

**MINUTES FOR JUNE 24, 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, June 24, 2019 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Neal Anderson 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 Anderson to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2019 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

Kenneth Tyree appeared before the Board requesting the County to vacate roads and alleys in Turk. The Board took the matter under advisement to allow them time to view the site.

Melissa Sanders appeared before the Board regarding a water problem on SE Prairie Rd. She stated that the water runoff is backing up against a new driveway that has only one two-foot whistle that is set two feet above the bottom of the ditch. Sanders would like to have the County replace the small whistle with larger ones. Commissioner Moates stated that the entire valley is in the floodplain, and during a 6" rainfall that causes flash flooding, nothing is going to fix the problem. The Board took no action.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor appeared before the Board on county road business. Commissioner Frazier asked Leonard to look at a property behind the Riverton Post Office where a driveway was widened, and the culvert pipe was removed causing water to back up into a neighboring yard. Leonard stated that he looked at the drainage pipes on SE Quaker Rd just west of Highway 69A. He stated that the center pipe was plugged with hay grass. He also reported that the pipes were installed at SE 60<sup>th</sup> & Lostine Rd.

County Appraiser Mark Hixon appeared before the Board to present the 2020 budget request for the Appraisers Office and for GIS.

Sheriff David Groves and Under-Sheriff Terry Clugston appeared before the Board to present the 2020 budget request for the Sheriff's Department and Jail. Groves stated that he would trade a 2011 Dodge Charger for the unused SUV that is currently in the Emergency Management department. The Board asked him to work with Jason Allison on it.

Janet Miller appeared before the Board to present the 2020 funding request for the Economic Development Corporation.

The Board discussed cancelling the contract with Thomson Reuters for county software. Counselor Wright will gather more information and send a letter as formal notice to Thomson Reuters to cancel the contract with Cherokee County.

County Treasurer Raven Elmore appeared before the Board to present the 2020 budget request for the Treasurer's Department.

Logan Grant appeared before the Board to present the 2020 budget request for the Noxious Weed Department. He informed the Board that his military status is being activated to regular duty beginning July 15<sup>th</sup>. He will be stateside until March of 2020 at which time he will be deployed overseas for one year. He stated that he will be at the Joplin armory until March of 2020 and since they are closed on Monday, he would be available to work for the County on Monday's. He informed the Board that as long as he is in the country, someone could work under his license. The Board thanked him for his service and assured him that his job would be here when he returned. The Board will consider options for coverage during his absence.

Jason Allison appeared before the Board to present the 2020 budget request for the Emergency Management Department. Along with Rebecca Brassart from 911 Addressing & Mapping, they presented options to combine the staff and duties of the two departments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to recess until 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:52 a.m.

County Attorney Jacob Conard appeared before the Board to present the 2020 budget request for the County Attorney's office.

Commissioner Moates stated that the lift station on Varck Rd. may have been hit by lightning this past weekend.

Commissioner Moates stated that instead of getting easements, right of ways and such to correct the Hambright's problem of sewer backing up into their home, it may be cheaper for the county to pay them something toward a private septic system. He will continue to get more information.

Rebecca Brassart appeared before the Board to present updated 2020 budget information for the 911 Addressing & Mapping Department.

Jason Allison and Leonard Vanatta appeared before the Board regarding the Presidential Disaster Declaration that includes Cherokee County to provide assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities beginning on April 28, 2019. There is also a hazard mitigation grant program to provide assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk from natural hazards.

A motion was made by Commission Moates for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel with the Board, Leonard Vanatta, and Counselor Wright. The meeting will

reconvene in the commission room at 2:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 2:28 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

Commissioner Moates stated that he has had conversations with Ambulance District #3. He stated that the revenue and expenses listed on their 2020 budget proposal were the exact same as last year. He stated that the director has told him that he doesn't know how to prepare a budget. He also stated that some of the employees are not certified emergency personnel. He stated that talks with them are on-going and he expects them to address the Board soon.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, July 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 3:31 p.m.

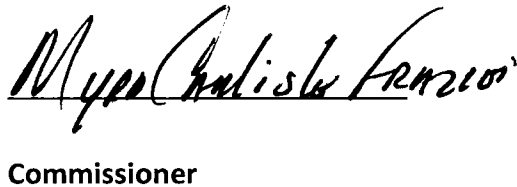
**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2019**



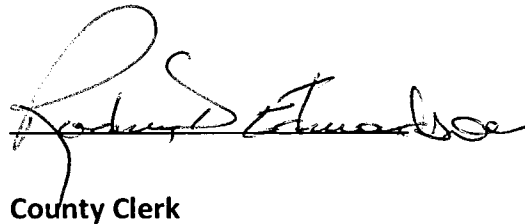
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County Clerk

# DECLARED JUNE 20, 2019

## SUMMARY

STATE: Kansas

NUMBER: FEMA-4449-DR

INCIDENT: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides

INCIDENT PERIOD: April 28, 2019, and continuing

DATE REQUESTED BY GOVERNOR: June 7, 2019

FEDERAL COORDINATING OFFICER: Jon K. Huss  
National FCO Program

### DESIGNATIONS AND TYPES OF ASSISTANCE:

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE (Assistance to individuals and households):

Not Requested.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities):

Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Barber, Barton, Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Clark, Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Cowley, Doniphan, Elk, Ellsworth, Franklin, Geary, Greenwood, Harper, Harvey, Hodgeman, Jefferson, Kingman, Leavenworth, Lincoln, Linn, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Meade, Montgomery, Morris, Nemaha, Neosho, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Rush, Russell, Saline, Sumner, Wabaunsee, Washington, Wilson, and Woodson Counties.

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (Assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards):

All areas in the State of Kansas are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

OTHER: Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.