

**MINUTES for December 21, 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 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2023, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, and County Clerk Rebecca Brassart were present.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023, meeting as presented. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL of PAYROLL**

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the payroll as presented. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL of PAYABLES**

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the payables as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD and BRIDGE**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the hiring of employee Casey Lowry at a payrate of \$16.00/hr as a utility 1/operator. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISTRICT COURT**

The Board had some questions for District Court Clerk Sandi Green regarding payables that were paid through District Court. The Board was pleased with her answers and thanked her for coming in to answer their questions.

**NON-ELECT PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

County Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, to return at 9:15am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

County Commissioner Moates made a motion to extend the current non-elect personnel executive session with the Board for another 5 minutes and to return at 9:26am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

County Commissioner Moates made a motion to extend the current non-elect personnel executive session with the Board for another 10 minutes and to return at 9:31am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Kurt Benecke came before the Board to answer a few questions regarding payables. Benecke then took the opportunity to discuss the current happenings in 2023 and what 2024 is looking like for the County Attorney's office.