CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

110 W. Maple St, Room 109, Columbus, KS 66725
Date: Monday July 27, 2026
Time: 9:00 A.M.

CONVENE

Commissioner Myra Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (the Board), to order at 9:00 AM on Monday, July 27, 2026, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Jack Garner, Myra Frazier, Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke, Intern Abbie Miller, County Deputy Clerk Michelle Mosler, Road and Bridge Supervisor Jr. Neal, Kathryn Harrington, Loren Harding, Diane Clark, Clinton Clark, Jon Brookins, Thomas Niegisch with the Columbus News Report, and Galena Sentinel Times Editor Machelle Smith were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Garner moved to approve the minutes as presented from the July 20, 2026, meeting. Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- Road and Bridge Supervisor Jr. Neal provided an update on current projects.
- The Board discussed opening bids for asphalt on 96th highway.

ROAD AND BRIDGE RAISES

- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Jimmy Amiott's salary from $20.00 to $21.00 per hour, effective August 5, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase William Bauer's salary from $17.50 to $18.50 per hour, effective August 5, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Robert Baumann's salary from $18.00 to $19.00 per hour, effective August 5, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Craig Biancarelli's salary from $17.75 to $18.75 per hour, effective August 5, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Jermy Bible's salary from $17.00 to $18.00 per hour, effective August 5, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Joseph Carlson's salary from $17.75 to $18.75 per hour, effective August 5, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Chester Carrico's salary from $18.50 to $19.50 per hour, effective August 5, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Cory Christiansen's salary from $17.00 to $18.00 per hour, effective August 5, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Michael Dainty's salary from $17.00 to $18.00 per hour, effective August 5, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Corbin Dantic's salary from $16.00 to $17.00 per hour, effective August 5, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Evert England's salary from $17.00 to $18.00 per hour, effective August 5, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Jeremy Erwin's salary from $19.00 to $20.00 per hour, effective August 5,

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2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

LAND ISSUE
Diane Clark expressed concerns about a property on which she is paying taxes.

APPRAISER

- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Robbi Shilts's salary from $20.00 to $21.00 per hour, effective July 27, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Deann Norris's salary from $20.00 to $21.00 per hour, effective July 27, 2026. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

LAND ISSUE
Jon Brookins expressed his concerns about cleaning up properties on Gum Lane.

BUKATY INSURANCE
ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION
Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 10-minute executive session for attorney-client communication with the Board, County Attorney Kurt Benecke, Assistant County Counselor Ethan Manke, and Intern Abbie Miller. The session was set to return at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

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

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 3 day of August 2026.

Commissioner Chairman – Cory Moates

Commissioner – Jack Garner

Myra Carlisle Frazier
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County Clerk – Taylor Brown