

Cherokee County Planning Commission

Minutes for April 2, 2025 Meeting

CONVENE

Chairman Brett Warstler called the scheduled meeting of the Cherokee County Planning Commission (the Commission) to order at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 in the break room of the Cherokee County Courthouse, followed by prayer led by Randy Commons.

ROLL CALL

Chair Warstler conducted a roll call. Commission member Roger Draeger, Chairman Brett Warstler, Commission member Randy Commons, Commission member Scott Boyes, and Vice-Chair John Lopp were in attendance.

Counselor Jake Conard, Secretary Lorie Johnson, Mel Hass, Toni Spieth and Larry Hiatt with Columbus News Report were also in attendance.

REVIEW OF 3/5/2025 MINUTES

Upon review of the minutes from the March 5th meeting, Commissioner Boyes moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Commons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Commission received and reviewed two proposals for development of the county comprehensive plan. One proposal was received from Confluence and one from TransSystems.
2. Chairman Warstler updated the commission on his communication with local zoning administrators Mel Hass and Matt Bacon, and followed up with discussion on how to best proceed forward in the pursuit of potential consultants that could assist the commission in choosing a planning firm.
3. Mel Hass gave an overview of the Labette County planning and zoning process, and shared some of his experiences as the current Zoning Administrator for Labette County. Included in his discussion was information on the upcoming Kansas Planning and Zoning Conference that will be held April 23rd and 24th in Manhattan, Kansas.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Following discussion with Mr. Hass with respect to his interest in serving as a consultant to the Cherokee County Planning Commission, Commissioner Boyes made a motion to retain the services of Mel Hass as Planning Consultant for the Cherokee County Planning Commission at the rate of \$20 per hour, not to exceed 40 hours per month. Commissioner Commons seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Counselor Jake Conard will prepare a contract and present to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners for approval.

2. Vice-Chair Lopp made a motion to have Secretary Johnson request interviews with both Confluence and TransSystems to be conducted in a Special Meeting in the Courthouse Breakroom on Wednesday, April 15 and Thursday, April 16th at 6:00 pm or as needed to accommodate scheduling, and report the finalized dates and times of the interviews to Columbus News Report to publish notice of the Special Meeting. Commissioner Boyes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Commissioner Boyes made a motion to send Commissioner Commons to the KACPZO Conference in Manhattan on April 23rd and 24th as a non-voting member with total cost of registration, lodging, meals, and mileage not to exceed \$1200. Counselor Jake Conard will prepare the expenditure request and present to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners for spending approval.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Commons made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Draeger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 16th day of APRIL, 2025.



Brett Warstler, Chair



John Lopp, Vice-Chair



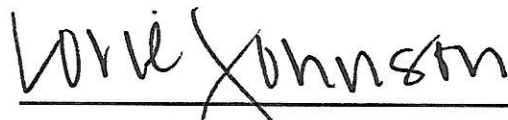
Roger Draeger, Planning Commissioner 1



Randy Commons, Planning Commissioner 3



Scott Boyes, Planning Commissioner 4



Lorie Johnson, Secretary