

MINUTES for November 7, 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 9:05 AM on Monday, November 7, 2022, 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 employee Tonia Altis, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, County Counselor Nathan Coleman and Owner of the News Report Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the October 31, 2022, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the November 1, 2022, special meeting. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD and BRIDGE

Cody Zook talked with the Board about roofing quotes and presented his choice of Ridgeline, because of the better warranty and not much higher than the lowest quote from the other roofers. Commissioner Frazier asked where the funds would come from.

After deliberation by the Board, Commissioner Johnson made a motion for the roof to be paid from ARPA in the amount of \$52,150. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Zook also discussed that with the selling of the equipment, that he is not able to outreach well. He has found an Auction company out of KC. Cody then explained that the auction company would allow him to sell an item and if it didn't sell, they would not charge. So Zook asked the Commissioners their thoughts on him trying to sell one of the new graters and use that money for a dump truck. They tabled the idea for a later discussion.

Cody informed the Board that the bridge at SW 110th is back open and that the field check would be Tuesday at 10 am.

There was discussion about the dust control to be put on county roads and Cody said that he will have a truck load soon and he had found out that the county pays for it up front and the state will refund.

Cody ended by inviting the Commissioners out to the lot at noon because the Master Tech Truck guy will be there.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jared Glove Emergency Manager came to discuss the FEMA proposals. Glover stated that leased properties that the county owns, need to have insurance on them, and can charge whatever, but they cannot be sold, only gifted.

Glover gave a list to the Board which showed all 37 properties, 31 being leased. Jared will let the board know next week which of them are the leased properties.

Commissioner Frazier asked Jared about insuring them and also to look into what it would cost to ensure that the lease amounts cover the costs. The board discussed the possibility of gifting some of the properties to the Government and schools.

Commissioner Moates asked Glover about the property in Baxter. Jared stated that he had spoken with the property owner and gave him 2 weeks to clean it up significantly, including both trash and vehicles, or owner will be prosecuted.

Commissioner Frazier asked about the Crestline property with the same issues, and Jared has referred that property to KDHE. The KDHE had been out there, but Glover had not heard anything as of yet.

Commissioner Frazier also suggested that there be a process put in place for Jared to follow on properties with environmental hazards.

Glover then presented a bill from Blue Valley for siren maintenance and informed the Board that the account that usually pays this bill has no funds. He asked if he could use the Grant money from ENPG 2020 & 2021.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion for the bill from Blue Valley for \$14,514, be paid out of ARPA. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to move to rescind the payment for Blue Valley for \$14,514 until Jared made sure that all the sirens were included. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 11-2022

Restrict speed limit from 55 to 35 mph due to KDOT Hwy project on Commons Rd.

Commissioner Moates made a motion. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ARPA FUNDING

Commissioner Moates presented the board with the car choice that Rebecca Brassart, County Clerk, had given the board to review.

Commissioner Frazier asked if the car would be used by all the courthouse offices, then stated that the county vehicle should be shared.

Commissioner Moates discussed the warranty on the car.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for the car to be used by anyone and to allow the County Clerks office to purchase it with ARPA funds. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board also discussed computers for the Treasurer's office, including towers and monitors. The Board tabled until Raven can get other bids.

LARRY HIATT

Larry came before the board to ask that the Veterans Friday Edition, in the amount of \$150, be paid from the Rec Fund.

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

NATHAN COLEMAN

County Counselor informed the board that he will not be present next Monday for the meeting and asked that they move Road and Bridge lease agreement to the meeting on Nov 21st. The board agreed unanimously.

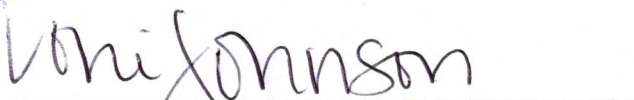
ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 14th day of November 2022.


County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart


Commissioner Chair - Cory Moates


Commissioner - Lorie Johnson


Commissioner - Myra Carlisle Frazier