

MINUTES for July 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, July 24, 2023, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Commissioner Cory Moates opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, County Deputy Clerk Michaela Heistand, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the July 17, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Johnson 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 Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD and BRIDGE

Cody Zook Road & Bridge Supervisor advised the Board that he has a new hire, Robert Baumann, starting at \$16.00 and two raises for Jeremy Erwin from \$16.00 to \$16.50, and Cloyd Ray from \$16.00 to \$16.50.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve new hire along with raises. Commissioner Johnson Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody informed the Board that all operators and their locations where they are working and he will be paying overtime due to being short handed on graders, he also informed them that all mowers are out that is running.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute non-elect personnel executive session to return at 9:27 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

Zook notified the Board that the asphalt crew is always running, the patches that are being laid are temporary until they get permanent asphalt poured on top.

TREASURER

Raven Youngblood Treasurer discussed the tax sale, they will be looking into a bigger venue possibly using the school auditorium. The sale brought in \$351,217 and had parcels that did not sale, the highest bid was \$40,500, there are no redemptions on the tax sale. They also discussed that the next scheduled tax sale will be late September.

MAINTENANCE

Chris Johnson Maintenance was called in by the board to discuss budget.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15-minute non-elect personnel executive session to return at 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Johnson second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.