

**MINUTES for October 24, 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 9:05 AM on Monday, October 24, 2022, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Clerk employee Tonia Altis opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, county clerk employee Tonia Altis, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, and Owner of the News Report Larry Hiatt were present.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the October 17, 2022, meeting. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD and BRIDGE**

Cody Zook updated the board once again on the issues he continues to face with the dump trucks. Last Friday he had a truck on the side of the road Hwy 7 with an engine locked.

Zook notified the board that he is still dealing with issues with multiple trucks, one has been parked for over a year with 4 wheel drive issues. Zook stated that they had gained 2 trucks but now lost 1 due to the engine issues.

Commissioner Moates asked Zook if they had gotten any more dump truck prices. Zook said that James is getting with CT out of Kansas City to get prices and they are waiting on quotes. Zook also said that he had done some online pricing but with 6 trucks with issues he has been focused on them.

Zook also updated on the upcoming sale. He has gotten private bids and there is a lot of interest in them. Cody stated that at the last meeting they set the date for November 28<sup>th</sup> to open bids.

Cody then updated the board and stated that he would be getting some asphalt in a few days. Cody said they will start on Faulkner Rd and will be doing patch until Thanksgiving, but due to the dry weather it is pulling the asphalt roads away so there are more road issues than normal and because of issues in getting asphalt there may be an issue in where they have to use gravel on some roads.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Jared Glover Emergency Manager was asked by Commissioner Johnson about the property near Crestline on 90<sup>th</sup> (Spencer School). Johnson asked if Jared knew that the building was falling in on the backside and if anyone was living in it. Jared explained that he had only seen pictures and that he could go out by there and take some more and see, but he was not sure if it is vacant or not. Commissioner Johnson then asked, at what point the board has ability to take action if a structure is falling in, contains asbestos and debris is blowing to the neighbors?

Commissioner Moates presented Resolution 23-2013 to the board to review and stated that this resolution should answer that.

Johnson stated that she had received a call regarding the property and that it may be a health and environmental hazard.

Commissioner Moates asked if they could get an asbestos check on the property and Jared said that he would get a hold of some people to see what he could do to get it looked at.

Glover then advised the board that the grant money would be here in a few weeks.