

MINUTES for May 22, 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, May 22, 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 clerk Rebecca Brassart, citizens Greg Walker and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the May 15, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NRP REBATE REVIEW

The Board reviewed the current list of delinquent NRP taxes. County treasurer Raven Youngblood made the Board aware that the taxpayer has until 5/25/2023 to have their taxes come through the mail with a postmark date of 5/10/2023. The Board will table the NRP until Friday May 26th when they have their next meeting.

KDOT

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to move to the breakroom for the KDOT meeting and then to move back to the commissioner room after the KDOT meeting. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

KDOT employees, Scott King, Vanessa Lamoreaux, Maggie Doll, and Wayne Gudmonson addressed the public and county commissioners regarding the U.S. 69 Pittsburg Bypass project. A group of concerned Cherokee county taxpayers gathered to address KDOT. When asked specifically about the Cherokee part the KDOT group stated there was no set path yet and continued to deflect questions regarding the Cherokee county side. When asked why the group had chosen to come to Cherokee county regarding a Crawford County project the group did not have a concise answer.

C.I.S.A

Rebecca Brassart county clerk notified the Board of the conversation she had with Winnie West of C.I.S.A. who is part of the U.S. Department of Homeland security perform a cyber check for free. Brassart informed the Board that she had forwarded the documents she had received to county counselor Nathan Coleman who stated he was okay with the documents. The Board to proceeded to grant Brassart the authority to sign the documents with C.I.S.A. to continue with the cyber check.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 15-minute non-elect personnel executive session with the Board, county treasurer Raven Youngblood and county counselor Nathan Coleman to return at 12:06 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken because of the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and to move into the work session with road and bridge supervisor Cody Zook. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 26th day of May 2023.