

MINUTES for April 7, 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, April 7, 2025, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Reverend Aaron Williams opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Jack Garner, Cory Moates, Myra Frazier, County Counselor Jake Conard, County Clerk employee Michelle Mosler, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, News Report owner Larry Hiatt, Aaron Williams, and Isaiah Williams were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the minutes as presented from March 31, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the hire of Thom Laturner as a utility/operator effective April 7, 2025, at a rate of \$17.00 an hour. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Road and Bridge supervisor, Cody Zook, gave an update on the Rainbow Bridge project that is nearing completion.

Road and Bridge supervisor, Cody Zook, presented bids for a mini excavator and a gooseneck trailer.

Commissioner Moates motioned to accept the bid for a Liugong 9057F 12,600 lbs. 48p with 5 years/6000-hour warranty for \$81,350.00. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moates motioned to accept the bid for a Midsota FB 8'6" X 36' Hyd. Dovetail, 16k axles, 36,800 GVWR, from 4-State Trailers for \$34,000.00. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VACATE

Cassy Spoonemore requested to have some alleyways vacated on/around her properties in Lawton. The commissioners will review the matter and render a decision at a later date.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AGENCY UPDATE

Sheriff Brian Henderson informed the commissioners that a Task Force Agent with FBI has been approved. This is part of the Safe Streets Task Force. Sheriff Henderson reported that the Internet Crimes Against Children task force is operational.

NON ELECT PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier made a motion for a 10-minute non elect personnel executive session with the Board and County Counselor return at 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Extended session for 5 minutes. Commissioner Frazier made a motion for a 5-minute non elect personnel executive session with the Board and County Counselor return at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. No action taken.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve Emergency Manager, Matt Haviland's salary from \$40,600 to \$43,500. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WIRE TRANSFER

County Treasurer, Heather Sapp requested board approval of a wire transfer per Road and Bridge Supervisor, Cody Zook to 4-State Trailers Sales for Gooseneck Trailer. Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the wire transfer to 4-State Trailers Sales for a Gooseneck Trailer in the amount of \$34,000.00. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department Director, Peyton Kessler informed the commissioners that the Kansas Highway Patrol has not yet vacated the room designated for storing health department items. In response, County Counselor Jake Conard will send an email to the Highway Patrol to address this matter.

PIC INSURANCE

Chief Executive Officer, Rhonda Fernandez of PIC Benefits presented information about her company and the benefits they could offer to the county.


FENCE VIEWING

The commissioners meeting relocated to 3583 SE 45th Street, Columbus, Kansas, to conduct a fence viewing aimed at resolving a local fence dispute. This on-site meeting allowed the commissioners to assess the situation firsthand and work toward an appropriate solution. Commissioners Jack Garner, Cory Moates, Myra Frazier, County Counselor Jake Conard, County Clerk employee Michelle Mosler, property owners, Levi and Robynn Snow, and JSM Trust representatives, Matthew and Samantha Wyatt were present. After conducting an on-site inspection of the property and fence at 3583 SE 45th Street in Columbus, Kansas, the Cherokee County commissioners will deliberate on the matter and issue a decision at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:24 a.m. Commissioner Moates motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 14 day of April 2025.



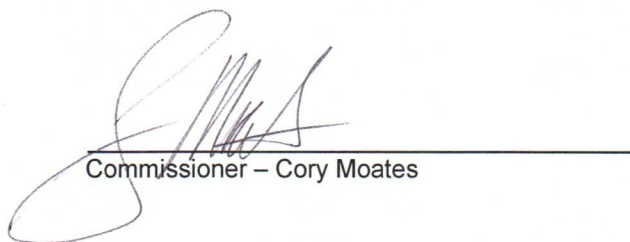
County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart



Commissioner Chairman – Myra Carlisle Frazier



Commissioner – Jack Garner



Commissioner – Cory Moates