

MINUTES FOR January 31, 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, January 31, 2022, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Myra Frazier opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, County Counselor Nathan Coleman, County Clerk Rebecca Brassart, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook and Columbus News Report Reporter Jacob Spencer were present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The motion carried 3-0.

Cody Zook, County Road Supervisor, appeared before the Board regarding county road business. Cody notified the Board that he has been in contact with Cornerstone Surveyor Rod Zinn regarding the Skidmore area survey.

Cody informed the Board that he would be picking up the new ram trucks for the county lot on February 4, 2022, and that the County Treasurer Raven Elmore would be making a wire transfer to pay for them.

Cody apprised the Board that the recycle trailer was fixed and all trailers were back to their normal locations.

Cody asks to be put on the agenda for the following week with county lot employee Chris Johnson so that Chris would be able to present the Board with a maintenance report of the county buildings in which he had examined. Cody furthermore had a discussion with the Board regarding the possibility of making Chris a maintenance coordinator for the county due to the upcoming retirement of Ralph Houser.

County Clerk Rebecca Brassart presented the annual township review to Commissioner Moates for approval by the Board. Commissioner Johnson stated she would like to look through all of them before approving. Commissioner Johnson questioned the amount of some expenditures in the Garden Township. Commissioner Moates and County Clerk Brassart explained the expenditures and the possible reason for the amounts. Commissioner Moates then made a motion to accept the annual township review as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The motion carried 3-0.

County Clerk Brassart presented the Board with her resignation effective January 26, 2022 as the Salamanca Township Clerk due to her recent appoint as the Cherokee County Clerk. Commissioner Moates made a motion to accept the resignation of Brassart. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. A letter was presented to the Board by Waycee Brassart who showed her interest in the open position of Clerk. The Board had a short discussion regarding how to handle the opening which had been created by the resignation of Brassart. The Board decided to leave the position open for a short time to see if there were any other interested parties besides Waycee.

County Clerk Brassart noted that she had received an email from Gina Dolecheck the Director of the

Labette County/Cherokee County Juvenile Services. The email had an attachment letter which gave a recommendation for the Lisa Klaver to be appointed to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board. After some discussion with Counselor Nathan Coleman Commissioner Moates made a motion to appoint Lisa Klaver to the Labette/Cherokee County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier made a recommendation to keep the deductibles for KCAMP as they currently stand as the amount of savings would not be enough to warrant changing.

Commissioner Moates gave the Board an update on the boilers. He stated this would probably be the last season for them due to a lack of upkeep on them over the years.

Commissioner Moates addressed the Board regarding a recent phone call from a taxpayer who was interested in leasing a FEMA buyout property. Commissioner Moates stated that the original waiting list which had been held by the former secretary to the commissioners has been misplaced. Commissioner Moates made a recommendation to the Board that current Emergency Manager Jason Allison take back over the waiting list for the FEMA properties. The Board all agreed that the list should be held by Emergency Manager Allison.

County Treasurer Raven Elmore presented the Board with a signature document for the American Bank. Commissioner Moates made a motion to revise 11 signers for the signature document. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Moates made a motion for an Executive Session with the 3 commissioners, and County Counselor Nathan Coleman for the purpose of attorney client for a period of 20 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The motion carried 3-0

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion for an Executive Session with the 3 commissioners, County Treasurer Elmore, County Counselor Coleman and Chris McElgunn the Wichita Tax Sale Attorney who was present by phone for the purpose of attorney client for a period of 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0

The meeting reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion for a continuation of the previous Executive Session with the 3 commissioners, County Treasurer Elmore, County Counselor Coleman and Chris McElgunn the Wichita Tax Sale Attorney who was present by phone for the purpose of attorney client for a period of 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0

The meeting reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Regarding the NRP, Commissioner Frazier asked that County Treasurer Elmore stay for the discussion. Commissioner Frazier questioned the process in which the payments are receipted into the Treasurer's Office. County Treasurer Elmore explained the process to the Board. Commissioner Frazier then asked for a list of all those who have been removed from the program. County Treasurer Elmore stated she did not have that information readily available. The

Board discussed how to handle the NRP going forward.

No action was taken as a result of the discussion as more information is needed.

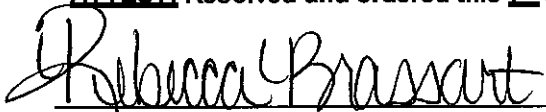
Commissioner Moates asked that County Clerk Brassart post to social media regarding the public comment session for alternative power which will take place on February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom at the Courthouse.


Counselor Coleman addressed the email sent by County Clerk Brassart to him to extend the application period for the attorney opening for the indigent representation position. The application opening was extended out to February 4, 2022 with a review of all qualified applicants by the Board on February 7, 2022 during the regular meeting of the Board. It was also mentioned that there will be another upcoming opening for indigent representation. Counselor Coleman tentatively mentioned that applications for the position would need to be to County Clerk Brassart on or before February 11, 2022 with a review date by the Board on February 14th. The dates for the second opening are still tentative but not set yet.

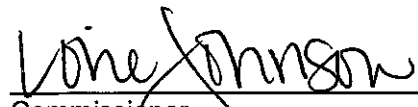
County Clerk Brassart asked the Board for their recommendation on her sick time hours as she had 258.5 before becoming an elected official on January 10, 2022. She stated that an employee must have worked in a non-elected position for a minimum of 10 years before they could be paid for their sick time. County Clerk Brassart stated that she had in fact worked for the county 17 years before being appointed as 911 Coordinator in September of 2019. In January of 2020 Commissioner Frazier had requested that all non-elected salaried employees turn in their used vacation and sick time hours on their payroll sheet that is submitted to Human Resources. Commissioner Johnson stated that she felt that Brassart sick time should be paid just as an employee who would retire or as an who would leave the county would be paid because now as an elected official Brassart is no longer required to submit vacation or sick leave to HR. A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to pay Rebecca Brassart her accrued sick time of 258.5 hours and that it is to be taken from the 911 Mapping budget. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

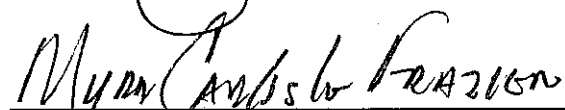
Commissioner Moates then ask if there was any other County business to discuss. County Clerk Brassart stated there was nothing else on the agenda. Commissioner Moates then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 7th day of February, 2022


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner