

Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2022

At 9 :00 a.m. on Monday January 10, 2022, Commissioner Moates called to order the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Moates opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator and leading all attending in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

District #1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District #2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District #3 Cory Moates, County Attorney and Council to the Commission Nathan Coleman, Deputy County Clerk Jenny Shiits, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, all attending for the open. Jacob Spencer reporter for the Columbus News Report.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the January 3, 2022, Commission Minutes for publication. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve Payroll, Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve Accounts Payable, Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Laura Atkinson with Rural Water District #4 was in asking commissioners about grant money to help with water district.

Doug Gatewood came forward asking commissioners for letter of support to build a manufacturing plant in Galena and for tax abatement for 10 years for Galena Liberty Hall and US Assets. Commissioner Frazier moved to have county clerk write letter of support for commissioners Commissioner Moates 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Ralph Houser came forward asking commissioners for a mandatory pre-bid walk through for the HVAC for the courthouse. A date of February 3, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. was set for the walk through and bids are due February 18, 2022, in county clerk office. He also stated that there are cracks on east side of courthouse, and he has Mid Continental Restoration (MCR) coming to fix for a cost of \$27,117 dollars. Commissioner Moates moved to have MCR come to fix east side of courthouse and Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

David Touchton with Touchton Electric came in to talk about the new courthouse door lock alarm system. He said the cards cost \$600 dollars to use in new courthouse alarm system and locks. Commissioner Johnson moved to purchase the cards for the new alarm system and Commissioner Moates 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Department heads were in to talk to commissioners. Deana Randall, Human Resources, was asking about what budget to take out the employee flu shots out of and she discussed getting ready to begin printing W-2's in her office. Raven Elmore, County Treasurer, was talking about year end, distribution and mill levies.

Appointments:

Commissioner Moates moved to have American Bank as the official bank for Cherokee County. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to have Commissioner Moates as county chair for the commissioners and Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to have Commissioner Johnson as vice county chair for the commissioners and Commissioner Moates 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to have Gene Mense as the auditor for the county and Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to have the Columbus News Report as the official county newspaper for Cherokee County and Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to appoint Betha Elliott as the county Health Department Director for Cherokee County and Commissioner Moates 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

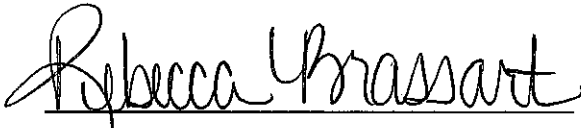
Commissioner Moates moved to appoint Cody Zook as the county Road and Bridge Supervisor for Cherokee County and Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioners discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan program with Raven Elmore, County Treasurer, and David Thornton, County Appraiser.


The next meeting was set for January 24th at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

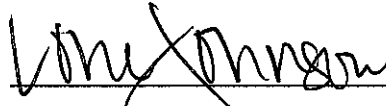
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this January 24, 2022



County Clerk



Commissioner



Commissioner



Commissioner