

CHEROKEE COUNTY COURT DOCKET

This is the schedule of the District Court Room with Judge Fred W. Johnson, Jr. presiding. All of the hearings, conferences, arraignments, dismissals, appearances and trials are open to the public. They are also subject to change or cancellation without notice.

District Court Judge Fred W. Johnson, Jr. Tuesday, December 16

9:30 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. David A. Justice, sentencing, (criminal)

This is the schedule of the Magistrate Court Room with Judge Douglas R. Steele presiding. All of the hearings, conferences, arraignments, dismissals, appearances and trials are open to the public. They are also subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Magistrate Court Judge Douglas R. Steele Monday, December 15

9 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Allen Wayne Seward, scheduling conference, (traffic)

9 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Bethany A. Street, scheduling conference, (traffic)

9 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Gabriel D. Freeman, scheduling conference, (traffic)

9 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Heather Sue Gordon, scheduling conference, (traffic)

9:30 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Michael Frank Walker, scheduling conference, (criminal)

10 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Janathan Nickolas Carter, diversion status, (criminal)

10 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Jonathan Lee Leigh, scheduling conference, (traffic)

10 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Joseph Dewyne Palmer, scheduling conference, (criminal)

11 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Uriel Saldana, scheduling conference, (traffic)

11 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Rudy Allen Anderson, scheduling conference, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Terrill Molter Clark, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Dakota Alexander

Harper, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Ricardo Mendez Macias, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Roderick Earl Dyette, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Jerry Jones, Jr., first appearance, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Cody Nicholas Chambers, first appearance, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Isaiah Bittle, first appearance, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Alfred Creollo, first appearance, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Margaret Denis Williams, first appearance, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Andrea Lynn Arnold, first appearance, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Jesse Wayne Vaughan, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Richard Paul Newell, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Randy Jo Simons, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Linfang Zhang, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Gabriel Andrew Dehaven Gray, first appearance, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Chris Higgenbotham, first appearance, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Kenny Lee Ashley, first appearance, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Makayla Mary Anne Chase, first appearance, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Isaiah Dominick Dennis, first appearance, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Norman Billy, first appearance, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Steven Ray Younger, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Gary Jack Hollis, Jr., first appearance, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Charles G. Moore,

first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Bhargav Katta, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Stephen M. Holmes, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Craig A. Walker, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Kala Dawn Wooten, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Kelly Renee Cram, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Tammie Paul, first appearance, (traffic)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. John Franz Lenhardt, first appearance, (traffic)

Tuesday, December 16

9:30 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. George Finley Myers, Jr., scheduling conference, (criminal)

9:30 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. John Wiley Crain, Jr., scheduling conference, (criminal)

9:30 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Alexander Joshua Warstler, scheduling conference, (criminal)

9:30 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Nicholas Ryan Wilkins, scheduling conference, (criminal)

9:30 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Justin Morton, scheduling conference, (criminal)

9:30 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Matthew Kurtis Wisdom, scheduling conference, (criminal)

9:30 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Sai S. Lade, scheduling conference, (traffic)

9:30 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Darren Allen Doke, scheduling conference, (traffic)

9:30 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Steven R. Huffman, first appearance, (criminal)

9:30 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Derek W. Helms, scheduling conference, (traffic)

10 a.m. - LVNV Funding LLC vs. Krista Hardesty, answer hearing, (limited civil)

10 a.m. - City of Baxter Springs vs. Caleb Robison, answer hearing, (limited civil)

10 a.m. - LVNV Funding LLC vs. James Fellers, answer hearing, (limited civil)

10 a.m. - U.S. Bank National Association vs. Jerold B. Bricker, answer hearing, (limited civil)

10 a.m. - Citibank, N.A. vs. Lewis F. Blunk, answer hearing, (limited civil)

10 a.m. - LVNV Funding LLC vs. Kristie Bentle, answer hearing, (limited civil)

10 a.m. - Crown Asset Management, LLC vs. Marcus Shearhart, answer hearing, (limited civil)

10 a.m. - Citibank, N.A. vs. Aldridge Freeman, answer hearing, (limited civil)

10 a.m. - Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Lynsy M. Diaz, answer hearing, (limited civil)

10 a.m. - Capital One, N.A. vs. Michael W. Keltner, answer hearing, (limited civil)

10 a.m. - Marvin G. Clothier, DDS, PA vs. Trevone Forester, answer hearing, (limited civil)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. James Michael Casey, scheduling conference, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Brett Laturner, scheduling conference, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Ryan Joseph Schurman, scheduling conference, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Kevin Ray Wilson, scheduling conference, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Kedra K. Wade, scheduling conference, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. John Thomas Dickinson, scheduling conference, (criminal) (2)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Todd Christian Begey, scheduling conference, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Ricky Dean Fisher, scheduling conference, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Easten I. Auckerman, scheduling conference, (criminal)

1 p.m. - State of Kansas vs. Bobbi Jo Tunnell, scheduling conference, (criminal)

