

MINUTES for April 28, 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 28, 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 Counselor Jake Conard, County Clerk employee Michelle Mosler, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, News Report owner Larry Hiatt, Randy Chiartano, owner of Asphalt Management Solutions, and Rob Harrington with Rural Growth Strategies were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the minutes as presented from April 21, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the payables as presented from April 21, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the payroll as presented from April 21, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Mower Incident

Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook informed the board of a mower incident that occurred over a year ago but was recently brought to his attention. Bright Speed reported that a county mower struck a phone pedestal in Scammon. County Counselor Jake Conard will investigate and advise on further action.

Off System Bridge Program

Commissioner Frazier moved to sign Agreement No. 1009-24, Project No. 11 C-5346-01 for a replacement of a bridge 5 miles west and 0.7 mile south of Neutral, Cherokee County, Kansas. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Cody Zook discussed with the board where to allocate the grader payment due on 6/20/2025. The matter was tabled and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

SECURITY EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier moved for a 5-minute security executive session with the Board, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, and County Counselor Jake Conard, to return at 9:25 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action taken.

Rainbow Bridge

The Board discussed relocating the sign that displays the paint supplier and contractor information from the bridge itself to a spot closer to the parking area.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Rainbow Bridge will be held on May 2, 2025.

SALAMANCA TOWNSHIP

Commissioner Frazier moved to appoint the following individuals to the Salamanca Township:

- Bob Brassart as Treasurer
- Brenda Grant as Trustee
- Waycee Brassart as Clerk

Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ASPHALT MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

Randy Chiartano, owner of Asphalt Management Solutions, presented his company's services to the Board. He was advised to meet with Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook to determine if his services would be needed.

VACATE REQUESTS

Dave Humble requested the vacation of alleyways around his brother's properties in Corona. County Counselor Jake Conard will review the plat map and prepare a notice.

Warren Scott requested the vacation of property bordering his land at SE 40th and Wyandotte Road. County Counselor Jake Conard will review the plat map and prepare a notice.

FENCE VIEWING RESOLUTION

Due to errors in Resolution 08-2025, a corrected resolution was presented. Commissioner Frazier moved to approve corrected Resolution 09-2025. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

HANDBOOK RESOLUTION

County Counselor Jake Conard will make some modifications to the handbook resolution and email the updated version to department heads for review.

COUNTY CLERK

County Clerk Rebecca Brassart requested Board approval for a check to CIC for on-site budget training and consulting. Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the payment of \$2800 to CIC. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca Brassart presented salary raises for two employees:

- Commissioner Frazier move to increase Cassy Spoonemore’s salary from \$17.00 to \$18.00 per hour. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier move to increase Michelle Mosler’s salary from \$15.50 to \$16.00 per hour. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously

NEWS REPORT

Larry Hiatt, owner of The News Report, presented a draft of a graduation announcement for county employees’ families. Commissioner Garner moved to approve publishing the announcement at a cost of \$350, to be paid from Commissioners Garner and Commissioner Moates recreation fund. Commissioner Moates seconded. The motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Frazier voting nay.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:22 AM, Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 5 day of May 2025.

Michelle Mosler Deputy Clerk

 County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart

MYRA CARLISLE FRAZIER

 Commissioner Chairman – Myra Carlisle Frazier

Jack Garner

 Commissioner – Jack Garner

Cory Moates

 Commissioner – Cory Moates