

MINUTES for October 16, 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, October 16, 2023, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Rebecca Brassart 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, County Counselor Jake Conard, Congressman Jake LaTurner District Representative Jacob Cochran, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the October 2, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Frazier 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 Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Johnson opposing.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the modification to the employee benefits plan as found in Amendment #1. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the modification to the employee dental plan as found in Amendment #4. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD and BRIDGE

Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook informed the Board that a date has yet to be set for the start of the Wyandotte RD bridge. Cody stated that his crew has been working on asphalt and will be working on failing culverts near 110th ST and Messer RD this week.

R&B EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 20-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, County Counselor Jake Conard, and Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook to return at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

County Extension Dale Helwig came before the Board to invite them to the annual meeting of the Cherokee County Research and Extension. Helwig went on to thank the Board for their support of the extension and the programs that they have supported. Helwig notified the Board that they have been selected as this years recipient of the extension appreciation award.

Helwig stated that the extension recently finished a hunters education course in Columbus and are in the process of finishing up one at Southeast. He went on to discuss the snap program funding that the extension has received and how they are using that to go into the school systems to present various programs.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Health Department Director Peyton Kessler came before the Board to request a 15-minute attorney client executive session with the Board.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15-minute attorney client executive session with the Board, County Counselor Jake Conard, Health Department Director Peyton Kessler to return at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.