

**MINUTES for June 2, 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 9:00 AM on Monday, June 2, 2025, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Counselor Jake Conard opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Jack Garner, Cory Moates, Myra Frazier, County Counselor Jake Conard, County Deputy Clerk Michelle Mosler, Road and Bridge Employee Sean Shipman, Galena Sentinel Times Editor Machel Smith, and News Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the minutes as presented from May 21, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the hire of Kade Morisset as a seasonal laborer, effective May 28, 2025, at a rate of \$12.00/hour. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Road and Bridge Employee Sean Shipman provided an update on the guardrail replacements currently underway.

**EPA CONCERN**

Cherokee County resident Richard Miller addressed the board with concerns about EPA trucks damaging roads on Dewberry Lane in Galena, KS, where they are removing the old electric trolley system.

**CLERK'S OFFICE**

Commissioner Frazier moved to increase Logan Cloyd's salary from \$20.00 to \$21.00 per hour. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 15-minute executive session for attorney-client communication with the Board and County Counselor Jake Conard present. The session was set to return at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Cherokee County Sheriff Brian Henderson reported that the Task Force Officer position has been finalized. He also noted that, for the first time in several years, the Sherriff's Office is 100% staffed.

**VACATE**

Item tabled until the next meeting.

**CLERK SEAL**

The former County Clerk's seal was submitted to the commissioners for destruction.

**ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 10-minute executive session for attorney-client communication with the Board and Special County Council Matt Bonner (via conference call) present. The session was set to return at 10:33 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

**FENCE VIEWING RESOLUTION**

Commissioner Moates moved to approve resolution 11-2025, a resolution acting as fence viewers, pursuant to K.S.A. 29-201. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORITY**

Commissioner Frazier moved to update the Affidavit of Authority signature card at American Bank. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

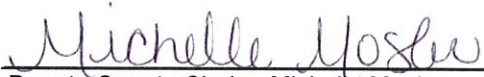
**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Frazier moved to increase the Health Department Administrator, Peyton Kessler's, salary from \$60,000 to \$62,100 annually. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:41 AM, Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this 09 day of June 2025.

  
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Deputy County Clerk – Michelle Mosler

  
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Commissioner Chairman – Myra Carlisle Frazier

  
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Commissioner – Jack Garner

  
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Commissioner – Cory Moates