

MINUTES for February 26, 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, February 26, 2024, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Clerk Rebecca Brassart 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 Road Supervisor Cody Zook, County Counselor Jake Conard, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from February 16, 2024, meeting with a correction to the legal or the Bruce Parker vacate. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VACATE REQUEST

Taxpayer Richard Hanner came before the Board to request the vacation of the road which sets to the south of his house and the road to the east of his house as well as the alley that sets to the north of his house. Mr. Hanner presented the Board with an aerial map showing the area in which he is requesting to be vacated. The Board stated that they see no issue with the vacate request. County Counselor Jake Conard will draft the petition to vacate which Mr. Hanner will need to sign before a hearing date can be set. County Clerk Rebecca Brassart notified the Board that she had already mentioned to Mr. Hanner that he would be responsible for the hearing publication.

ROAD and BRIDGE

R&B Supervisor Cody Zook came before the Board to present a raise requested by JC Parsons, Noxious Weed Director. Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the raise for JC Parsons from \$17.00/hr. to \$18.00/hr. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody presented the Board with a new hire for Eugene Hale as a utility 1/operator at a rate of \$16.00/hr. Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the hiring of Eugene Hale at \$16.00/hr. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Zook stated that his crew will be working between on NW Scammon Rd between NW 80th and NW 90th St so finish removing the chipseal/asphalt that had been laid many years ago. He went on to state he plans to have the tree trimmer on Weir Rd between NE 70th and 80th St.

Cody notified the Board that he will be redoing the dust abatement pamphlet and when there is extra dust product left that they county will utilize it and have it sprayed on certain roads to help with the stabilization of the road. He wanted to make sure that taxpayers understood that when the county puts it down it will not be for dust abatement purposes.

Commissioner Johnson stated that there has been a request to place a stop sign at NW 50th St., and NW Bethlehem Rd as currently there are yield signs and they are being disregarded.

RESOLUTION 06-2024

Commissioner Moates made a motion to pass resolution 06-2024, a resolution for placement of a traffic control device. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the Board, County Counselor Jake Conard, and R&B Supervisor Cody Zook to return at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

APPRAISER OFFICE

Interim Appraiser Daisy Mooney presented the Board with a publication of the results of the market study analysis for 2024.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Johnson made a motion for a 15-minute non-elect executive session with the Board, and County Counselor

Jake Conard to return at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No Action was taken.

APPRAISER APPLICATIONS

The Board reviewed an application presented to them by County Clerk Rebecca Brassart. The Board requested Brassart to set up an interview with the applicant for Monday February 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute non-elect executive session with the Board, County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, and County Counselor Jake Conard, to return at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

APPRAISER APPLICATIONS

The Board reviewed an application presented to them by County Clerk Rebecca Brassart. The Board requested Brassart to set up an interview with the applicant for Monday March 4, 2024, at 10:45 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

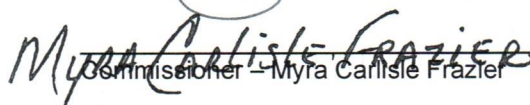
Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 4th day of March 2024.


County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart


Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates


Commissioner – Lorie Johnson


Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier