

MINUTES for June 5, 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, June 5, 2023, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County commissioner Lorie Johnson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, county clerk Rebecca Brassart, county counselor Nathan Coleman, Road and bridge supervisor Cody Zook, area agency on aging representative Kathy Brennon and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the May 26, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed with Lorie Johnson abstaining due to being absent from the May 26, 2023, meeting.

ROAD and BRIDGE

Road and Bridge supervisor Cody Zook presented the Board with a new hire sheet for Thomas Hollingsworth as a part-time utility employee to run the tree cutter machine. Commissioner Moates made a motion to hire Thomas Hollingsworth as a part-time utility employee at the rate of \$17.00. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody notified the Board of closing roads down off highway 166 due to through traffic not taking the detour route.

Zook presented the Board with a bill from O'Brien Ready Mix in the amount of 1983.50 for curbing at the health department. Commissioner Moates, along with the rest of the Board agreed to pay the amount out of ARPA.

Cody notified the Board that SE 72nd is closed June 5, 2023, due to a bridge inspection. Zook also informed the Board that he has closed SE 90th and SE Five Mile to through traffic due to the road closure on highway 166 traffic has not been obeying the detour and is using alternate routes which is only to be used for local traffic.

Presented to the Board for signing was the HRRR (High Risk Rural Roads) project programming request. Cody stated this is for all major collectors west of K-7 in Cherokee County. The scope of the project consists of installing regulatory and warning permanent signage.

Cody discussed the falcon asphalt reclaimer and the gave an update on the rock crusher to the Board.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Area Agency on Aging executive director Kathy Brennon came before the Board to present the 2024 budget request of \$40,000. Kathy stated the AAA provided the county with 31,000 meals and has provided over 250,000 direct services in Cherokee county.

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the on-premises license for Downstream Casino. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE 911 MAPPING

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, county 911 Coordinator Dustin Groves and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 9:55 a.m.