

**MINUTES for December 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, December 8, 2025, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Deputy Clerk Michell Mosler opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Jack Garner, Cory Moates, Myra Frazier, Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, County Deputy Clerk Michelle Mosler, Health Department Director Peyton Kessler, Terry and Ada Emmert, Katie Harrington, Galena Sentinel Times Editor Mabelle Smith, Columbus News Report employee Shawn Churchill, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the minutes as presented from December 1, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the payroll as presented. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PAYABLES**

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the payables as presented. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook provided an update on current projects.

**ZEBRA DRIVE MAINTENANCE**

Ada Emmert requested to the board that Zebra Drive be turned over to the county for maintenance. No action was taken.

**EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUS**

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve a \$75 Christmas bonus for all county employees, excluding commissioners, with funds to be paid from the Employee Benefits account. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**CIC SPECIAL CHECK**

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve issuing a special check in the amount of \$65,400 to CIC, to be paid from the Reserve Technology Fund. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**10 MINUTE RECESS**

Commissioner Frazier moved to recess for 10 minutes, with the meeting set to resume at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ZONING MORATORIUM**

Commissioner Moates moved to table the item until the next meeting. Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**FEMA BIDS**

The board opened and reviewed two submitted bids for the FEMA lot located at 7641 SE Watermelon Lane, Galena, KS 66739. Josh and Monica Delmont submitted a bid in the amount of \$2,000, and David and Janet Ellison submitted a bid in the amount of \$751. Commissioner Frazier moved to accept the highest bid of \$2,000 and approve a three-year lease of the property at 7641 SE Watermelon Lane, Galena, Kansas, to Josh and Monica Delmont. Commissioner Garner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the Board, Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke, and Sheriff Brian Henderson present. The session was set to return at 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

**NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the Board and Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke present. The session was set to return at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

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**NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the Board and Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke present. The session was set to return at 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

**NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the Board, Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke, and Sheriff Brian Henderson present. The session was set to return at 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

**NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the Board and Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke present. The session was set to return at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

**PERSONNEL**

Commissioner Frazier moved to terminate Matt Haviland from his position as Emergency Management Director, effective immediately. His duties will be temporarily transferred to the Sheriff's Department, and the Sheriff is authorized to take any county property currently held by Mr. Haviland. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**


At 11:03 a.m., Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this 15 day of December 2025.

  
Commissioner Chairwoman – Myra Carlisle Frazier

  
Commissioner – Jack Garner

  
Commissioner – Cory Moates

  
County Clerk – Taylor Brown