

**MINUTES for November 25, 2024**  
**BOARD of CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**CONVENE**

Chair Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (the Board), to order at 9:00 AM on Monday, November 25, 2024, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner 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 Supervisor Cody Zook, Noxious Weed Director JC Parsons, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the minutes as presented from November 18, 2024. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL of PAYROLL**

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

**APPROVAL of PAYABLES**

Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve the payables as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD and BRIDGE**

Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook came before the Board to provide an update. Zook distributed quotes for new machinery to the Board, including for 2 mowers, a paver, and a 10' pull behind. Zook noted the saving resulting in purchasing two mowers compared to one. Zook discussed two quotes he had received for two different pavers, a Weiler paver, and a Dynapac paver. Zook noted that the Dynapac paver was cheaper, but that company would have to travel a greater distance in order to service it and could result in longer repair times. The Board recommended that Zook discuss it during the week and return to with a recommendation at the next meeting.

**NOXIOUS WEEDS**

Noxious Weeds Director JC Parsons came before the Board to inquire if any remaining funds at the end of the year can be placed in a capital outlay account to be saved in the future. After consulting County Treasurer Heather Sapp, Parsons informed the Board that such an account exists, and that Sapp has updated it. The Board decided it would consult Gene Mense on the matter before taking any action.

**AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION**

Terry Clugston of the Cherokee County Ambulance Association came before the Board to discuss the building of a new ambulance station on property adjacent to the Sheriff's Office. Clugston asked if the County is still open to selling or gifting the lot to the Ambulance Association. County Counselor Jale Conard stated that it would be easier for the County to gift the property instead of selling it. Commissioner Johnson asked if the Association has saved enough money to construct the new building, and if there is interest in purchasing the old building. Clugston stated that there are two potential buyers. Commissioner Moates asked if the buyers would allow the Association to stay at the current location until the new station is built. Clugston stated that both offers would allow the Association to remain in the facility for 12 months. The Board took no action.

**NRP SPECIAL CHECK**

County Treasurer Heather Sapp came before the Board requesting permission to cut a special check. Sapp explained that due to a mistake, the NRP check for the Columbo Bay NRP rebate was not cut. Sapp explained that in order to cut the check prior to the next distribution, she would need to cut a special check and reimburse the County after the next distribution. Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the special check. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**FLOOD PLAIN MAPS**

Commissioner Moates announced that floodplain maps are in and informed the Board of an associated Zoom meeting.

**SKIDMORE**

County Counselor Jake Conard updated the Board on progress to resolve the property line discrepancies in the Skidmore area. Conard state that has spoken with multiple parties and stated that everyone agrees that best solution to address the concerns regarding the taxes of affected properties, is the creation of an agreement with the current landowners acknowledging that the taxes that are currently applicable to the parcel would still be applicable after a change in property lines.

**COURTHOUSE MAINTANCE ARPA PURCHASES**

Maintenance Supervisor Mike Thomas came before the Board with a request for purchases for which he would like to use ARPA funds. The requests included a new storage shed, a mower, benches and rubber paint for the fountain. The Board discussed the possibility of replacing the maintenance vehicle.

**WORK SESSION – ARPA FUNDS**

The Board determined the amount of remaining ARPA funds, and the total amount of the requests that have been submitted by the various offices and departments. The Board discussed potential uses of the remaining funds.

**RESOLUTION 27-2024 - RIVERTON SEWER MAP**

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve Resolution 27-2024, a resolution by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners adopting the Riverton sewer map. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Moates motioned for a 10-minute attorney client executive session, with the Board and County Counselor Jake Conard, to return at 11:20 am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took no action.

**ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Moates motioned for a 10-minute attorney client executive session, with the Board and County Counselor Jake Conard, to return at 11:30 am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took no action.

**ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Moates motioned for a 15-minute attorney client executive session, with the Board and County Counselor Jake Conard, to return at 11:45 am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took no action.

**WORK SESSION - SOLAR REGULATIONS**

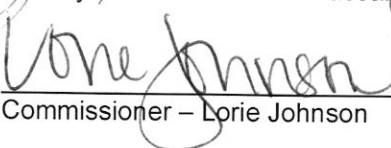
The Board discussed potential solar regulation, and methods to address potential commercial solar projects within the County. Potential regulations including bond requirements for decommissioning, reclamation, and natural disasters, and various setback requirements were weighed. The Board discussed zoning of the county as a potential method of regulation and discussed the implications of such. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**


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

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2024.**

  
County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart

  
Commissioner – Lorie Johnson

  
Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates

  
Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier