

**MINUTES for September 11, 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, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Sheriff Groves opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, County Deputy Clerk Michaela Heistand, Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the September 7, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

County Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook presented the Board with a pay raise sheet for Lynn Shallenburger as a utility 1 operator from \$15.00 an hour to \$16.00 an hour.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the pay raise of Lynn Shallenburger utility 1 operator at a rate of \$16.00. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody Zook presented the board with the agreement for HRRR project No. 11 C-5135-01 agreement (East), Project start date will be in December 2023.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the agreement for project No. 11 C-5135-01. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson asked about mowing Cody notified the Board that all mowers are running, he has been trying to teach his crew to go to more populated areas first.

Zook notified the board that the city of Baxer is interested in their mower they have for sale, and they will be getting back with them to discuss the possible purchase.

Zook also mentioned that they tried replacing the rope for the flagpole, but the rope was too short, they are working on getting a longer one to get the flagpole fixed.

**Lowell Township Clerk Resignation**

Barbra Hixenbaugh Lowell township Clerk presented to the board her resignation.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the resignation for Barbra Hixenbaugh Lowell township Clerk. Commissioner Moates Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed advertising for a replacement for the Lowell Township Clerk in the Columbus and Galena newspaper. Commissioner Fraiser made a motion to approve the advertising. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Township Treasurer Bond**

The board discussed wanting to check all townships beginning budgets to see if the townships had enough in their budgets to move forward with the Treasurer Bonds or if this could wait till next year.

No action was taken.

**NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE ATTORNEY CLIENT**

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the Board, and County Counselor Jake Conard to return at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates requested an extra 5-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the board, and County Counselor Jake Conard and to return at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Frazier requested another 15-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the board, and County Counselor Jake Conard and to return at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed