of the Board on Monday April 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ADA COORIDANOTOR**

Jared Glover emergency manager came before the Board to inform them that he has discovered that a public entity that employs 50 or more persons shall designate at least one employee to coordinate as the Disability Access Manager. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to appoint Jared Glover as the Disability Access Manager for the county offices. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT BIDS**

Betha Elliott county health department administrator came before the Board to present the bids she had received for the electric and led sign. Listed below are the bids presented to the Board.

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| CDL 3x6         | \$59,850 |
| Vital Signs 4x8 | \$40,450 |
| Vital Signs 3x8 | \$34,890 |

Elliott stated she can use the ELC grant money to purchase the led sign with electric and that she would prefer to have the 4x8 sign. Commissioner Moates made a motion to allow health department administrator Betha Elliott to purchase the 4x8 led sign with electric from Vital Signs out of the ELC grant proceeds. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **NE 30<sup>th</sup> ST, WEIR**

David Wallace came before the Board to discuss the issues with NE 30<sup>th</sup> ST in the Weir area.

### **EMPLOYEE HEALTH SCREENING**

Deana Randall came before the Board to ask if they had made a decision regarding the yearly employee health screening. The Board agreed that they will forgo the health screenings.

**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 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for an additional 5-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the 3 commissioners, and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken due to the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING**

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

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2023.**

  
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County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart

  
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Commissioner Chair - Cory Moates

  
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Commissioner - Lorie Johnson

  
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Commissioner - Myra Carlisle Frazier