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FOR THE YEAR 2014  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
MARCH 18, 2014

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 with Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Jeff Simonsen, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist was also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Mongan, Bush, Walker, Leeds; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Nancy Nelson, Deputy Assessor, presented the 2014 Slough Bill applications for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve the 2014 Slough Bill applications as presented including tax exempt status for private properties with the following classifications: Open Prairie & Forest Cover (1,186.23 acres), Native Prairie (541.36 acres), and Wildlife (7.59 acres). Motion carried. Cherokee County also has 2,118.85 acres of land currently classified as tax exempt through a Federal Forest Reserve program.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented three utility permits for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve two underground utility permits for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 17 of Marcus Township and between Sections 27, 28, and 34 of Diamond Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve an underground utility permit for Long Lines Telephone between Sections, 7, 18, 19, and 30 of Pilot Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve a three year contract with Cost Advisory Services (CAS) for cost allocation services. Motion carried.

Bush reported on education seminars he recently attended at the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) Conference including an opportunity to assess the availability of high speed internet services across the county with potential grants available to businesses for developing broadband infrastructure.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to pursue a countywide assessment of available internet services in Cherokee County at no cost through the "Connect Every Iowan" Broadband Initiative. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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Mark Leeds, Chairman

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Kris Glienke, County Auditor