

MINUTES for August 18, 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, August 18, 2025, in the Commission Room, 109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple Street, Columbus, Kansas. County Commissioner Cory Moates opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Jack Garner, Cory Moates, Myra Frazier, Deputy Elections Clerk Logan Cloyd, Road and Bridge Superintendent Cody Zook, Robert Harrington and Barry Matchet with Clearway Energy, 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 August 11, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Fraizer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

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

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES

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

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Road and Bridge Superintendent Cody Zook presented New Hire Corbin Dantic to the board for the position of Utility/Operator I at a rate of \$16/hr. Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the hire of Dantic, Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Zook provided an update on current asphalt projects, as well as trying to find a new place to obtain clay.

CLEARWAY ENERGY

Barry Matchet wanted to discuss key points of the Development Agreement, Road Use Agreement, and Decommission Agreement that were sent to County Counselor Conard on Friday August 15, 2025.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

EMS Director Terry Clugston provided the Board with a survey of property for proposed building location.

Commissioner Frazier expressed concerns regarding EMS Board meeting being closed to the public. EMS Director Clugston stated he would take her concerns to his board.

SE QUARTER MILE ROAD

Commissioners will table a decision for a later date after more research can be completed by the County Offices.

AUTOPSY

Commissioners request County Counselor Conard contact the Office of the Coroner for guidelines determining the need for an autopsy.

SPECIAL MEETING

Commissioner Fraizer motioned for a Special Meeting on August 29, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in place of the meeting that would occur on Labor Day. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION

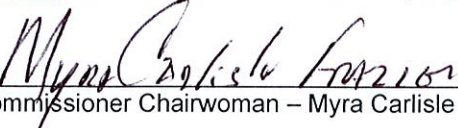
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ADJOURNMENT

At 10:11 a.m., Commissioner Frazier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.


ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 25 day of August 2025.



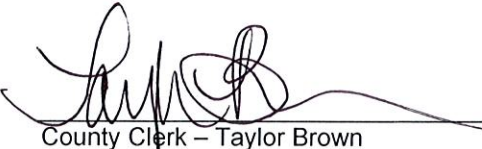
Commissioner Chairwoman – Myra Carlisle Frazier



Commissioner – Jack Garner



Commissioner – Cory Moates



County Clerk – Taylor Brown