

MINUTES for January 23, 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, January 23, 2023, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County clerk employee Tonia Altis 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 and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the January 9, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of PAYROLL

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the payroll as presented. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of PAYABLES

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the Board and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 12:08 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 5-minute extension to the attorney client privilege executive session with the Board and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 12:13 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the payables as presented. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD and BRIDGE

Cody Zook came before the Board to discuss the HRRR West side application.

Cody presented the Board with Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP).

Zook also discussed with the Board a Simex CB 2000 crushing bucket for the county lot.

The Board and Cody discussed getting asphalt and oil bids.

Cody requested an executive session with the Board pursuant to non-elected personnel matter. Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15 minute non elect personnel executive session with Cody, Bryan Williams R&B superintendent, the Board, and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the renewal of the economic development advisory committee for a two-year term as presented to the Board by David Stricklin economic development director. Herein attached as exhibit 1.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ARPA and PERSONNEL

Brenda Clugston assistant health department administrator came before the Board to discuss the ARPA funding for the asphalt for the parking lot, the concrete sidewalk bids for the south side sidewalk and about getting bids for the new sign with electrical work to be included. Commissioner Johnson requested that the health department try to get more bids locally for the south sidewalk project.

Clugston presented the Board with budgeted pay rate changes for some health department employees.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 5-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

Commissioner Cory Moates made a motion to approve a pay raise for HD employee Brenda Clugston from 18.41 to 19.41. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cory Moates made a motion to approve a pay raise for HD employee Lori Ferraro from 22.00 to 23.00. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cory Moates made a motion to approve a pay raise for HD employee Tresa Hart from 18.41 to 19.41. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cory Moates made a motion to approve a pay raise for HD employee Deanna Marshall from 13.25 to 14.25. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cory Moates made a motion to approve a pay raise for HD employee Audrey Smith from 20.00 to 21.00. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cory Moates made a motion to approve a pay raise for HD employee Kathy Dugger from 20.00 to 20.50. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cory Moates made a motion to approve a pay raise for HD employee Juilana Brown from 18.00 to 18.50. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

All raises are effective pursuant to the payroll month and date listed on approved pay rate change form.

TOURISM GRANT RENEWAL FOR 2023

Jean Pritchett came before the Board to the renew the yearly Tourism contract.

AAE/PAYMENT UNDER PROTEST DUTIES

Discussion surrounded the AAE/PUP duties.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 25-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 3-minute extension to the non-elect personnel executive session with the Board and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 10:58 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

The Board requested that all involved parties meet with county counselor Nathan Coleman. A time of 9:00 a.m. January 27, 2023, was set for the meeting.

KCAMP

David Luke with KCAMP came before the Board to discuss the county insurance policy.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 30-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the Board, county counselor Nathan Coleman and KCAMP employee David Luke to return at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

TAX SALE

The Board discussed moving forward to hold a tax sale on the 2018 properties. The Board would like to see what the cost of title insurance will be. County counselor Coleman stated he would speak with Chris with the Wichita firm that handles our county tax sales.

HUMAN RESOURCES


County clerk Rebecca Brassart presented the Board with a requested pay rate change for human resources employee Deana Randall. The form presented to the Board was signed by county clerk Rebecca Brassart, register of deeds Barb Bilke and county treasurer Raven Zook-Elmore.

Commissioner Cory Moates made a motion to approve a pay raise for HR employee Deana Randall from 19.70 to 21.20. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

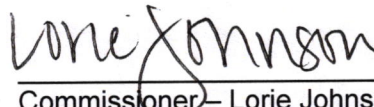
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 30th day of January 2023.



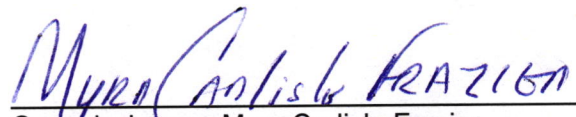
County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart



Commissioner Chair - Cory Moates



Commissioner - Lorie Johnson



Commissioner - Myra Carlisle Frazier