

CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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

Date: Monday April 13, 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, April 13, 2026, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Deputy Clerk Michelle Mosler 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, Jennifer Quigley, Health Department Director Peyton Kessler, Tommy Dietz, John Beitzinger, Toni Spieth, 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 April 13, 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 Frazier moved to approve the payables as presented. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- Road and Bridge Supervisor Jr. Neal provided an update on current projects.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the purchase of a used 924 H Loader in the amount of \$53,000, to be paid out of FEMA funds. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

Jennifer Quigley presented information on service her company could provide in emergency situations in Cherokee County. The Board discussed the matter and directed her to attend the Emergency Response volunteer meeting.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT RAISES

Commissioner Moates moved to increase Britney Childers's salary from \$15.00 to \$16.50 per hour, effective April 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Moates moved to enter into a 10-minute executive session for attorney client communication with the Board and Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke present. The session was set to return at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.



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COUNTY APPRAISER DELINDA WHITE

- The board discussed the shape file requests presented by County Appraiser Delinda White. Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke will look into what needs to be done and report back to the Board.
- The Board chair signed off on several AAE approvals.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:58 a.m., Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 20 day of April 2026.




Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates



Commissioner – Jack Garner



Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier



County Clerk – Taylor Brown