

MINUTES for August 25, 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, Aug. 25, 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 Myra Carlisle Frazier, Jack Garner, Cory Moates, County Counselor Jake Conard, County Clerk Employee Logan Cloyd, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, Sheriff Brian Henderson, Undersheriff Chip Root, Health Department Administrator Payton Kessler, Troy Douglas and Ken Olsen of Enterprise, Galena Sentinel Times Editor Machele Smith, Columbus News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the minutes from August 18, 2025. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook provided an update regarding lease plan for road graders. Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve Grader Lease Plan. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Garner opposing.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

County Counselor Conard provided the Board with a draft of a resolution regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The Board tabled the resolution for review until the next regular board meeting.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

County Counselor Conard stated, for the board to gift the Ambulance Association with property to build a new facility, a disposition of real property needs to be published for 3 weeks then followed by a vote of the Board. Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve the publishing with a hearing date of September 22, 2025, being set. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Provided update regarding recent projects within Cherokee County.

ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

County Counselor Conard requested a 15-minute Attorney-Client executive session with the Board set to return at 10:00 am. Commissioner Frazier motioned for the executive session. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action taken.

REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING

Commissioner Frazier opened the RNR Hearing and began hearing any concerns and complaints from citizens. Laura Atkinson, Jay White, Tim Hatfield, Cathy Hatfield, Elizabeth Chappalier, Ross King, Wally Lankford Jr, Tim Postal, Nick Jordan, and Lyla Swaney were in attendance. These citizens raised concerns regarding the Cherokee County Road and Bridge Department, and Cherokee County Sheriffs Office proposed budgets. Additional complaints were voiced regarding the work of the Road and Bridge Department. Road and Bridge Superintendent Cody Zook and Sheriff Brian Henderson were present to answer questions regarding their proposed budgets. After citizen concerns were heard Commissioner Frazier closed the hearing.

Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve Resolution 21-2025 to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed 2-0 with Commissioner Garner choosing to abstain.

CHEROKEE COUNTY BUDGETS

Commissioner Frazier opened the hearing. No complaints were voiced. Commissioner Frazier Closed the Hearing. Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve 2026 proposed Cherokee County Budgets. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Garner opposing.

SEWER DISTRICT BUDGET

Commissioner Frazier opened the hearing. No complaints were voiced. Commissioner Frazier Closed the Hearing. Commissioner Moates motioned to approve Sewer District Budget. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 11:11 a.m., Commissioner Frazier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.


ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 18 day of August 2025.




Commissioner Chairwoman – Myra Carlisle Frazier



Commissioner – Jack Garner



Commissioner – Cory Moates



County Clerk – Taylor Brown