

**MINUTES for April 24, 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, April 24, 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, 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 April 17, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Cody Zook came before the Board to present the following new hires.

Dean (Andy) Young as a utility1/operator (maintenance helper) at a rate of \$16.00/hr.

Randy Tollman as a utility1/operator (grader) at a rate of \$16.00/hr.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to hire Dean (Andy) Young as a utility 1/operator (maintenance helper) at a rate of \$16.00/hr. and to hire Randy Tollman as a utility1/operator (grader) at a rate of \$16.00/hr.

Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody informed the Board of the dump truck issue which will require \$40K to repair due to a dropped transmission. Cody stated he is going to try and claim it on insurance and if that doesn't go through then he will have no other choice but to park it. Cody went on to tell the Board about the buried box culverts that the county lot employees have been finding. Cody stated that from looking at aerials that it seems as though the culverts were buried in the 80's.

Zook notified the Board of his upcoming schedule and classes he would be attending.

Commissioner Johnson asked Cody if Joni Hicks had heard anything on the Grant cost share. Cody stated she had not but that she will send an updated email requesting information on it.

The Board requested to meet with Cody on the afternoon of May 22, 2023, for a work session.

**E-WASTE SUCCESS**

Jim Burton with the solid waste committee came before the Board to inform them that the e-waste day held 4/22/2023 was a huge success and they were able to fill two trailers full.

**FLOOD BUY-OUT INSURANCE**

Rebecca Brassart, county clerk informed the Board that she had been in contact with KCAMP, and they stated that we did not need to list the properties separately due to them being vacant. KCAMP stated they would automatically be covered under county insurance policy.

**TAX SALE DATES**

The Board questioned if the date has been set for the tax sale properties. Nathan Coleman county counselor stated that the Wichita firm is having a hard time nailing down the date in June due to the courtroom being busy. The question was asked if the sale could be held in an alternate location due to the booking issues with the courtroom. Coleman stated he would check into that.

**ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the 3