

MINUTES for May 6, 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, May 6, 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, and County Road and Bridge Road Supervisor Cody Zook, Noxious Weed Director JC Parsons and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve the minutes as presented from April 29, 2024, Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD and BRIDGE

R&B Supervisor Cody Zook came before the Board to present a new hire for Dustin Mauney as a utility 1 operator at a rate of \$15/hr. Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the hiring of Dustin Mauney as a utility 1 operator at a rate of \$15/hr. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody informed the Board that he has workers out working on washouts. Once they are all fixed then they will need to go back and GPS the location so that they can turn that in for disaster relief.

Commissioner Johnson asked what the plan was for asphalt repair this year. Zook stated the estimate as of now would be around \$120,000 a mile. Commissioner Johnson stated that she would really like to see the areas that have been repaired with rock fixed with asphalt. Commissioner Johnson also stated she would like to see SW 90th, and Tamko RD fixed as well. Commissioner Moates stated he would like to see SE Star RD patched. Cody stated that he felt that most of the roads that need fixed are in commissioner district 2, which include Faulkner RD, NW 50th north of West Mineral, NW 30th just north of HWY 160 and NW 100th.

DRUG COURT

Judge Lorie Bolton-Fleming came before the Board to update them on the happenings that are taking place with the drug court. Judge Fleming stated that the team has created all the policies and procedures for the drug court. Judge Fleming went on to discuss the pilot program that will start in July. She also informed the Board of a federal grant that has been applied for and that they will know whether they were awarded it in October.

RESOLUTION 10-2024 PROCURMENT POLICY

Discussion surrounded the procurement policy and what would constitute an emergency for Road and Bridge. Equipment that is broken down and a part needed to fix it would be an emergency. Cory stated that they should keep tires in stock and that when they see they are getting short they should go ahead and order. Noxious Weed director JC Parsons discussed with the Board the need for quotes. He stated that one of the companies can take as long as 3 weeks to get a quote. The Board stated that if he needs chemicals to use his best judgement and to try and keep all the quotes that he gets. After the discussion Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve resolution 10-2024, a resolution setting a procurement policy for Cherokee County. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WI-FI REPAYMENT

County Clerk Rebecca Brassart informed the Board that prior to leaving for vacation that HR Director Deana Randall had asked her to talk with the Board to see if they would pay for her Wi-Fi package that she purchased to that should Deanna Fitz need to get ahold of her that she would be able to. Randall had stated the only reason she purchased it was for this purpose. Commissioner Moates motioned to reimburse HR Director Deana Randall the amount of \$120.00 for the WI-FI. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FISCAL YEAR 2025

Commissioner Johnson motioned to allow Commissioner Moates to sign the fiscal year 2025. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 11-2024 PROCLAIMING LOCAL DISASTER

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve resolution 11-2024, a resolution proclaiming a state of local disaster for Cherokee County. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 12-2024 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve resolution 12-2024, a resolution placing a traffic control device. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Moates motioned to appoint the following to the solid waste committee.

- Jim Burton (chairman) Columbus Resident
- Jenifer Fagan Republic Service
- Michael Murphy Jordon Disposal
- Michael Robison Robison Environmental Service C&D
- Sue Drennan County Resident
- Richard Mallatt, Jr. County Resident
- Linda Phipps County Resident

Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NON-ELECT PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE

Commissioner Moates motioned for a 10-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board and County Counselor Jake Conard, to return at 10:42 am. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

Commissioner Moates motioned to extend the non-elect personnel executive session with the Board and County Counselor Jake Conard, for an additional 15-minute and to return at 11:00 am. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action taken regarding the executive session was to hold employee evaluations for the following office heads.

- Emergency Manager Matt Haviland May 13th for 15 minutes
- R&B Supervisor Cody Zook May 20th for 45 minutes
- Health Department Director Peyton Kessler June 3rd for 45 minutes

ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE EXECUTIVE

Commissioner Johnson motioned for a 10-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the Board and County Counselor Jake Conard, to return at 11:30 am. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

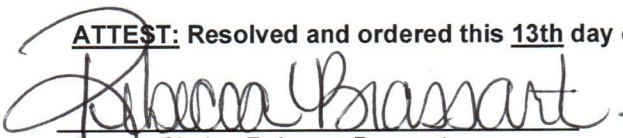
Commissioner Johnson motioned to extend the attorney client privilege executive session with the Board and County Counselor Jake Conard for an additional 5-minutes, to return at 11:36 am. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 13th day of May 2024.



 County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart



 Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates



 Commissioner – Lorje Johnson



 Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier