

MINUTES for April 25, 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 a.m. on Monday, April 25, 2022, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Clerk Rebecca Brassart opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, Cody Zook Road and Bridge Supervisor, Noxious Weed Director JC Parsons, County Counselor Nathan Coleman, and Columbus News Report Larry Hight were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022, meeting as written. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Road and Bridge supervisor Cody Zook came before The Board to give an update regarding Liberty 81-0. He spoke to The Board regarding the recent meeting in Chanute for KCHA. Cody discussed with The Board the plans for equipment at the county lot. Zook informed the board that the start date for the SW 110th bridge was April 19th. Cody discussed with The Board the upcoming budget for 2023 that due by May 2nd. He stated that he would need help in creating this budget. The Board stated that they could have a work session on Friday April 29th at 1:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

Cody requested an executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute non-elected personnel executive session with the three commissioners, county counselor Nathan Coleman and Cody Zook to be present, to return at 9:45 AM. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session resulted in no action beginning taken.

NOXIOUS WEED

Noxious weed director JC Parsons presented to The Board a nomination for County weed supervisor. The nomination will need endorsed by The Board and notarized by county clerk Rebecca Brassart. JC stated he would need a copy of the previous minutes in which The Board appointed JC as noxious weed director; county clerk Rebecca Brassart stated she would get them for him. JC Parsons also presented The Board with the 2022 management plan which will need endorsed by The Board.

RESOLUTION 2-2022

County counselor Nathan Coleman advised The Board of resolution 2-2022, a resolution appointing Emergency Management director. Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve resolution 2-2022. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FEMA LEASE RHONDA WALKER

County Clerk Rebecca Brassart presented to The Board a FEMA lease renewal agreement for Rhonda Walker for three years. Commissioner Moates made a motion to renew the lease for Rhonda Walker. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OFFICE HEADS

David Groves Interim Emergency Manager

Sheriff Groves came before The Board to give an update on the office of Emergency Management. Groves stated that he has met with the incoming emergency manager Jared Glover and has provided him with an overview of the state web-based systems. David also stated he has provided a list of local, regional, and state points of contact. Groves gave an update regarding the emergency operations plan update, EMPG, vehicle and equipment, local emergency planning committees, projects, and storm sirens.

David Groves Sheriff

Sheriff Groves gave a select activity summary regarding the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, he discussed with The Board, safe seat belt program, he apprised the board of community events. Groves gave an update of the courthouse security panic alarm system. He informed The Board of case summaries, facility improvements, grant updates and ARPA projects which he would like for consideration.

Beth Elliot Health Department

Beth Elliott informed The Board of the total number of COVID cases in Cherokee County from April 1st through the 22nd, she informed The Board that the state of Kansas has shifted from a pandemic to an epidemic. Elliott advised The Board of a new hire in her office who will start on May 23rd. Beth advised The Board that the health department still has some over the counter COVID test available, she also advised that there is a second COVID booster vaccine that was approved, and they have started giving those boosters as of April 8th. Elliott stated her office has done fourteen regular immunizations or TB skin test this month. She stated they have continued with WIC appointment. Beth also stated that her office is getting ready for WIC management evaluation on May 3rd and that the state WIC staff does these every two years it's similar to an audit. In closing Elliott advised The Board of a county wide community baby shower which will be coming up on May 4th.

Dusty Groves 911 Coordinator

Dusty Groves came before The Board to give an office update. Groves stated he has done twenty maps, one new address point, and has been in contact with wastewater contractors. Groves stated he has managed one environmental complaint on an existing issue.

David Thornton County Appraiser

David Thornton came before The Board stating that he has had fewer hearings than normal in 2022. He also informed The Board of an extension he received to mail personal property. David stated that he will be certifying the real estate in the next few weeks.

Raven Elmore County Treasurer

Raven Elmore informed The Board that she has done three thousand add, abate, escape checks and is voiding an additional three thousand checks. She stated due to the amended statements that people are very confused by them. Elmore also informed The Board that she had a new employee start today. Elmore advised The Board that auditor Gene Mense will be calling soon to set up the date for the next audit. Raven also stated that she would like to investigate extending the window between the county clerk and the county treasurer's office.

Chris Johnson maintenance coordinator

Chris Johnson presented The Board with an estimate to fix the clock on the courthouse. Johnson also informed The Board that Rick Martin had recently power washed the front steps of the building Space and found a couple of blocks which needed fixed. Johnson stated there are two roof leaks that will need to have fixed. Johnson also advised The Board that he would like to hold an auction to eliminate excess inventory.

Barbara Bilke Register of Deeds

Barbara Bilke stated everything is going good in her office.

Rebecca Brassart County Clerk

Rebecca Brassart informed The Board that she had the carpet removed in her backroom. She also stated her office has rearranged the election room and the county lot-built shelving over the election equipment for her office.

Brassart also stated that she had a meeting with all the townships and informed them on the upcoming budget process and helped them to better understand how to prepare for it.

Nathan Coleman County Counselor

Nathan Coleman informed The Board he has hired Sarah Mills as a parttime child in need of care attorney. Addison Tucker from Galena who is currently attending the University of Arkansas has been chosen to intern in the county attorney office. Tucker will begin in the attorney's office at the end of May. Coleman advised The Board he has been speaking to local law enforcement regarding digital media and the opportunity to combine the media.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the three commissioners, County Counselor Nathan Coleman, and County Appraiser David Thornton to be present and to return at 11:45 am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session resulted in no action beginning taken.

MAC YOUNG COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Mac Young presented the 2023 comprehensive budget to The Board

ANDREW LONG AFLAC

Andrew long came before The Board regarding interest in coming and giving employees a chance to look at Aflac

HEALTH DEPARTMENT MOTION TO HIRE

Commissioner Moates made a motion to hire Linda Jameson registered nurse at \$20 an hour at the health department. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

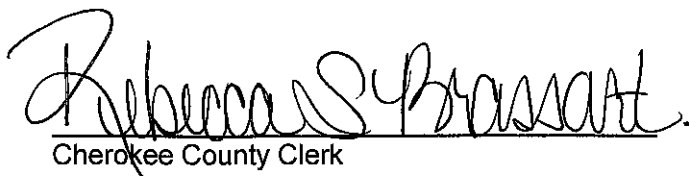
BUKATY INSURANCE RELEASE

County Clerk Rebecca Brassart presented a letter in which Bukaty insurance requested the County to sign for release of information from Meritain health. The Board stated they would be okay with County Clerk Rebecca Brassart signing the release.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 2nd day of May 2022


Cherokee County Clerk

Commissioner Chair



Commissioner



Commissioner