

**MINUTES for August 15, 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 AM on Monday, August 15, 2022, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Johnson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, County Counselor Nathan Coleman, Larry Hight owner of the News Report and reporter Carson Cobb were present.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022, meeting as written. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Moates asked county clerk Rebecca Brassart if the board would be canvassing today due to the hand recount over the weekend. Brassart stated they would not be canvassing today as they are finalizing the hand recount numbers.

County Counselor Nathan Coleman stated he needed to get with road and bridge supervisor Cody Zook regarding the road use agreement.

Commissioner Johnson requested that the board have a work session regarding the upcoming expiration of the moratorium which was put into place in August of 2021.

County Clerk Rebecca Brassart stated she would be contacting Spring River Health and Wellness regarding a budget meeting. Commissioner Johnson stated there are some items that the board is requesting that they bring to the meeting and that she would get it to Clerk Brassart.

**NRP BRADON MAILES**

Clerk Rebecca Brassart presented the board with a deed in which Brandon Mailes had left in her office for the board to show that he no longer owned a piece of land which was in question as having delinquent taxes. After some discussion the board was able to speak to Mailes by phone. The deed presented to the board showed a sale date of June 2020, but the deed was not recorded until July of 2022. Commissioner Frazier made a motion to deny the request to remain in the NRP program. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**BUKATY**

Derik Dick presented the board with comparison of price quotes for multiple carrier Insurance companies. The board requested that Derik send more information to the county clerk for their review.

Derik stated that he will email Rebecca Brassart, County Clerk.

**SENIOR CENTER BILLS**

The board discussed the elderly account and what bills were currently being paid out of it. After some discussion commissioner Frazier made a motion to terminate two different phone bills through CenturyLink in the amount of 4.24 at Baxter and Galena. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

Sheriff David Groves came before the Board to further discuss 2023 budget and the commissary account. He also informed the board that when contracts are ready to renew, he will be renegotiating the inmate housing.



Commissioner Johnson made a motion to allow Sheriff Groves to pay the ac bill in the amount of 11,392.35 out of the sales tax. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion.

### **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Cody Zook road and bridge supervisor came before the board to inform them that he has spoken to the school transportation departments to determine their bus routes for the upcoming school year. So that he could determine the need for slow children signs

Cody discussed with the board putting 3-way reflective strips on major collector roads.

Zook notified the board that the skid steer has been ordered and is estimated to be here in December of 2022.

Cody requested that the board okay the purchase of a dump bed. The board stated if he had the money in his budget of which he stated he did that is would be fine.

### **KWORK ANNUAL MEETING**

Commissioner Moates informed the board of the upcoming KWORKS annual meeting to be held in October of 2022.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the three commissioners and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 11:20 AM. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session resulted in no action being taken.

### **WORKSESSION**

Commissioner Moates made a motion to move into a work session for the board. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **RECESS**

The board recessed until the evening canvass.

### **RECONVENE**

Commissioner Moates made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 10:00 PM into the canvassing board for the canvassing of the August 2, 2022, Election. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

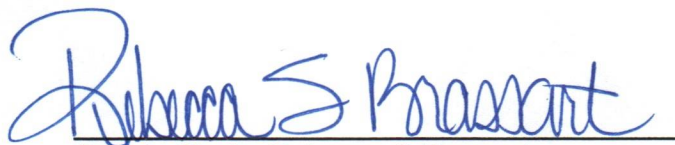
County Clerk Rebecca Brassart presented the board with 169 provisional ballots. The board rejected 37 and accepted 132. Commissioner Moates made a motion to accept 132 ballots and reject 37 ballots. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with commissioner Frazier abstaining due to being on the ballot.

The ballots were then counted for votes and added to the unofficial primary results. Once the unofficial totals were presented which included the provisional ballot count. Commissioner Moates made a motion to certify the abstract of the election. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with commissioner Frazier abstaining due to being on the ballot.

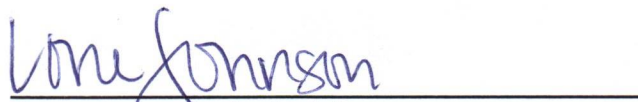
### **ADJOURNMENT of REGULAR MEETING**

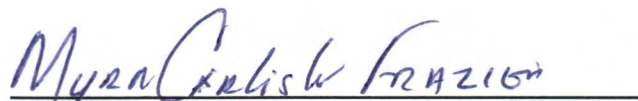
Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 AM. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 22nd day of August 2022.**

  
County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart

  
Commissioner Chair - Cory Moates

  
Commissioner - Lorie Johnson

  
Commissioner - Myra Carlisle-Frazier