CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

110 W. Maple St, Room 109, Columbus, KS 66725
Date: Monday April 6, 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 6, 2026, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Myra Frazier 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 Machelle Smith, and Columbus News Report employee Tanya Woolsey were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the minutes as presented from March 30, 2026, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

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

RESOLUTION 08-2026

Commissioner Moates moved to approve Resolution 08-2026, a resolution appointing Lyle Grandy as the Director of Emergency Management pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 48 and K.A.R. 56-2-2. Commissioner Frazier 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 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

PURPLE HEART TRAIL DESIGNATION

Commissioner Frazier moved to proclaim that the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, hereby designates Cherokee County as a Purple Heart County and honors all Purple Heart recipients for their bravery, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication to our nation. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING

The Board discussed plans for the new Cherokee County Health Department building. The building will need to remain at the current address, and bids must reflect that location.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:46 a.m., Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 13 day of April 2026.

Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates

Commissioner – Jack Garner

Commissioner – Myra Carlisle Frazier

County Clerk – Taylor Brown