

MINUTES for September 26, 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 AM on Monday, September 26, 2022, 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 Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, County Road and Bridge supervisor Cody Zook, Noxious Weed director JC Parsons and Emergency Manager Jared Glover were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022, meeting as written. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ARPA SIDE by SIDE

Commissioner Moates addressed Cody Zook, JC Parsons, and Jared Glover regarding the possible purchase of a side by side with ARPA funding. Commissioner Johnson requested that Noxious Weed director JC Parsons contact the businesses that they originally received bids from and ask them for an updated bid.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Cody Zook road and bridge supervisor came before the board with an update regarding the asphalt projects that R&B is currently working on.

Cody informed the board that he had went out and discussed the Skidmore area with Mark Kloer.

Zook notified the board that Liberty Utility would be buying an entire load of dust abatement to be laid on SE 10th to the south of SE Clem RD. They will also put down the dust abatement on the corner of NW Bethlehem Rd and NW 50th ST and then a little further south on NW 50th in front of Jeff Crains residence.

Cody also informed the board that they got another dump truck deleted. He also informed the board that a whole new dump truck setup would cost \$301,000.

Cody presented the board with pay raises for the following employees.

Gary Robnett \$16.00 to \$17.00
 Bryan Williams \$19.50 to \$23.00
 Rick Wammack \$19.00 to \$20.00
 James Reeves \$19.00 to \$20.00
 Joni Hicks \$18.00 to \$19.00
 Deanna Fitz \$16.50 to \$17.00
 Brian Blankenship \$18.50 to \$19.00
 Jimmy Amriott \$18.50 to \$19.00
 Cody Zook \$52,000 to \$60,000

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

ARPA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Moates addressed Betha Elliott and Chris Johnson regarding the request for ARPA funding for the Health Department. The board questioned Betha regarding any quotes she might have for her request. She stated she didn't have quotes for some of the repairs that were requested. The board requested that Betha get quotes for the repairs that are needed. Betha stated she wasn't sure who she should contact.

Chris Johnson stated he would help her. Cody Zook stated he would help as well.

SKIDMORE

The meeting scheduled was unable to take place due to the absence of Rod Zinn with Cornerstone surveying who forgot the meeting when he was contacted to see why he wasn't here. David Jenkins with KDWP and Cody Zook with R&B were present to have the meeting. Zinn stated he would be there at next weeks regular meeting at 10:15 am.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jared Glover came before the board to request and attorney client privilege. Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 10-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the three commissioners, county counselor Nathan Coleman and emergency manager Jared Glover to return at 10:51 am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session resulted in no action beginning taken.

ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Moates made a motion for a 5-minute attorney client privilege executive session with the three commissioners and county counselor Nathan Coleman return at 11:15 am. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session resulted in no action beginning taken.

MIAMI TRIBE LAND TRUST ACQUISITION

Nathan Coleman discussed with the board an objection presented to his office from the Kansas Attorney General's Office regarding the land acquisition letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs requesting that 69.5 acres of land owned by Miami Tribe be moved to their trust. Coleman stated that the Attorney General is requesting that Cherokee County join them in the objection.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to join the objection from the Kansas Attorney General regarding the land acquisition by the Miami Tribe to be held in trust. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUKATY

County clerk Rebecca Brassart presented the board with a quote regarding a 10 and 12 months stop loss proposal she had been sent from Bukaty for the board to review and decide on.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to go with the 10 months stop loss. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY CLERK

Rebecca Brassart, county clerk, presented the bid from Stronghold regarding the server purchase. Brassart stated she had omitted the software quote when presenting for ARPA funding.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to allow an additional \$400.00 towards the server purchase from the ARPA funding. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING to WORK SESSION

Commissioner Moates made a motion to move from the regular meeting of the commission into a work session until further notice. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WORK SESSION to REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Moates made a motion to move from the work session back into a regular meeting of the