

MINUTES for June 10, 2024
BOARD of CHEROKEE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS'
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chair Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (the Board), to order at 9:00 AM on Monday, June 10, 2024, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Commissioner Lorie Johnson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, Deputy County Clerk Jess Frasher, and Columbus News Report Owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve the minutes as presented from June 3, 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the payroll as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES

Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve the payables as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier motioned for a 5-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the Board and County Counselor Jake Conard, to return at 9:08 am. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took no action.

ROAD and BRIDGE

Cody Zook, Road and Bridge Supervisor presented two notices for new employees to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the hire of Austin Glover as a seasonal laborer effective June 3rd at a rate of \$12 an hour. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioner Johnson voting against.

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the hire of Nathan Napier as Utility 1 Operator effective June 10th at a rate of \$16 an hour. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Zook discussed damages received during recent storms and distributed maps with location of damages to the Commission. Zook stated that there is an estimated 1.7 million in damages, and that he believes 80 percent of the costs can be reimbursed to the County by FEMA after repairs have been completed. Zook states that after repairs have been completed, he plans to focus on taking preventative measures.

Commissioner Moates stated that he has spent time driving across the NE part of the County visiting with citizens. Moates stated that there is disagreement among some citizens regarding desired action to be made to remedy drainage issues. Moates stated that this issue is ultimately one the Commission needs to decide the best course of action.

ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Johnson motioned for a 5-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the Board, County Counselor Jake Conard, and Road and Bridge supervisor Cody Zook, to return at 9:30 am. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took no action.