

MINUTES for March 18, 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, March 18, 2024, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Commissioner Cory Moates opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier (by phone), County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, County Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, County Counselor Jake Conard, county resident Bruce Parker and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Fraizer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from March 4, 2024, meeting. Commissioner Johnson 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

R&B Supervisor Cody Zook came before the Board to present the HRRR KDOT agreement for the Board to sign. Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the signing of the HRRR KDOT agreement. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody went on to inform the Board of the asphalt removal on NW Scammon Rd, the issues with the base being soft in some spots on the Wyandotte bridge project, and that he will be pulling ditches which will make some roads rough. Zook stated he had notified KDOT about not using our county roads due to the issues and destruction it is causing to our county roads, he plans to attend the Wednesday meeting for 166 Hwy to discuss the road destruction issue.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute non-elect executive session with the Board, R&B Supervisor Cody Zook, and County Counselor Jake Conard to return at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

Commissioner Moates requested that HR Director Deana Randall come to the commission meeting. Commissioner Moates stated that he understood there had previously been an issue with checks being cashed early, which was why checks were no longer being allowed to be picked up the day before payroll was deposited. Commissioner Moates stated he understood that issue had been remedied and requested that Deana release the checks to the county lot the morning of the day prior to payroll being direct deposited into accounts. Randall stated she cuts the checks and gives them to county lot HR employee Deanna Fitz who then gives them to the county lot. The checks will now be available the morning prior.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

County Health Department Director Peyton Kessler and assistant Director Brenda Clugston came before

the Board to present 5 grant applications for approval. Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the signing of the grant sheets for the grant applications. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING and RESOLUTION 07-2024

Commissioner Moates opened the vacate hearing for Bruce Parker in the Hallowell area. There were no objections to vacate hearing. Commissioner Moates made a motion to adopt resolution 07-2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Moates closed the hearing.

WARNING SIREN ISSUES

Emergency Manager Matt Haviland came before the Board to discuss the issue with warning siren testing. Haviland stated that when testing some sirens are not coming online all the time. The issue is being caused due to the warning sirens and the Columbus PD using the same repeater. The only time this will affect some of the sirens is when the Columbus PD is using the repeater at the same time the warning siren activates to sound. Matt presented the Board with options to remedy this issue. The Board stated they would like to discuss this issue further with Columbus Fire Chief Steven Burton, undersheriff Terry Clugston and Matt at next Mondays meeting.

BUKATY INSURANCE

Joe Holdenried and Derek Dick with Bukaty Insurance came before the Board to give a quarterly update regarding the counties the health insurance plan.

TELEPHONE PROPOSAL

Ryan Hilton and James Krokroskia with CPI came before the Board to present a VOIP system proposal for a replacement of the current telephone system which is outdated and causing issues for the public when they try to reach certain offices in the courthouse. After reviewing the proposal, the Board requested the County Clerk to make sure that the county is not in a contract with Parcom or Columbus Telephone, even though the Courthouse would still utilize Columbus Telephone Company.

SEKRPC BILL

Commissioner Moates made a motion to pay the annual renewal fee for 2024 in the amount of \$5304.30 to SEKRPC. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

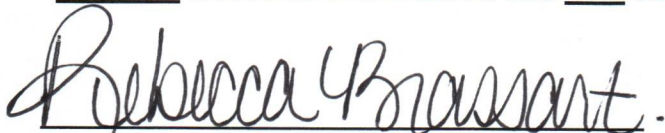
OFFICE HEAD

Commissioner Moates to have all office heads present at the 3-25-2024 meeting.


ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 25th day of March 2024.


County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart


Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates


Commissioner – Lorie Johnson

Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier