



CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

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

Date: Monday March 23, 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 23, 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, 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 16, 2026, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- Road and Bridge Supervisor Jr. Neal provided an update on current projects.
- Commissioner Moates moved to increase Jeremy Erwin's salary from \$18.50 to \$19.00 per hour and to change his job title to Road Supervisor, West Side, effective March 23, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Moates moved to increase Thom LaTurner's salary from \$17.00 to \$19.00 per hour and to change his job title to Road Supervisor, East Side, effective March 23, 2026. Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BID PROPOSAL

One bid was submitted by McDaniel's Construction in the amount of \$1,872,966.00. The Board decided to table the item to explore potential changes and reduce the square footage.

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 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

SECURITY MEASURES EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Moates moved to enter into a 15-minute executive session for security matters with the Board, Sheriff Brian Henderson, Under Sheriff Chip Root, and Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke present. The session was set to return at 9:47 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:52 a.m., Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



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ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 30 day of March 2026.


Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates


Commissioner – Jack Garner


Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier


County Clerk – Taylor Brown