

MINUTES for April 1, 2024
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, April 1, 2024, 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 Clerk Rebecca Brassart, County Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, County Noxious Weed Director JC Parsons, County Counselor Jake Conard, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the minutes as presented from March 25, 2024, meeting. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of PAYROLL

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the payroll as presented. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of PAYABLES

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

ROAD and BRIDGE

R&B Supervisor Cody Zook came before the Board to give an update on the HRRR KDOT agreement.

Cody requested cell phone stipends for Joni Hicks and James Reeves as they take calls after hours and Joni takes them when on vacation as well. County Counselor Jake Conard stated there was no need for a motion. Commissioner Frazier stated she felt it was more of a courtesy that Cody was telling them. County Clerk Rebecca Brassart stated she would let HR know of the change.

Cody went on to inform the Board of the issue he ran into when going to purchase the 550-gallon fuel trailer. He stated he was unable to get the wire transfer done due to the County Treasurer Heather Sapp stating she would need a motion of approval by the Board in the minutes as that would be required by the auditor. Zook also stated he was unable to use his credit card which had been set at \$10,000 but it was changed as well. Sapp had stated earlier that was due to the spread sheet that was left by the previous County Treasurer which showed he had different limits. Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the purchase and the wire transfer in the amount of \$6550.00 to Circle E for a 550-gallon fuel trailer. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates motioned to raise the purchase allowance on Cody Zooks County credit card to \$10,000, the shop credit card which is used by James Reeves to \$2,000 and the highway card which is used by Joni Hicks to \$2,000. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody notified the Board that the R&B will be working on NW Scammon Rd just west of NW 70th Street and is hoping to get some rain on it. He will also have construction road signs put up as the road will be sloppy for a while.

Cody discussed with the Board the road dust abatement program and the backlash there has been from some taxpayers who feel this should be considered general road maintenance. Commissioner Johnson

stated she was unable to see posts on the R&B Facebook page and had mentioned it to Commissioner Moates. She stated after that she could see the comments which had been made on another taxpayers shared social media post; Commissioner Johnson stated she commented on the post explaining the process.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

County Sheriff David Groves came before the Board to discuss the upcoming safety plan meeting his office will be conducting at the Courthouse and to present the Board with a copy of the plan.

CONDOR LANE VACATE HEARING and RESOLUTION 08-2024

Commissioner Moates opened the vacate hearing for SE Condor Lane. There were no objections to the vacate hearing. Commissioner Moates closed the vacate hearing. Commissioner Moates motioned to adopt resolution 08-2024, a resolution vacating SE Condor Ln. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioners Moates and Johnson voting yea and Commissioner Frazier voting nay.

NOXIOUS WEED CASH DRAWER RESOLUTION 09-2024

County Noxious Weed Director JC Parsons came before the Board at the being of the meeting to request a cash drawer for his department. Currently he has no way to make change for anyone who pays by cash when purchasing chemicals. Commissioner Moates motioned to approve resolution 09-2024, a resolution for a \$100.00 cash drawer for the Noxious Weed department. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT

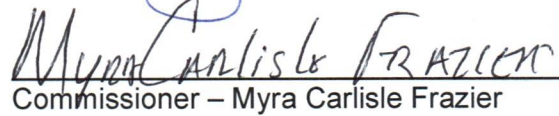
Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 8th day of April 2024.


County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart


Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates


Commissioner – Lorie Johnson


Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier