

MINUTES for September 22, 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, September 22, 2025, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Commissioner Myra Frazier opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Jack Garner, Cory Moates, Myra Frazier, County Deputy Clerk Michelle Mosler, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, Sheila Price, Samantha Clevenger, Joni Hicks, Mark Gibson, Vanessa Suarez, Rural Growth Strategies Rob Harrington, 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 September 15, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MERITAIN INSURANCE

Commissioner Frazier moved to pay the aggregating deductible to Meritain Insurance in the amount of \$15.61. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- Commissioner Moates moved to approve the hire of Rockey Ross as Utility Operator, effective September 22, 2025, at a rate of \$17.00/hour. Commissioner Frazier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook discussed the opportunity to purchase a dump truck.

TAXES AND FEES

Mark Gibson and Vanessa Suarez voiced concerns regarding sewer fees that had accrued on a property they purchased. They requested that the late fees be waived. No action was taken.

EMS ASSOCIATION

- EMS President Sheldon Bales informed the commissioners that the county is listed on their insurance coverage for ambulances.
- The commissioners asked about EMS meetings. EMS President Sheldon Bales stated they are a 501(c) organization and their meetings are closed, but he would discuss the matter with their board.

PROPERTY DISPUTE

Craig Bell and Sherry Robinson asked for clarification regarding a road locate on or near their property, specifically whether it is a private or county road. They will complete the paperwork to vacate the road and bring it to the next meeting.

CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF

NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 10-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel, with the Board, Sheriff Brian Henderson, and Undersheriff Chip Root present. The session was set to return at 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

BAN OF HALLUCINOGENIC PRODUCTS

The board tabled the matter until Sheriff Henderson has an opportunity to review the proposal.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING

The board, Health Department Director Peyton Kessler, and Maintenance Director Mike Thomas discussed the next steps for constructing a new Health Department facility. Mike Thomas will research potential engineers to present to the board.

NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Commissioner Frazier moved to enter into a 15-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel. The session was set to return at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Frazier moved to extend the executive session for 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel. The session was set to return at 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

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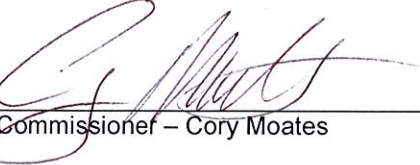
ADJOURNMENT

At 11:41 a.m., Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

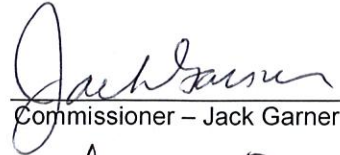
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 29 day of September 2025.




Commissioner Chairwoman – Myra Carlisle Frazier



Commissioner – Cory Moates



Commissioner – Jack Garner



County Clerk – Taylor Brown