

MINUTES for March 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, March 24, 2025, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Counselor, Jake Conard, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Jack Garner, Cory Moates, Myra Frazier, County Clerk employee Michelle Mosler, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, News Report owner Larry Hiatt, and Tony Spieth were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Frazier motioned to amend the agenda to include evaluations of non-elect department personnel heads. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the minutes as presented from March 17, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Road and Bridge supervisor, Cody Zook, presented bids for plastic and squash pipes. He will accept the bid from Bo's One Stop for the plastic pipe at the amount of \$12,920.30 and Welborn Sales for the aluminum squash pipe at the amount of \$23,246.20.

NON ELECT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier made a motion for a 15-minute non elect executive session with the Board and County Counselor return at 9:25 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 No action taken.

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Tabled to review more information.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to sign the agreement with KDOT, releasing of old hwy. 166 back to the county. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department director, Peyton Kessler presented a pay raise for Kathy Dugger. Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve County Health employee, Kathy Dugger, salary from \$21 an hour to \$21.73 an hour. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier made a motion for a 10-minute attorney client executive session with the Board return at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Extended session for 5 minutes.
 No action taken.

FENCE VIEWING LETTER

Commissioner Garner made a motion to have Commissioners Frazier, Garner, Moates, County Clerk, Rebecca Brassart, and County Counselor Jake Conard go to 3583 SE 45th Street, Columbus, KS for a fence viewing on April 7, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. County Clerk will send out notices to all parties involved.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier made a motion for a 20-minute non elect executive session for employee evaluation with County Counselor Jake Conard return at 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 No action taken.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Jeffery Fischer presented a preliminary result of the traffic study report for State Road K26 and Old Hwy 166.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier made a motion for a 20-minute non elect executive session for employee evaluation with County HR Director Deana Randall return at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 No action taken.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier made a motion for a 10-minute non elect executive session for employee evaluation with County Maintenance Director Mike Thomas return at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
No action taken.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier made a motion for a 15-minute non elect executive session for employee evaluation with County Emergency Manager Matt Haviland return at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
No action taken.

NON-ELECT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier made a motion for a 15-minute non elect executive session for employee evaluation with County Health Department Director Peyton Kessler return at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
No action taken.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Road and Bridge supervisor, Cody Zook, through a phone call alerted commissioners that the company painting The Rainbow Bridge advised them that the painting of the exposed bridge abutment was not included in their bid. Commissioner Frazier made a motion to allow up to \$5500 to paint the abutment. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT


Commissioner Frazier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 24th day of March 2025.


County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart


Commissioner Chairman – Myra Carlisle Frazier


Commissioner – Jack Garner


Commissioner – Cory Moates