

**MINUTES for April 3, 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, April 3, 2023, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Pastor Aaron Williams 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 employee Joni Hicks, pastor Aaron Williams, county resident Richard Curran and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the March 27, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL of PAYROLL**

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

**APPROVAL of PAYABLES**

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

**ROAD and BRIDGE**

Joni Hicks road and bridge employee came before the Board to present the quit claim deeds and the temporary construction easements for bridge project 11C-5153-01. County counselor Nathan Coleman stated he has reviewed the documents and is okay with them being signed.

Commissioner Johnson made motion to accept the quit claim deed from John Gaither and Gaither Ranch. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson made motion to accept the quit claim deed from Robyn Landis and Donna Monson. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson made motion to accept the temporary construction easement from Robyn Landis and Donna Monson. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD VACATE**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to set for hearing and publication the road vacate for NW 1<sup>st</sup> ST in Skidmore. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

**OPIOID PARTICIPATION**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to enter allow chairman Moates to sign into the opioid participation settlement with TEVA, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Wal-Mart. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**4-H COUNCIL REQUEST**

Parker Neeley, Emma Walker, and Kora Welch came before the Board to request funding help with updating and repairs to the Cherokee county 4-H building. Commissioner Johnson stated that the Board will be reviewing their ARPA funding.

**NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE**

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board,

county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.  
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**NRP HEARING**

Commissioner Moates opened the 10:00 a.m. hearing of the 2023-2027 NRP. The Board along with Bert Kellum discussed amendments that needed to be made. Commissioner Frazier made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to accept resolution 02-2023 a Resolution Of The Board Of County Commissioners Of Cherokee County, Kansas, Establishing A Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

**MOVE YOUR MOUNTAIN**

Kimberly Becker came before the Board to discuss a community outreach program.

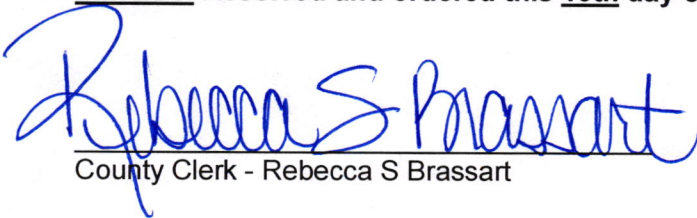
**HEATH DEPARTMENT RAISE**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve a pay raise for Betha Elliott health department administrator from 2087.20 to 2247.20 every pay period. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed two to one with commissioner Frazier opposing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 10th day of April 2023.**

  
County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart

  
Commissioner Chair – Cory Moates

  
Commissioner – Lorie Johnson

  
Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier