
FOR THE YEAR 2015
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
APRIL 21, 2015

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 with Dennis Bush, Jim Peck, Jeff Simonsen, Rick Mongan, and Gary Lundquist present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Dave Scott, Brandon Billings, Jeff Friedrichsen, Justin Pritts, John Wibe, Dean Schmidt, Mary Olson, Maxine Shea, Barbara Martin, Joe Rosener, Leo Unkrur, Diane Rupp Klassen, Bruce Dreckman, Danae Dreckman, Alfred Kosse, Beverly Kosse, Brian Letsche, and David Guntren were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Peck, Mongan, Lundquist, Bush; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

At 9:02 a.m., a motion was offered by Peck, seconded by Mongan to open a public hearing for the proposed 2014/2015 fiscal year budget amendment. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Peck-aye, Lundquist-aye. Motion carried. Chairman Bush asked for comments from the public.

Hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to close the public hearing at 9:03 a.m. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Peck-aye, Lundquist-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve the fiscal year 2014/2015 budget amendment as published and to certify it to the state. Motion carried.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer presented a closeout sheet, bid contract, wage authorizations and utility permits.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Lundquist to authorize the chairman to sign the estimate sheet for bridge project #BROS-CO18(65)--8J-18 in Tilden Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract for L-C(232)--73-18 in Sheridan Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve a wage authorization from \$17.79 to \$19.77 for Travis Rupp, Secondary Roads, effective April 15, 2015 due to completion of a six month probationary period per union contract terms. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to approve a \$14.00 per hour wage authorization for Andrew Hoefling, Engineering Intern, effective May 13, 2015 pending successful completion of a Physical Capacity Profile (PCP) test as per Cherokee County's Personnel Policy. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to approve an underground utility permit for WesTel Systems in Marcus and Amherst Townships. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to approve an underground utility permit for WesTel Systems in Amherst Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to approve an underground utility permit for WesTel Systems for any county property adjacent to the Highway 3 project. Motion carried.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Mongan to approve an underground utility permit for Cherokee Rural Water for a waterline crossing G Avenue in Sheridan and Amherst Townships. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve an underground utility permit for Cherokee Rural Water for a waterline crossing G Avenue in Sheridan and Amherst Townships. Motion carried.

Several Marcus citizens were present to discuss their concerns with the dust on Section Street in the City of Marcus. The consensus of the supervisors was to apply dust control to Section Street more frequently than has been done in the past. The citizens were advised to contact the Marcus City Council to help get the dust under control. No action was taken.

Dean Schmidt, Zoning Administrator presented information concerning an Ordinance for Telecommunication Towers in Cherokee County. No action was taken.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve Resolution #2015-08 Inter-fund Operating Transfer of \$550,000 from General Basic Fund to Capital Projects Fund. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

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Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Peck to acknowledge three wage authorizations previously approved by the Cherokee County Conservation Board for Eric Wilkie (\$10.00 per hour), Tony Morris (\$10.00 per hour), and Heather Stratton (\$10.00 per hour) as Seasonal Park Techs. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to authorize the chairman to sign an Overhead and Underground Electric Easement with Mid-American Energy. Motion carried.

Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy, gave a progress report of the Law Enforcement Center renovation project. Friedrichsen presented a \$16,686.27 quote from CenturyLink for replacing their equipment. CenturyLink knows this bid is high, but did not want to refigure in order to keep the project moving. The consensus of the supervisors was to go ahead with this bid.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Simonsen to authorize the chairman to sign a contract with Cornerstone Service and Supply for door control, monitoring, intercom and access control system in the jail addition. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided a brief overview of recent committee meetings.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____
Sara Lucas, Assistant County Auditor