

MINUTES for August 1, 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 1, 2022, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Moates opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, County Clerk employee Tonia Altis and reporter Carson Cobb were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2022, meeting as written. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of 2023 BUDGETS

The Board had a discussion of budgets and comparing numbers to last year's. All were okay except for needing an actual budget for Elderly, Mental Health, Special Parks and Recreation.

TREASURERS OFFICE

Commissioner Moates brought forth and made a motion to approve Raven's request for a 2nd account – Public Fund. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

04-2022 RESOLUTION

Commissioner Moates asked County Counselor Coleman if he had a resolution to present to the board. Coleman stated yes; that he did and presented a copy to the board to review.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to review later in the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Cody Zook road and bridge supervisor came before the board to talk about a safety plan meeting he had attended. Discussed at the meeting, were accidents in the county and the removal of signs and roadside hazards. He presented the board with information from the meeting that showed the high areas of accidents in the county.

Cody further discussed the need of a skid steer, the need of an asphalt plan and a way to spray oil. He talked with the board about 3 different prices of skid steers. Commissioner Johnson motioned to give Cody the authority to purchase the skid steer for a little over \$112,000. Commissioner Frazier seconded.

Then Commissioner Moates amended to approve Cody to purchase a skid steer up to \$115,000. All approved unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson then discussed with Cody and the board a complaint she had received about Hallowell roads and a request for the opening of Pelican Lane. Cody stated that there needs to be a meeting about the Hallowell roads and that him and Commissioner Johnson could drive together to look at them.

Commissioner Moates asked Cody to come back later that afternoon at 1 pm to discuss the Road and Bridge 2023 Budget.

BUKATY

Derik Dick and Randy Dick were back to present and show comparison of price quotes for current Insurance, Meritain, to Blue Cross and Blue Shield. They also explained proposals of self-funded insured and fully insured and the differences.

Derik stated that he will email Rebecca Brassart, County Clerk, in the next 2 weeks with the other quotes from different companies.

NRP APPEAL HEARING – JENELLE BROWN

Commissioner Moates opened the hearing informing Bowman that 2 of 3 properties were paid 2 weeks late.

Bowman stated that she misunderstood the letter that she had received, and she thought that “paid on time” was referring to the property in the NRP. So Bowman paid that property on time. She states that she now knows it was referring to ALL property that she has.

Commissioner Frazier motioned to deny the appeal for NRP program reinstatement. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously to discontinue the NRP program for Mrs. Bowman.

SENATOR JERRY MORAN

Senator Moran presented Sheriff David Groves with a 1 year \$60,000 Federal Grant to increase funding for the Cherokee County Sheriff’s Department for safety. Sheriff David Groves was present to accept the grant.

CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Sheriff David Groves came before the Board to further discuss 2023 budget and the current activity summary. Commissioner Johnson explained that if a grant is funding items in the budget, then a grant line needs to be added to the budget, not transfer the grant funds over. This way it will show where the fund is coming from and where the money is going.

Then the board and Sheriff Groves discussed commissary funds and the account and unused balance. Commissioner Johnson presented an idea to allow Sheriff Groves to be able to use the commissary funds. The account will be looked into and Groves will get a monthly statement and annual statements of that account, as well as framework on the account.

Groves then discussed items of work that had already been completed that needed paid, including the A/C, plumbing supplies and fire code sprinkler heads. Groves then asked if these could be paid from the maintenance funds. The board will further review and discuss where the bills can be paid from.

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 12:30 PM. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session resulted in no action being taken.

04-2022 RESOLUTION

Commissioner Moates made a motion to pass the 04-2022 resolution banning all outside burning and open fires in Cherokee County for 30 days. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT of REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting for the Board to go into a work session for the 2023 budgets. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart


Commissioner Chair - Cory Moates


Commissioner - Lorie Johnson


Commissioner - Myra Carlisle-Frazier

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