

**MINUTES FOR JULY 22, 2019**  
**BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

Chairman Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 22, 2019 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Cory Moates opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Neal Anderson, Myra Carlisle Frazier, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to approve the Minutes of the July 15, 2019 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Anderson abstaining.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county road business. Commissioner Moates asked Leonard to check the area on SE 100<sup>th</sup> north of Highway 166 for tree damage that has been pushed into the ditch causing water to back up. Leonard informed the Board that one of the brush cutter operators has quit and is moving out of state. There are now several openings at the county lot now. The Board agreed to expand the classified ads for those positions to other area newspapers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel with the Board, Counselor Wright, Leonard Vanatta, and Louis Schreiner. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 10:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:32 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel with the Board, Counselor Wright, Leonard Vanatta, and Louis Schreiner. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 10:15 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:00 a.m.

No action will be taken at this time as a result of the executive session.

Will Blanco appeared before the Board to present a business plan for Ambulance District #3. He also presented a profit & loss budget overview for 2020 for the Board to review. He stated that he has created a flow sheet to track crew availability before they accept any patient transfer requests.

Bill Parkison and Brock Maggard appeared before the Board to request a donation for the Baxter Springs Jr. Little League team that is going to Ft. Wayne, IN for a regional tournament. Each commissioner agreed to donate \$200 from their recreation funds.

Jean Pritchett appeared before the Board to present a tourism grant request from the Weir Civic Club for the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Weir Homecoming in the amount of \$500.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the grant request from the Weir Civic Club in the amount of \$500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Moates updated the Board on the Hambright property situation and the Riverton sewer district. He is concerned that if the Hambright property is removed from the sewer system and placed on a septic system, the problem of sewer backing up will just occur at a different location. Easements will be required to tie their sewer lines into a new trunk line going south. Commissioner Moates stated that he would let them know that the preferred method is to extend the sewer line and not to assist them with a septic system.

Rebecca Brassart appeared before the Board to provide them with the requested information from Crawford and Labette counties for their job equivalent to our 911 Coordinator.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to appoint Rebecca Brassart as the 911 Coordinator at an annual salary of \$36,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Frazier voting no.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to amend the above motion to add an effective date of September 2, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Frazier voting no.

Rebecca Brassart presented employment applications from candidates interested in the administrative position in the 911 Addressing Department. The Board agreed to have Rebecca and Jason Allison go through the applications and to bring two or three top candidates to the Board for review next Monday.

Counselor Wright informed the Board that the litigation between the Quapaw Nation and the Kansas Attorney General concerning land to be added to the Trust is still on appeal and ongoing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to recess until 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:42 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Janet Miller appeared before the Board to present the Work Ready Certification renewal for the Board to consider. The current certification will expire at the end of August if not renewed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to renew the Work Ready Communities employer certification as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

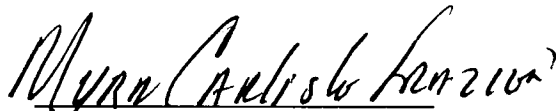
The Board worked on the 2020 budget worksheets for the Road & Bridge Department and the Employee Benefits Fund.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, July 29, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0 at 3:31 p.m.

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019

  
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County Clerk