

MINUTES for July 17, 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, July 17, 2023, 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, County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook 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 10, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD & BRIDGE

County Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook came before the Board to inform them that his employees have been learning how to run the asphalt reclaim machine.

Cody updated the Board on the Wyandotte bridge project. He stated his employees will begin clearing brush this week.

Zook informed the Board that with the rain we received over the past week that the graders have been out working on the roads. He stated he gave his grader employees the option to work this past weekend as well and two employees chose to work.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE ROAD & BRIDGE

Commissioner Johnson made a motion for a 20-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, County Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook to return at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion was rescinded due to Renee Charles and Mary Billington requesting to address the Board.

RAINBOW BRIDGE

Renee Charles and Mary Billington with the Route 66 Bi-Way came before the Board to discuss the structural integrity of the historic Rainbow bridge. They are requesting to have the bridge inspected for possible structural issues before they attempt to paint it.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE ROAD & BRIDGE

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

No action was taken because of the executive session.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion for an additional 4-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, County Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook to return at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

GENE MENSE CPA BUDGET

Gene and Matt Mense with Mense CPA Firm LLC came before the Board to discuss the County budget for 2024. Gene stated that he would be sending the budget proposal over to the County Clerk.