

MINUTES for June 27, 2022
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 a.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. 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, Cody Zook with Road and Bridge and Carson Cobb with Columbus News Report were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022, meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of PAYROLL

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

APPROVAL of PAYABLES

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the accounts payable as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CODY ZOOK ROAD & BRIDGE

Cody Zook came before the Board for the county road and bridge department. Cody opened the discussion requesting for the Board to approve the new hire of Dakota McNett. Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the hiring of Dakota McNett at \$14.00 an hour as a utility I for road and bridge. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Cody then presented the Board with raises for Brier Martin and Drew Edmondson. Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve raises for Brier Martin from \$15.50 to \$16.00 an hour and Drew Edmondson from \$15.00 to \$15.50 an hour. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody asked that the Board pass the river rock lease agreement. Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the one-year lease agreement from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2023, Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve 23 for river rock from Parkview Farms for \$6,000. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Zook informed the Board that he has been out measuring all the areas in which taxpayers have requested for the dust control.

Cody stated to the Board that he been looking at the asphalt roads that have been in question. He stated that he felt Mineral/Vanburen would be an area in district 1 that needs to be addressed. Commissioner Frazier stated that she really would like to see Chico addressed as well. In district 2 Cody felt that Wyandotte Rd from High School ST west to 30th ST would be the road that would need to be addressed the most. Commissioner Johnson stated she would really like to see something done with NW 30th ST.

Cody let the Board know that that within in the next two weeks that the brush crews will be up and running.

Zook had a discussion with the Board regarding the possible sell of equipment. He has been researching different equipment auction sells.

Cody informed the Board that the loader, hammer and mulch head is set for delivery 6-29-2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Nathan Coleman county counselor requested a 10-minute attorney client privilege executive session. Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the three commissioners and Nathan Coleman County counselor to return at 10:00 AM. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session resulted in no action being taken.

COUNTY OFFICE HEADS

- **DAVID THORNTON APPRAISER**

David stated he has certified values with the state.
The field appraisers have begun going out in the field.

- **JARED GLOVER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Jared stated he could use some new 800 radios and about a half dozen 2-way radios. He also stated that he would like a side by side to share with the road and bridge department. He states that the items could be purchased with ARPA money.

- **DEANA RANDALL HUMAN RESOURCES**

Deana stated she had nothing for the commissioners.

- **RAVEN ELMORE TREASURER**

Raven stated her office has now collected 93.41% of the taxes and warrants for 2nd half tax delinquency went out this past Friday.

Elmore stated her request for the ARPA money would be for a desk and for a vehicle for the offices to share.

- **REBECCA BRASSART CLERK**

Rebecca updated the Board on numerous things with elections.

1. The completion of the Columbus Special Election.
2. She informed the Board that Chelsea has entered all the information for the August primary and that she is now beginning the process of the ballot rotation.
3. Brassart stated she will be placing the publication for the August primary this week.
4. Brassart informed the Board she had a request for a UCOVA military ballot and that she had mailed it out on 6-17-2022.

Rebecca stated that Carolyn Brock had come to her office last week and worked with the townships and the City of Roseland on upcoming budgets. Brassart also stated that Michaela has finished all the 2023 budget information sheets for the cities and schools.

Rebecca stated that for the ARPA money she would like to pain her office and finish the floor in her front office.

- **DUSTIN GROVES 911 MAPPING**

Dustin informed the Board that he has made 93 maps, given out 12 new addresses and made 9 new road signs.

Groves stated he had worked on getting his quarterly report done.

With the upcoming tax sale Dustin stated he has stated he had started mapping out the parcels for it.

• **NATHAN COLEMAN ATTORNEY**

Nathan stated his office is on track for filings, Coleman went on to state that juvenile cases are high, he stated that traffic cases are usually at 1000 for the year and we are already at 500. Nathan informed the Board that there are two jury trials set for August and September.

Nathan informed the Board he is looking into a Grant for victims' rights.

• **CHRIS JOHNSON MAINTENCE**

Chris informed the Board that there is a plumbing leak which needed to be fixed on the exterior of the building. The Board stated that he should proceed to fix it.

• **BARB BILKE REGISTER of DEED**

Barb updated the Board on deed filings in her office.

SERVER UPGRADE

County Clerk Rebecca Brassart informed the Board that this would be a good time to upgrade the server with the ARPA money. Commissioner Johnson stated that she would like to see a bid from Kiss Tech for the server.


ADJOURNMENT

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

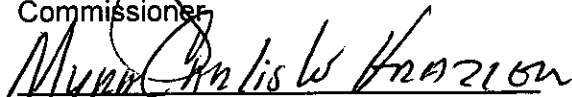
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 11th day of July 2022



Commissioner Chair



Commissioner



Commissioner



County Clerk

