

MINUTES for August 7, 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, August 7, 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 Clerk Rebecca Brassart, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, Road and Bridge Office Manager Joni Hicks, County Counselor Nathan Coleman and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the July 31, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of PAYROLL

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the payroll as presented. Commissioner Moates 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

Commissioner Johnson informed Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook that she had received a phone call from an employee of Liberty Utilities thanking Cody for his help in Sherman City area.

The Board along with Cody and Joni Hicks reviewed the 2024 budget.

Discussion surrounding the question of whether the delinquent sewer bills could be published in the paper was had.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Emergency Manager Jared Glover requested a 15-minute non-elect executive session with the Board.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, County Counselor Nathan Coleman, and Emergency Manager Jared Glover to return at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESIGNATION

Emergency Manager Jared Glover addressed the Board. Glover stated that after careful consideration and a redirection of life he is giving the Board his resignation effective October 6, 2023 and will be relocating.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department Director Peyton Kessler came before the Board to request a 20-minute non-elect executive session with the Board.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 20-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, County Counselor Nathan Coleman, Health Department Director Peyton Kessler, Assistant Health Department Director Brenda Clugston to return at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

SHERIFF AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Sheriff David Groves came before the Board at the request of Commissioner Johnson. Due to the resignation of Emergency Manager Jared Glover, Commissioner Johnson felt that there needed to be a discussion surrounding the opening and what that will look like for the County as they move forward. Sheriff Groves stated he would meet with Glover regarding the duties of the position and would meet back with the Board later regarding the position.

COUNTY COUNSELOR OPENING

County Counselor Nathan Coleman addressed the Board after the question was posed as to what would happen with the County Counselor position after Coleman leaves on September 1, 2023. Coleman stated he had listed the job and had sent County Clerk Rebecca Brassart the job description. Brassart stated she had not posted it on indeed but would in the afternoon.

REVIEW COUNTY BUDGETS

The board reviewed all County budgets for the remainder of the meeting. It was determined that the Board should meet in a special meeting on August 10, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. to finalize the budget.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to hold a special meeting on August 10, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. regarding the budget and non-elect personnel. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

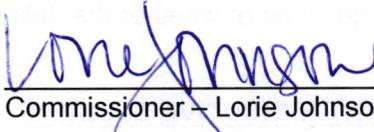
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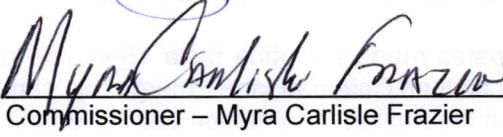
Commissioner Frazier made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 10th day of August 2023.


County Clerk - Rebecca S Brassart


Commissioner Chair – Cory Moates


Commissioner – Lorie Johnson


Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier