



# CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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110 W. Maple St, Room 109, Columbus, KS 66725

Date: Monday March 30, 2026

Time: 9:00 A.M.

## **CONVENE**

Chair Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (the Board), to order at 9:00 AM on Monday, March 30, 2026, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Cory Moates opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Jack Garner, Myra Frazier, Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke, County Deputy Clerk Michelle Mosler, Kathryn Harrington, Galena Sentinel Times Editor Machel Smith, and Columbus News Report employee Tanya Woolsey were present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the minutes as presented from March 23, 2026, 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 Garner moved to approve the payables as presented. Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **POSTAGE WIRE TRANSFER**

Commissioner Moates moved to authorize County Treasurer Heather Sapp to make a wire transfer to Quadient Leasing USA in the amount of \$1205.07 for postage, and to authorize such transfers on a quarterly basis. Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Road and Bridge Supervisor Jr. Neal provided an update on current projects.

## **NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the Board, Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke, and Road and Bridge Supervisor Jr. Neal present. The session was set to return at 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

## **ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Moates moved to enter into a 5-minute executive session for attorney client communication with the Board and Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke present. The session was set to return at 9:32 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

## **NUISANCE AND ABATEMENT CODE PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Moates opened the public hearing at 9:32 a.m. Cherokee County residents Tracy Madl and Becky Beeler voiced their concerns regarding neighboring properties. Commissioner Moates closed the public hearing.



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## **RESOLUTION 07-2026**

Commissioner Moates moved to approve Resolution 07-2026, a resolution to establish nuisance and abatement codes for Cherokee County Kansas. Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **CROSSLAND BID PRESENTATION**

Tad Johnson, Vice President of Midwest Operations for Crossland Construction, presented the company's proposal for the new Cherokee County Health Department building.

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING**

- Due to procedural errors, the Board decided to reopen bids for the new Health Department building.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to advertise in the Galena Sentinel and Columbus News Report that the County will accept sealed bids until April 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. The Board will open sealed bids on April 20, 2026. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to consolidate the properties of the County Health Department. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Moates moved to enter into a 5-minute executive session for attorney client communication with the Board and Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke present. The session was set to return at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

## **ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 3-minute executive session for attorney client communication with the Board and Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke present. The session was set to return at 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**


At 10:51 a.m., Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this 6 day of April 2026.

  
Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates

  
Commissioner – Jack Garner

  
Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier

  
County Clerk – Taylor Brown