
Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2021

On Monday, June 7, 2021 Chairman Moates called to order the regular session of the Cherokee County Commissioners in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Johnson opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator. And leading all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

District #1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District #2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District #3 Commissioner # Corey Moates, Assistant County Attorney Tiana McLroy, County Clerk Kyle Rennie, Deputy County Clerk Kaden Wimmer all attending for the open. Proprietor and Reporter for the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt also attending for the open.

Cherokee County resident Jarod Newman attending for the open.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept and approve the May 28, special meeting minutes. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Cherokee County resident Jarod Newman addressed The Board asking for direction on flooding issues around his home. The Commission is taking it under advisement.

Road & Bridge Report: Cody Zook recommended to The Commission to hire Michael Moore and Gary Gideon.

Commissioner Moates moved to hire Gary Gideon into the R & B Department as a Grader Operator starting at \$14/hr. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner moved to hire Michael Moore into R & B Department as a Truck Operator starting at \$14/hr. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Cody requested a rate of pay increase for two R & B employees.

Commissioner Moates moved to increase the rate of the hourly wage from \$12/ hr. to \$13/ hr. for Tim Terry. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates Moved to increase the rate of the hourly wage from \$11/hr. to \$12/hr. for Brier Martin. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to give permission to Cody Zook to purchase 1 mini excavator at a purchase price not to exceed \$53,775 and a second mini excavator on a lease purchase option not to exceed \$53,775. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to give permission to Cody Zook to purchase two trailers to mobilize the mini excavators not to exceed \$10,000 each. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 9:50 with non-elect Tiana McLroy and appointed Cody Zook for employee discipline and to reconvene at 10:05. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:05.

Reports of Department Heads:

Health Director, Betha Williams reported a total of 2,505 cases of COVID in the county, 53 COVID related deaths, Last case reported on May 16, 2021 and 3,491 vaccinations.

Emergency Preparedness, Jason Allison reported on the June commission update. 6 septic tank permits were issued, Jason also performed 18 inspections. Jason also reported trying to secure funding for storm sirens for Scammon and West Mineral. And he is working with a State Mitigation Officer to secure funding for USD 493 safe rooms.

Commissioner Frazier moved to consider sick leave for Health Director Betha Elliot and Emergency Preparedness Jason Allison to be no more than 720 hours for the Calendar year 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

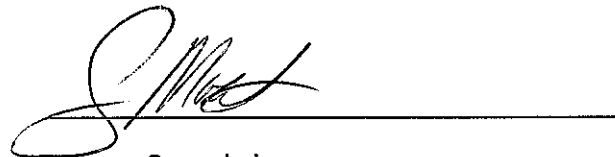
Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn until the next regular session Monday June 14, 2021. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:15.

These Minutes were written in draft by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

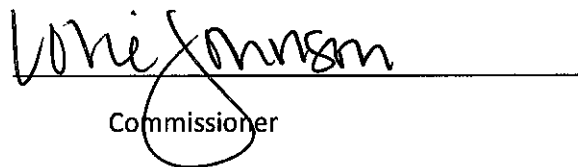
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this June 14th, 2021



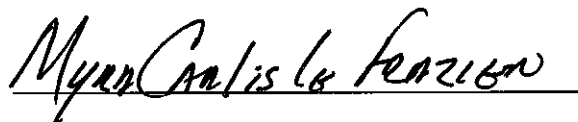
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