

MINUTES for September 19, 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, September 19, 2022, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Johnson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, county clerk Rebecca Brassart, county counselor Nathan Coleman, road and bridge supervisor Cody Zook and Columbus News Report owner Larry Hiatt.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022, meeting as written. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the minutes of the hearing to exceed revenue neutral rate, the 2023 budget hearing for sewer district #1 and the 2023 budget hearing for Cherokee County from the evening of September 12, 2022, hearing as written. Commissioner Johnson 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 Moates made a motion to approve the payables in the amount of \$152,622.71 as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD and BRIDGE

Cody Zook came before the board to ask if they had any further questions regarding his future pay plans. The board stated they did not.

Cody updated the board on the asphalt at the sheriff's department. Cody stated that Teeters has finished the asphalt job and the striping has been finished.

Zook notified the board that he is still waiting on the final numbers from the purple wave auction which ended on September 13, 2022.

Cody let the board know he has purchased an oil distributor trailer.

Cody informed the board that he is looking at purchasing an older roller- hyster and a new culvert cleaner.

Zook discussed his upcoming plans for the grader routes.

Cody brought to the boards attention with Jared Glover becoming a salary employee that he would like to go ahead and payout the sick he had as a regular hourly employee. The board requested for Jared to come to the meeting. The board ask Jared if he would like his sick time to be paid out and he said that if it was okay with everyone that he would like that.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to pay out 207.25 hours of sick time from road and bridge for Jared Glover at \$19/hr. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTORNEY CLIENT

Commissioner Johnson made a motion for a 15-minute attorney client executive session with the three commissioners, county counselor Nathan Coleman, emergency manager Jared Glover and Cody Zook with R&B to return at 10:00 AM. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion for to extend the attorney client executive session for an additional 10-minutes with the three commissioners, county counselor Nathan Coleman, emergency manager Jared Glover and Cody Zook with R&B to return at 10:10 AM. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session resulted in no action beginning taken.

FLU SHOT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Moates made a motion for the county health department to administer the flu shots to the county employees with the cost to be paid out of employee benefits. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

KDWP SKIDMORE – DAVID JENKINS

David Jenkins came before the board to discuss the continuing issue surrounding the plating of the Skidmore area. There were questions regarding what Rod Zinn with cornerstone surveying has completed. After much discussion it was determined that David Jenkins will contact Rod Zinn to come to the meeting next Monday September 26, 2022, to further discuss this issue.

KDOT

Wayne Gudmosen and Kyler Farmer with KDOT came before the board. Wayne introduced Kyler to the board as the new district engineer.

Wayne stated he was here to discuss any concerns the county may have. The board stated they had concerns regarding a few roads. Discussion surrounded the closer issues on Highway 166.

Commissioner Moates asked what has been discussed regarding the Highway 69 expansion and Wayne stated he has heard nothing regarding it.

Cody Zook with road and bridge ask who a person could contact regarding any concerns with upcoming projects in Cherokee County. Wayne stated he would suggest Steven Rockers with KDOT. The projected finish is in 2024.

RESOLUTION 08-2022

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve resolution 08-2022 adopting the region h multi-hazard mitigation plan. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ARPA REQUEST

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the ARPA request in the amount of \$3000 by the County Clerk. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the ARPA request in the amount of \$2750 by Deana Randall and Deanna Fitz for the purchase of a filing cabinet, 2 new pc's, a battery backup, and a hole punch. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve up to \$6000 from the ARPA funding for a new server. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the ARPA request in the amount of \$50,000 by the Cherokee Ambulance. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the ARPA request in the amount of \$3100 by the County Treasurer for furniture. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the ARPA request in the amount of \$12,500 by the County Attorney for technology for his office. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the ARPA request in the amount of \$3200 by the County Register of Deeds for furniture. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the ARPA request in the amount of \$300 by the County Emergency Manager for two-way radios. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board stated they would like to see Cody Zook R&B Supervisor, JC Parson Noxious Weed Director and Jared Glover Emergency Manager next week regarding their ARPA request for a side by side. The board would also like to see Betha Elliott Health Department Administrator and Chris Johnson Maintenance Coordinator regarding the ARPA request by the Health Department.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 26th day of September 2022.


County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart


Commissioner Chair - Cory Moates


Commissioner - Lorie Johnson


Commissioner - Myra Carlisle Frazier