

**MINUTES for October 2, 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, October 2, 2023, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Commissioner Myra Frazier opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, County Deputy Clerk Michaela Heistand, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the September 25, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL of PAYROLL**

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

**APPROVAL of PAYABLES**

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

**ROAD and BRIDGE**

Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook came before the Board to inform them of the properties he was wanting to bid on at the property tax sale and stated that he was not aloud to go over the amount of the taxes that were owed.

Commissioner Moates made a motion on Parcel 46 taxes owed 2,692.19 and parcel 128 taxes owed 5,105.12 to approve Zook to bid and not go over the amount of the taxes that are owed. Commissioner Johnson second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson thanked him for putting rock on Sheridan, she also asked him if he fill some potholes with rock in Shermin City. Zook stated he would send someone out and get the issue fixed.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute executive session with the commission, Cody Zook, and the County Counselor and to return at 9:32 a.m.

No action was taken.

**Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Matt Haviland came before the board to talk about the Fema License, he is needing an appropriate amount for people leasing.

Commissioner Frazier asked for him to get something stating that they can charge more that what they are paying. Also asked for him to get something showing how to gift them away and how to change the fee amounts.

Haviland also asked about possibly getting a work phone, the commission had no problem with that and stated they were fine with getting him one.

**Drug Court**

Judge Lorie A. Bolton Fleming came before the board to speak about the options that drug court offers. It gives people who are struggling with drug addiction or any other drug related crimes a second chance before being sent straight to prison. They are required to do a check in and if they are doing good, they are presented with a prize like a gas card, if they are not then they will be sent to prison for two days. This will be housed in Pittsburg but will have transportation between all three counties, they are hoping to have it all up and running by next fall.

**HVAC**

Commission stated that on Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> while we are closed for Columbus Days the power will be shut off and the generator will be disconnected so that we can get chillers installed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

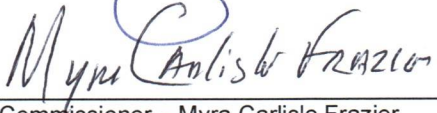
Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 16th day of October 2023.**

  
County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart

  
Commissioner Chair - Cory Moates

  
Commissioner - Lorie Johnson

  
Commissioner - Myra Carlisle Frazier