

MINUTES for September 23, 2024
BOARD of CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Vice-Chair Lorie Johnson called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (the Board), to order at 9:00 AM on Monday, September 23, 2024, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Counselor Jake Conard opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, Deputy County Clerk Jess Frasher, County Counselor Jake Conard, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present. Commissioner Cory Moates was not present for the meeting.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve the minutes as presented from September 16, 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD and BRIDGE

Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook presented a Notice of New Employee to the Board.

Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the hire of Curtis Swartz as Utility/Operator 1 at an hourly rate of \$16 effective September 23rd. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Zook stated that they rolled a lot of asphalt the previous week. Zook informed the Board that they have had trouble with not getting invoices from Bettis and stated that prices have been fluctuating more than what they would like. Zook stated that they will be reaching out. Zook reviewed the amounts spent on asphalt work in the different commissioner districts. Zook stated that a mile of asphalt work done by Teeters in commissioner district 3 cost \$142,373, and took 7 operators 40 hours to do the prep work. Zook figured the cost of the prep brought the total cost to \$14,693.60. Zook stated that Teeters did a great job, with a great outcome. Zook stated that they were able do a mile of asphalt work in district 2, which cost \$19,500. Zook stated that it was not as good as the work done by Teeters but noted the price difference. Zook reviewed the areas they plan on doing work in the future. Zook stated that he had purchased 4 55-gallon barrels of white paint and 4 55-gallon barrels of yellow paint, which was donated with the only costs being the barrels themselves and the freight. Zook stated the cost was \$90.30 per barrel, and that he had reserved one of the barrels of white paint for the Rainbow Bridge. Zook stated that they can utilize it in many ways if it does not get used on the Rainbow Bridge. Commissioner Frazier asked what the life expectancy was for the paint. Zook stated that he was not sure, but that it was not meant for bridges. Zook reviewed various solutions to aid in mowing and weed control, including purchasing of different types of mowing equipment and possibly the use of chemicals. Commissioner Johnson stated that she has received many complaints regarding mowing, and asked Zook what his plan was. Zook stated that his plan is to get mowers running. Commissioner Johnson notified Zook of multiple areas where work needs to be done.

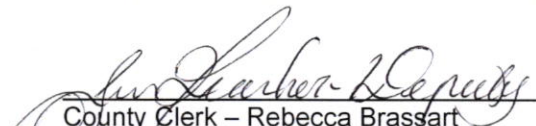
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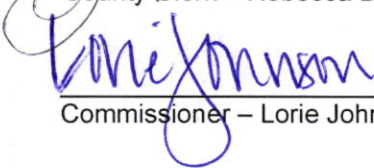
Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve the hire of Desira Hutching for the Janitorial position at an hourly rate of \$14 effective October 6th, 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Frazier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 30th day of September 2024.


County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart


Commissioner – Lorie Johnson

Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates


Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier