

MINUTES for January 8, 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, January 8, 2024, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Sheriff David Groves opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, County Sheriff David Groves, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from December 21, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of PAYROLL

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

APPROVAL of PAYABLES

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

RE-ORGANIZATION of BOARD

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to appointment Commissioner Moates as the Chairman of the Board for 2024. Commissioner Frazier Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to appointment Commissioner Johnson as the Vice-Chair of the Board for 2024. Commissioner Moates Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SHERIFF GROVES

County Sheriff David Groves came before the Board at the request of commissioner Johnson to discuss the issue of the BSNF train which has been blocking Highway 7 for long periods of time. Groves stated that unfortunately law enforcement no longer has the authority to ticket trains for blocking roadways excessively. There was discussion surrounding the topic. Commissioner Moates stated that the County could try to get into contact with the local BSNF to discuss the issue. Another option was a website where you could report the blockage.

Sheriff Groves notified the Board that he had spoken with assistant County Matt Bonner regarding filing charges against those who are causing road destruction in the County. This issue was brought to the attention of Sheriff Groves by County Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook. Groves asked the Board if he would like his office to report to them on a case-by-case basis or to just file the charges. Commissioner Frazier stated that she felt that he would not need to report to the Board and to handle the issue as he would any other filing of charges.

Sheriff Groves presented the Board with his end of year report for the Sheriff's Office.

KAMO POWER

The Board received notification that the annual check from KAMO Power in lieu of taxes had been sent in to the County Treasurer amount of \$73,393.77.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 5-minute non-elect executive session with the Board, and County Counselor Jake Conard, to return at 9:43 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve resolution 01-2024. A resolution concerning waiver of generally accepted accounting principles. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve resolution 02-2024. A resolution designating The Columbus News Report