

MINUTES for MARCH 27, 2023
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, March 27, 2023, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County clerk employee Tonia Noel opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Lorie Johnson, Myra Frazier, county clerk Rebecca Brassart, road and bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, road and bridge superintendent Bryan Williams, county counselor Nathan Coleman, USD 508 representative Kerri Jensen and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the March 20, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Cody Zook came before the Board to present a pay increase for employee Rick Martin from a rate of \$15.00 to a rate of \$16.00. Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the raise for Rick Martin from \$15.00 to a rate of \$16.00. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody Zook presented the Board with a new hire for Kevin Vanderpool as a utility 1/operator at \$16.00. Commissioner Moates made a motion to hire Kevin Vanderpool as a utility 1/operator at a rate of \$16.00. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody informed the Board that they will be seeing a couple of bigger purchases on his credit card as he purchased some items with it.

Zook discussed the call which had been received regarding the low water crossing on SE Pence.

Cody informed the Board that he will be concentrating on the NW Lawton low water crossing and the NW Belleview bridge problem.

ROAD VACATE

County counselor Nathan Coleman discussed with the Board the plan to vacate a portion of NW 1st ST in the Skidmore area.

OPIOID PARTICIPATION

County counselor Nathan Coleman discussed the participation in the national opioid program. Coleman stated he will has requested that the national opioid program contact him directly.

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

County clerk Rebecca Brassart presented the Board with an addition to the solid waste committee which was left by Jim Burton. The Board reviewed the addition of Jared Glover emergency manager. Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the addition of Jared Glover to the solid waste committee. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The solid waste committee consist of the following.

Jim Burton (chairman)	Columbus Resident
Jenifer Fagan	Republic Service
Michael Murphy	Jordan Disposal
Michael Robison	Robison Environmental Service C&D
Sue Drennan	Cherokee County Resident
Angela Feldkamp	Cherokee County Resident