

**MINUTES for January 06, 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 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 2024, in Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Counselor Jake Conard opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, County Road and Bridge Road Supervisor Cody Zook, Emergency Manager Matt Haviland, County Counselor Jake Conard, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve the minutes as presented from December 30, 2024, meeting. 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 with Commissioner Frazier voting nay.

**APPROVAL of PAYABLES**

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

**SURVEY ISSUE**

Emergency Manager Matt Haviland came before the Board to inform them that he had been in contact with Rodney Zinn of Cornerstone Surveying regarding an issue with a survey that was previously done by a former surveying company. Matt stated that Rodney had asked if the county would be willing to help with the bill since some of the county Fema properties bordered the property being surveyed. The Board discussed the situation, and all agreed that they were not the ones requesting the survey therefore there would be no reason for the county to help pay for the survey.

**TOWNSHIP OPENING**

County Clerk Rebecca Brassart informed the Board that currently there is an opening for the Garden Township Treasurer and the Lowell Township Clerk. Rebecca stated that there was interest in the Garden Township position. Commissioner Moates stated he had received a call as well stating Betty Moss was interested in the position. County Clerk Brassart stated there was currently no interest in the Lowell Township position and asked the Board if they would like her to place an ad in the Galena Sentinel since that is where Lowell Township would be. Commissioner Frazier stated she would like to see it placed on the website as well.

Commissioner Moates motioned to appoint Betty Moss to the position of Garden Township Treasurer. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Frazier motioned to place an ad in the Galena Sentinel and on the county website. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**OBSERVANCE of PRESIDENT CARTER**

Commissioner Moates informed the Board he had been asked whether the courthouse would be closed or open for President Carters funeral, as the State and Federal Government would be closed. The Board were all in agreement to remain open. County Counselor Jake Conard informed the Board that seat #4 will serve a one-year term and that seat #5 will serve a two-year term.

**ROAD and BRIDGE**

R&B Supervisor Cody Zook came before the Board to inform them that he should be receiving the new paver any day and that the new brush cutters are tentatively scheduled to arrive in March or April.

Cody presented the Board with a new hire for Cadin O'Malley as a utility operator II. Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the hiring of Cadin O'Malley as a utility operator II at a pay rate of \$17.00/hr. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Zook presented the Board with a pay raise from \$17.00/hr. to \$19.00/hr., due to a change of position to trainee road foreman

for Sean Shipman. Commissioner Moates motioned to approve pay raise from \$17.00/hr. to \$19.00/hr., due to a change of position to trainee road foreman for Sean Shipman. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD USE AGREEMENT**

Discussion once again surrounded what correct verbiage should be used when writing the agreement so that it will not have a large impact on Cherokee County owned businesses. County Counselor Jake Conard, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook and the Board looked through the draft copy of the agreement and worked on the necessary changes that needed to be made. The Board requested that the road use agreement resolution be placed on the agenda for the January 13th meeting as old business.

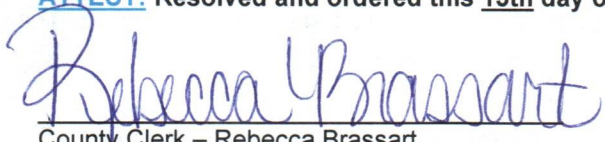
**KCAMP INVOICE**

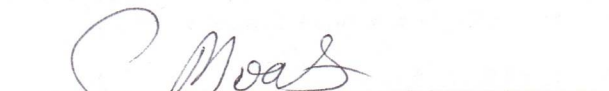
County Clerk Rebecca Brassart presented the Board with the new 2025 KCAMP insurance policy and invoice. Commissioner Moates motioned to pay the KCAMP invoice in the amount of \$365,406. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

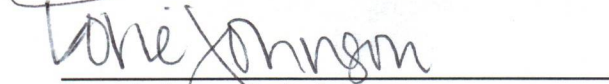
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this 13th day of January 2025.

  
County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart

  
Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates

  
Commissioner – Lorie Johnson

  
Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier