
FOR THE YEAR 2014
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
DECEMBER 23, 2014

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 with Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, and Mark Leeds present. Jeff Simonsen and Ginger Walker were absent. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist, Mark Buschkamp, Matt Susemihl, Rob Bixenman, Terri Brown, and Hedgie Brandt were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Mongan, Bush, Leeds; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Jim Adamson, Bev Zieman, and Tim Greenwood represented the City of Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission and requested financial support for a project to revitalize downtown Cherokee. The City of Cherokee is writing a grant application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that will enable the City of Cherokee and owners of some eligible downtown properties to voluntarily participate in a Downton Revitalization Facade Project. The supervisors will take the request under consideration.

Rob Bixenman, Bixenman Insurance, presented quotes for individual public official bonds as a risk control requirement per the Code of Iowa.

An invoice for renewal of the County's current public employee blanket bond received from Central Insurance was reviewed.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve a \$100,000 blanket bond for county officials through Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) as quoted through Central Insurance. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve quotes from Bixenman Insurance for individual public official bonds for the Engineer (\$50,000), Sheriff (\$250,000), and Treasurer (\$500,000) as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve the claims for payment as presented. Motion carried. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

Bush reported on the Rolling Hills Community Services Region's desire to contract for coordinator duties to assist the Regional Fiscal Agent.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve a "Rolling Hills Community Services Region Coordinator of Disability Services Contract" for the purpose of establishing a working mechanism within the Region so that the Region may jointly utilize the Coordinator of Disability Services including a 50% reimbursement to Cherokee County for salary and benefits effective January 1, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve an Amended Buena Vista – Cherokee Shared County Engineer 28E Agreement effective January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve an amended employment contract with Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, effective January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Motion carried.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, presented two DOT documents for review and approval.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to authorize the chairman to re-sign a zero final payment for BROS-CO18(64)--5F-18 as previously approved and signed in 2012. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to authorize the chairman to sign a Preconstruction Agreement with IDOT for a Highway 3 resurfacing project. Motion carried.

Dick Sievers, Mid Sioux Opportunity, gave an informative review of services offered to Cherokee County residents. Sievers discussed the upcoming operating budget for 2015/2016 and requested continued county funding to support services provided to families in a five county area. The request will be taken under consideration during the budget process. Mongan complemented the Mid Sioux staff on the professional reports provided during their monthly meetings and reported that the staff is doing a great service for Cherokee County residents.

The supervisors reviewed preliminary cash balances and levy rates for the 2015/2016 budget.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor