

CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 16, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. for which the time, place and agenda were posted on the second floor of the Cherokee County Courthouse.

Members of the Board present were Commissioner Whitewater, Commissioner Jenkins and Commissioner Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Hall to waive the reading of the minutes for the March 2, 2026 regular meeting and the minutes of the March 5&11, 2026 special meetings and approve as written. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve review of Bridge Reports and approve Bridge Inspection invoicing from CED. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Whitewater to approve the CIRB 5-year plan updates on bridges for Cherokee County. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried. (Commissioner Jenkins had to step away for a phone call).
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve a resolution opposing the establishment of a One-State Workforce Development Board affirming the impact on Rural communities. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve a request from 911 to add Matt Bonnell as a 911 Trust Authority Board Member, taking the place of Steve Ford. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to accept a bid to purchase a used fire engine from Emergency Vehicle Resources for Cherokee County Fire Department Tax Advisory Board, Emergency Vehicle Resources was the only bid received. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the following monthly reports:
 - A. Assessor's Office
 - B. Treasurer's Office
 - C. Health Department
 - D. Detention Center
 - E. Sheriff's Office
 - F. Court Clerk
 - G. County Clerk
 - H. Election BoardRoll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.
7. Ross Naylor with OPEH&W was present to answer any questions/concerns for the Commissioners and gave an update on upcoming changes for the new year plan, all pertaining to health insurance.
8. Luke Ennis with American Fidelity was present to answer any questions/concerns for the Commissioners, Luke also spoke about an HSA (Health Savings Account), all pertaining to supplemental benefits.
9. A motion was made by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve all claims, P.O.'s, blanket P.O.'s, appropriations and transfers as presented to the board. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.