

MINUTES for September 16, 2024
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, September 16, 2024, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Myra Frazier opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, Deputy County Clerk Jess Frasher, County Counselor Jake Conard, Road and Bridge Employee Bryan Williams, News Report owner Larry Hiatt, Kansas Route 66 association members Mabelle Smith and Aaron Perry, and landowner Dale Scott were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve the minutes as presented from September 9, 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of PAYROLL

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the payroll as submitted. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of PAYABLES

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the payables as submitted. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioner Johnson voting against.

ROAD and BRIDGE

Road and Bridge employee Bryan Williams came before the Board to provide an update. Williams said that they have been asphaltting. Williams noted that multiple asphalt plants are down causing some delay. Commissioner Frazier asked what the mowing policy is. Williams stated that they mostly mow intersections. Williams noted that they currently have mowers that are broken down. Frazier asked what the employees designated for mowing do while the mowers are broken down. Williams stated that they work on other tasks, including patching asphalt or picking up trash. Commissioner Frazier asked Williams if he is aware of a rotation policy for equipment. Williams referred Commissioner Frazier to Zook to answer that question.

RAINBOW BRIDGE GRANT

Mabelle Smith and Aaron Perry with the Kansas Route 66 Association came before the Board to request that the county apply for a matching grant to be used for the stripping and repainting of the Rainbow Bridge. Smith and Perry Described the grant, stating that it is a 80/20 matching fund grant from the Kansas Historical Society for \$100,000.00. with 80 percent to be reimbursed if awarded. Smith and Perry described the details and benefits of the maintenance they hope to accomplish with funds from the grant. Smith and Perry described the paint as durable and stated that they were told that type of paint would last a lifetime, and noted that graffiti would be easier to wash off. Commissioner Frazier motioned to spend up to \$112,500.00 in ARPA funds to complete the project. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 24-2024

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve Resolution 24-2024, a resolution by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners declaring a state of local disaster emergency, in response to the severe weather that took place on the 16th of August 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Commissioner Moates motioned to authorize vice-chairperson Lorie Johnson to write a letter of support for the Cost Share Program Application. Commissioner Frazier Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FLU SHOTS

Commissioner Moates motioned to allow the Health Department to administer flu shots to county staff, with the costs off such to come out of the employee benefits fund. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL CHECK

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve a special check in the amount of \$28,000.00, for CIC on-site abstract training, to come out of the Clerk's Office budget. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION AMENDMENT

Commissioner Frazier motioned to amend the earlier motion for the Rainbow Bridge project, Designating expenditures up to \$112,500 for maintenance of the Rainbow Bridge. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SOLAR PUBLIC FORUM DATE

The Board discussed possible dates for the solar energy public forum. The Board decided to tentatively schedule the forum for October 15th, at 6:30 p.m., pending confirmation of availability of the Columbus Highschool Auditorium as the venue.

ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

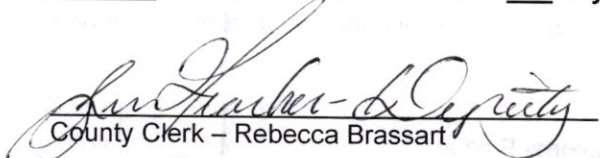
Commissioner Frazier motioned for a 5-minute attorney client privilege executive session, with the Board, and County Counselor Conard, to return at 10:04 am. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

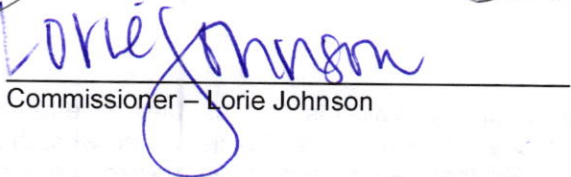
The Board took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 23rd day of September 2024.


County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart


Commissioner – Lorie Johnson

Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates


Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier