

**MINUTES for June 16, 2025**  
**BOARD of CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**CONVENE**

Chair Myra Carlisle Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (the Board), to order at 9:00 AM on Monday, June 16, 2025, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Commissioner, Myra Frazier, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Jack Garner, Cory Moates, Myra Frazier, County Counselor Jake Conard, County Deputy Clerk Michelle Mosler, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, Galena Sentinel Times Editor Machel Smith, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the minutes as presented from June 9, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES CORRECTION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the corrected minutes as presented from May 19th, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORITY**

- Commissioner Frazier moved to update the Affidavit of Authority to The DDB-ACH account at American Bank. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to update the Affidavit of Authority checking signature card at American Bank. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook provided an update on progress repairing washouts caused by recent rainfall. He also noted that they hope to begin asphalt work as soon as possible.

**KDHE CLEANUP RESOLUTION**

- **Resolution 16-2025**  
Commissioner Frazier moved to approve resolution 16-2025, a resolution regarding the cleanup of property designated as 1644 NE Highway 103 in Weir, Cherokee County, Kansas, and providing for cooperation with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in achieving said cleanup. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the Matt Haviland to sign the sexual harassment acknowledgment form required by KDHE in relation to the cleanup project. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the consent for access to the cleanup project. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNTY BUDGET**

The board reviewed the proposed 2026 budget with Emergency Management Director Matt Haviland.

**CORRECTED RESOLUTIONS**

- **Resolution 17-2025**  
Commissioner Frazier moved to approve resolution 17-2025, a resolution by the Cherokee County, Kansas Board of Commissioners appointing a county appraiser for a period of four years. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution 18-2025**  
Commissioner Frazier moved to approve resolution 18-2025, a corrective resolution by the Cherokee County, Kansas Board of Commissioners concerning waiver of generally accepted accounting principles. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**CLASS LTD COUNTY BUDGET**

The board reviewed the proposed 2026 budget with Class LTD President and CEO Bob Davis.

**SPRING RIVER MENTAL HEALTH COUNTY BUDGET**

The board reviewed the proposed 2026 budget with Spring River Corporate Finance Director Karen Evans and Executive Director Stacy Manbeck.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNTY BUDGET**

The board reviewed the proposed 2026 budget with Economic Development Director Dale Helwig, Co-Executive Holly Johnson, and President Brian Smith.

**CHEROKEE COUNTY ATTORNEY COUNTY BUDGET**

The board reviewed the proposed 2026 budget with County Attorney Kurt Benecke.

**CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COUNTY BUDGET**

The board reviewed the proposed 2026 budget with Sheriff Brian Henderson and Undersheriff Chip Root.

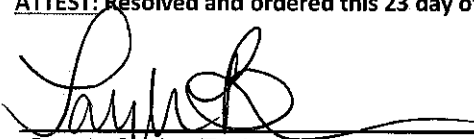
**SECURITY EXECUTIVE SESSION**

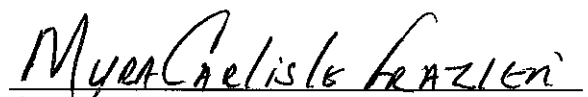
Commissioner Frazier moved for a 5-minute executive session for security purposes with the Board, set to return at 12:43 p.m. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The session was extended by 5 minutes. No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**


At 12:50 PM, Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 23 day of June 2025.**

  
County Clerk – Taylor Brown

  
Commissioner Chairman – Myra Carlisle Frazier

  
Commissioner – Jack Garner

  
Commissioner – Cory Moates