MINUTES for October 27, 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 8:00 AM on Monday, October 27, 2025, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Deputy Clerk Michelle Mosler opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Jack Garner, Cory Moates, Myra Frazier, County Counselor Kurt Benecke, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, County Deputy Clerk Michelle Mosler, Ron Nash, JC Parsons, Galena Sentinel Times Editor Machelle Smith, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Commissioner Moates moved to approve the minutes as presented from October 20, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES
Commissioner Moates moved to approve the payables as presented. Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE
- Commissioner Moates moved to approve the hire of Darrick Fullerton as Utility Operator, effective October 27, 2025, at a rate of $16.00 per hour. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook provided an update on current projects.

SEKCAP
The Board will provide a letter of support to SEKCAP Transportation.

LOWELL TOWNSHIP
- Commissioner Frazier moved to appoint Beverly Hayes as Lowell Township Treasurer. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to appoint Randall Hayes as Lowell Township Trustee. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

FEMA LEASES
Emergency Management Director Matt Haviland presented a FEMA lease to be renewed.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to renew the 3-year lease to Robert B. Jones and/or Rosa M. Jones for 7927 SE Watermelon Lane, Galena, KS 66739. Commissioner Moates. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Sealed bids will be accepted until November 17 at 10:00 a.m. for the property located at 7641 SE Watermelon Lane, Galena, KS 66739, for a 3-year lease.

COUNTY TREASURER
Commissioner Frazier moved to allow County Treasurer Heather Sapp to wire the sewer bond payment of $1063.47 to Security Bank of Kansas City Corporate Trust Division. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

KANSAS BAGS PROGRAM
Commissioner Frazier moved to provide a letter of support for a Broadband Acceleration Grant for the BAGS program. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING
The Cherokee County Department Heads provided updates on current activities within their offices.

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AMBULANCE PROPERTY RESOLUTION

Commissioner Frazier opened the hearing regarding the Commission's intent to donate land to the Cherokee County, KS Ambulance Association for construction of its new building. There being no one in attendance to speak, Frazier closed the hearing.

Resolution 23-2025

Commissioner Moates moved to approve resolution 23-2025, a resolution regarding the disposition of certain property -- A tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 33 South, Range 24 East of the 6th P.M., Cherokee County, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 10:01 a.m., Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 3 day of November 2025.

Commissioner Chairwoman – Myra Carlisle Frazier

Commissioner – Jack Garner

Commissioner – Cory Moates

County Clerk – Taylor Brown