

**MINUTES for November 24, 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, November 24, 2025, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Commissioner Cory Moates opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Jack Garner, Cory Moates, Myra Frazier, County Counselor Kurt Benecke, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, County Deputy Clerk Michelle Mosler, Jim Burton, Health Department Director Peyton Kessler, Galena Sentinel Times Editor Machel Smith, and Columbus News Report employee Shawn Churchill.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the minutes as presented from November 17, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the payroll as presented. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PAYABLES**

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the payables as presented. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook provided an update on current projects.

**BELL FAMILY TRUST ROAD VACATION**

Commissioner Moates moved to deny the petition to vacate the road SW 110<sup>th</sup> and Star Road going south. Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**BUILDING SECURITY EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 15-minute executive session for building security with the Board, County Counselor Kurt Benecke, Sheriff Brian Henderson, and Undersheriff Chip Root present. The session was set to return at 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING UPDATE**

Cherokee County Sheriff gave an update on building repairs needed.

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

Jim Burton provided an update on county recycling. Pittsburg Recycling is interested in working with the county. Mr. Burton will meet with them and report back to the Commission.

**ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 10-minute executive session for attorney-client communication with the Board, Health Department Director Peyton Kessler, and County Counselor Kurt Benecke present. The session was set to return at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

**NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the Board and County Counselor Kurt Benecke present. The session was set to return at 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The session was extended for 15 minutes, then extended again for 1 minute. No action was taken.

**5 MINUTE BREAK**

**ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 10-minute executive session for attorney-client communication with the Board and County Counselor Kurt Benecke present. The session was set to return at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

**SAM SURVEYING AND MAPPING**

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve and sign the NG911 contract with SAM LLC. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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**SPRING RIVER BOAT & SKI CLUB CMB LICENSE RENEWAL**

Tabled until next meeting.

**PROPERTY REFUND**

Commissioner Frazier moved to authorize County Treasurer Heather Sapp to refund Matthew Smith \$1080 for a property purchased at a previous tax sale. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Frazier amended the motion to include other fees associated with the sale.

**TAX SALE**

County Treasurer Heather Sapp gave an update on the tax sale held on November 20, 2025, stating that it all went smoothly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:14 a.m., Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONVENE CANVASS**

Chair Myra Carlisle Frazier convened the election canvass session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners at 11:14 a.m. on Monday, November 24, 2025, in the Commission Room #109, of the Cherokee County Courthouse, 110 W Maple Street, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Myra Carlisle Frazier, Jack Garner, Cory Moates, Deputy County Clerk Michelle Mosler, County Counselor Kurt Benecke, County Clerk Taylor Brown, Galena Sentinel Times Editor Machel Smith, News Report owner Larry Hiatt, and Columbus News Report employee Shawn Churchill were present.

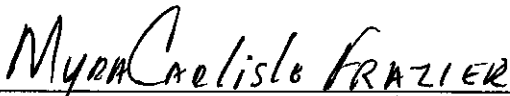
**CANVASS**

A three way tie occurred for Roseland City Council Seat 4. Commissioner Garner drew a name from an envelope. Roseland City Council Seat 4 will be filled by John Benedict.

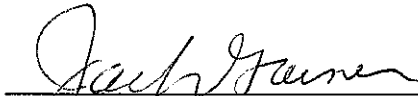
**CLOSE OF CANVASS**

At 11:16 a.m., Commissioner Frazier moved to close the canvass meeting. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

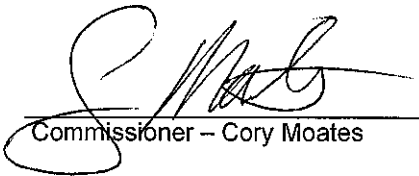
**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 24 day of November 2025.**



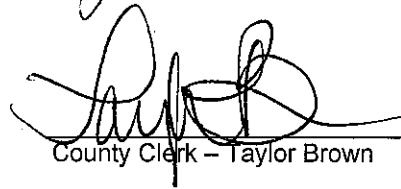
Commissioner Chairwoman – Myra Carlisle Frazier



Commissioner – Jack Garner



Commissioner – Cory Moates



County Clerk – Taylor Brown