

MINUTES for September 8, 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, September 8, 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 Deputy Clerk Michelle Mosler, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, Larry and Sheila Price, Samantha Clevenger, Rural Growth Strategies Rob Harrington, KSNF Reporter Jacob Cooperman, Galena Sentinel Times Editor Machel Smith, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the minutes as presented from August 29, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the hire of Traven Skahan as Utility Operator, effective September 2, 2025, at a rate of \$17.00/hour. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook provided an update on asphalt and other ongoing projects.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE-BUILDING REPAIR

Sheriff Brian Henderson reported the elevator at the Sherriff's office is out of service and requires immediate repair. The elevator company estimated the cost at \$3505.41. Commissioners agreed to cover the expense from sales tax funds.

ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 15-minute executive session for attorney-client communication with the Board and County Counselor Jake Conard present. The session was set to return at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

KCAMP

David Lamb with KCAMP met with the Board to discuss available programs and services they can offer the county.

NRP RESOLUTION 22-2025

Commissioner Moates moved to approve resolution 22-2025, a resolution by the Cherokee County, Kansas Board of Commissioners amending the 2023 Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Kylie Ludwig with the Cherokee County Extension Office presented a Certificate of Appropriation for approval. Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriation, limited to the amount of the county appropriation of \$252,622. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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 Jake Conard present. The session was set to return at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The session was extended for 5 minutes. No action was taken.


ADJOURNMENT

At 10:22 a.m., Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

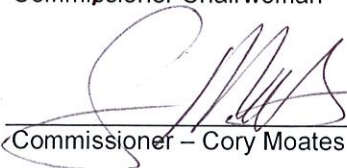
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 15 day of September 2025.



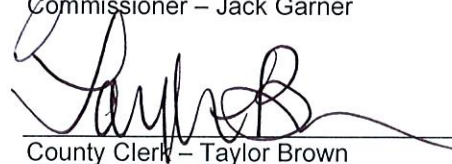
Commissioner Chairwoman – Myra Carlisle Frazier



Commissioner – Jack Garner



Commissioner – Cory Moates



County Clerk – Taylor Brown