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FOR THE YEAR 2015  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
JANUARY 13, 2015

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 with Dennis Bush, Jeff Simonsen, Rick Mongan and Gary Lundquist present. Ginger Walker was absent. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Mark Murphy, Don Fiser and Mark Buschkamp were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Mongan, Lundquist, Bush; Nays - none; Abstentions - none.

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

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

Publication costs for board proceedings were discussed. Iowa Code sets standards for uniform county publication costs, however, there has been some variance in the billing costs from the County's three official newspapers.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to have the County Auditor contact Aurelia Star about publication rates and to see if billings can be adjusted to meet state requirements. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve the claims for payment as presented with the billing from Aurelia Star being held until further information is received. Motion carried. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

Bill Smith, Aurelia, discussed his concerns regarding a proposed pipeline through Cherokee County. No action resulted from the discussion.

Hedgie Brandt, County Treasurer, presented a semi-annual revenue report and cash count for the board's consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to accept the Treasurer's December 31, 2014 Semi-Annual Report and Cash Count as presented. Motion carried.

Nathan Anderson and Russell Winterhof, Cherokee County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners, gave an informative review of projects completed and provided a financial summary of the water shed coordinator salary which is partially supported by county funding.

Dick Waterbury presented a petition with signatures from local residents that requests the Freedom Rock be placed on the west side of the courthouse instead of at the south entrance as previously requested by the VFW. Lundquist questioned who would be responsible for perpetual care costs and Bush suggested to Waterbury that a chairperson for the project should be established to avoid further miscommunications. No decisions resulted from the discussion.

Dana Evans, Veteran Affairs Director, presented an informative report detailing services provided to county veterans and their families in 2014. Dylan Short, Veteran Affairs Assistant Director, was also in attendance to answer questions.

The Board discussed a request received from the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors for support of increasing the state gas tax to fund local road projects through the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF).

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to approve Resolution #2015-04 "Support Increased RUTF Funding". Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

A Notice of Decision from the Iowa Department of Human Services and request for delayed property taxes for one individual was reviewed.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve tax suspension on parcel #980727382002 per Iowa Administrative Code Section 427.9 which provides property tax relief to eligible property owners after verified by the Iowa Department of Human Services. Motion carried.

The supervisors continued review of 2015/2016 budget information.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

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Kris Glienke, County Auditor