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Legal Notice

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE PORTION SW 110TH ST. BORDERING PARCEL NUMBERS R155506, R15511, R15507 IN CHEROKEE COUNTY KANSAS A MINIMUM MAINTENANCE ROAD.
WHEREAS, K.S.A. 19-101 et. Seq and K.S.A. 19-212 authorize the Board of the County Commissioners to transact all County business and perform all powers of local legislation deemed appropriate , and to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to the property and concerns of the county, necessary to the exercise of its corporate or administrative powers.
WHEREAS, K.S.A. 68-5,102 allows the Board of County Commissioners to declare roads as minimum maintenance roads AND
WHEREAS, Notice of the proposed declaration was mailed via certified mail to all landowners of records as required by K.S.A. 68-102 notifying landowners of the Board of County Commissioner’s intent to declare a portion of SW 110th St. Bordering parcel numbers R155506, R15511, R15507 in Cherokee County Kansas a minimum maintenance road.
WHEREAS, a hearing was held December 22nd, 2025 for anyone wishing to protest the declaration.
WHEREAS, Governing Body of Cherokee County, Kansas voted to declare a portion of SW 110th St. Bordering parcel numbers R155506, R15511, R15507 in Cherokee county Kansas a minimum maintenance road
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS,

- The following road is not a public utility by reason of neglect, non-use, or inconvenience and that said road has become practically impassable and the necessity for said road as a public utility does not justify the expenditure of necessary funds to repair said road or put the same in condition for public travel and therefore the following road is hereby declared a minimum maintenance road:
Portion of SW 110th St. Bordering parcel numbers R155506, R15511, R15507 in Cherokee County Kansas
- The above road shall be designated as a minimum maintenance road and be marked as such with signage and warnings as prescribed in K.S.A. 68-5, 102.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.
PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF EXISTING ½ CENT SALES TAX TOWARDS CHEROKEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING/RENOVATIONS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE CHEROKEE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
WHEREAS, K.S.A. 19-101 et. Seq and K.S.A. 19-212 authorize the Board of the County Commissioners to transact all County business and perform all powers of local legislation deemed appropriate , and to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to the property and concerns of the county, necessary to the exercise of its corporate or administrative powers.
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Cherokee County, Kansas and its qualified electors enacted a ½ cent sales tax in 2002 for the declared purposes of constructing, equipping, furnishing a new law enforcement and detention centers.
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Cherokee County, Kansas and its qualified electors, reauthorized the ½ cent sales tax in 2020 for the expanded purposes of financing ambulance services within Cherokee County; renovations and maintenance of County buildings and facilities; and to finance any other projects within the County deemed necessary by the Governing Body.
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Cherokee County, Kansas deems the construction and/or renovation of buildings/facilities of the Cherokee County Health Department are necessary for Cherokee County.
WHEREAS, Governing Body of Cherokee County, Kansas deems the renovation and/or improvements to the Cherokee County Jail/Detention Center are necessary for Cherokee County.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS,

- The Governing body of Cherokee County, Kansas is hereby authorized to expend funds from the ½ cent sales tax for the purposes of constructing, renovating, retrofitting, or incidental costs hereto of a new or renovated facilities for the Cherokee County Health Department.
- The Governing body of Cherokee County, Kansas is hereby authorized to expend funds from the ½ cent sales tax for the purposes of renovating, retrofitting, inspecting, or incidental costs hereto for improvements to the Cherokee County Jail/Detention Center.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.
PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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Years Ago

By Ella Buzzard & Marilyn Schmitt



Extracted from Newspapers at the Genealogy Library

Men arrested in liquor raid given fines, jail time

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west of here, striking Pyatt, who was standing in a can at the bottom. The men were changing shifts and Pyatt and three others had been lowered into the shaft. Cardwell was standing at the top, waiting for this turn to go down, when he slipped. All the men had left the can but Pyatt. Cardwell, of Baxter, is survived by a wife and four children; Pyatt, also of Baxter, is survived by a wife and six children.

Baxter Springs, December 11 - Florent Godart, arrested recently in a liquor raid on “Camp 442” north of Columbus, was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to serve six months in the county jail. Santa Torchia, arrested with Godart, pleaded guilty to similar charges, and was fined \$500 and sentenced to ninety days in jail. Santa Santella was fined \$200 and sentenced to sixty days in jail.

One hundred and seven spring pigs raised and fed at the state orphan’s home topped the market in

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider passage of the attached proposed resolution declaring the portion SW 110th St. bordering parcel numbers R155506, R15511, R15507 in Cherokee County Kansas a minimum maintenance road.
This hearing will be held December 22nd, 2025 at 9:00 AM inside the Commission Room at the Cherokee County Court-house in Columbus, Kansas.
The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment and discussion regarding the declaration of the above portion of SW 110th St. as a minimum maintenance road.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider passage of the attached proposed resolution allowing for the expenditure of funds from the existing ½ cent sales tax towards the construction, renovation, retrofitting, or other incidental expenses associated with the Cherokee County Health Department and the Cherokee County Jail/Detention Center
This hearing will be held December 22nd, 2025 at 9:00 AM inside the Commission Room at the Cherokee County Court-house in Columbus, Kansas.
The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment and discussion regarding the expenditure of these funds for the proposed projects.

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