

MINUTES for March 3, 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 8:30 AM on Monday, February 14, 2025, 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 Myra Carlisle Frazier, Jack Garner, Cory Moates, County Clerk employee Logan Cloyd, County Counselor Jake Conard, Road and Bridge Superintendent Cody Zook, Columbus News-Report Owner Larry Hiatt, Toni Speith, Josh Framel, Barry Matchett, and Robert Leighty were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the minutes as presented from the February 24, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of PAYROLL

Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the payroll. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of PAYABLES

Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve the payables as presented except for 4H Deposit and Building Rental for \$150 and \$250. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Road and Bridge Superintendent Cody Zook informed board of Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission on Wednesday March 5, 2025 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm occurring at the extension office. Meeting allows residents to voice concerns regarding roadway safety in Cherokee County, Kansas. Superintendent Zook requests check #1017687 to JT Pro Pressure washing be cancelled and funds be wired by County Treasurer. Check #1017687 was for \$53,746.34. Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve the cancellation of check #1017687 and wire transfer funds to JT Pro Pressure Washing. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Cherokee County Counselor Jake Conard requested a 15-minute Attorney Client Executive session with the Board of Commissioner and Road and Bridge Superintendent Zook to return at 9:25am. Commissioner Frazier motioned. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action taken.

CHEROKEE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Kylie Ludwig introduced the new Agriculture Agent Clayton Lester. Ludwig informed the Board of Commissioner of the upcoming Walk Kansas program.

CLEARWAY ENERGY

Josh Framel, Clearway Energy Director of Development, informed Board of Commissioners of Open House occurring on March 3, 2025, to provide residents with information regarding the "Rainbow Springs Solar Project." The Board of Commissioners were provided with a draft Contribution Agreement which explains the commitment between the project and Cherokee County. Clearway Energy is planning to begin Geotech Testing later this month. Framel provided Board of Commissioner with the website to view project information. Rainbowspringsolar.com

KANSAS DEPARTMENT WILDLIFE AND PARKS

KDWP Agent David Jenkins provided an update on the Skidmore plating project. Jenkins stated he is working to obtain additional death certificates to move forward with the project.

ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier motioned for a 15-minute Attorney Client Executive session with Sheriff Brian Henderson, Undersheriff Charles Root, Counselor Jake Conard 10:10am. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action taken.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Brian Henderson notified the Board of Commissioners they have located invoices from 2024 that had not been paid. Currently all 2024 invoices have been able to be applied in the 2024 budget.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve Resolution 06-2025 – Setting the Salaries for Elected Officials. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HANDBOOK WORK SESSION

The Board of Commissioners discussed potential revisions to the Cherokee County Employee Handbook. The Board of Commissioners requested potential revisions be sent to all Cherokee County Department Heads for review.

APPRAISER

Appraiser Delinda White brought a concern regarding postage to the Board of Commissioners. Appraiser White stated last week her office had a large mailing and the postage machine ran out of funds. She is interested in a solution to eliminate the possibility of that occurring again when a large mailing is required by a certain date. Per County Clerk Rebecca Brassart a check for postage was mailed on February 17, 2025. As of March 3, 2025, the postage company has not received the check, explaining the low balance on the postal machine. During the Appraisers large mailing, County Clerk Brassart was able to access the account online to transfer funds to cover the remaining needed postage.

ATTORNEY CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

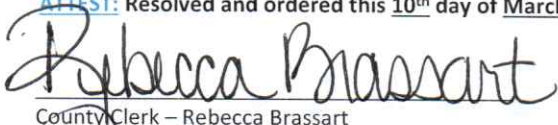
Commissioner Frazier made a motion for a 10-minute Attorney Client Executive Session with the Board of Commissioners and County Counselor Jake Conard set to return at 12:50pm. Commissioner Moates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fraizer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

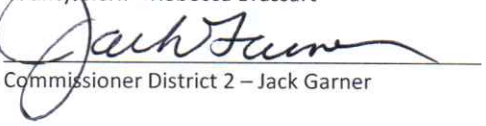
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 10th day of March 2025.



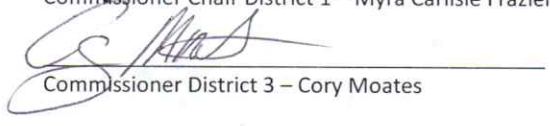
County Clerk – Rebecca Brassart



Commissioner Chair District 1 – Myra Carlisle Frazier



Commissioner District 2 – Jack Garner



Commissioner District 3 – Cory Moates