
FOR THE YEAR 2015
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JANUARY 6, 2015

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 with Dennis Bush, Jeff Simonsen, Rick Mongan, and Gary Lundquist present. Ginger Walker was absent. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Jim Adamson, Jeff Friedrichsen, and Justin Pritts 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 Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy, presented a quarterly revenue report for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve a \$93,354.95 December 31, 2014 Sheriff's Quarterly Revenue Report including \$17,186.34 of funds retained by the County. Motion carried.

Jim Adamson, Historic Preservation Committee member, answered questions about the City of Cherokee's application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a downtown facade renovation project.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to approve a \$60,000 contribution to the City of Cherokee Downtown Facade Renovation Project with funding from the County Betterment Fund as follows: \$15,000 in fiscal year 2016; \$15,000 in fiscal year 2017; and \$30,000 in fiscal year 2018. Motion carried.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, presented a final construction payment, right of way and fence replacement rates, and a wage authorization for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to authorize the chairman to sign a \$30,000 final payment voucher for the Washta Bridge Project #BRFM-CO18(62)--55-18. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #2015-02 "To Revise the Cherokee County Five Year Road Construction Program". Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #2015-03 "Right of Way and Fence Replacement Policy". Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve a 50 cent per hour wage increase to \$20.00 for Joel Kohn, Engineering Aide I, after three months of satisfactory performance. Motion carried.

The supervisors reviewed the proposed 2015/2016 secondary roads budget with Billings.

A request for property tax abatement was discussed.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to deny a property owner request for tax abatement and/or suspension for parcel #90-01-34-353-009 which was sold to an investor during the 2012 Cherokee County Tax Sale. Motion carried.

The supervisors reviewed budget and cash balance projections for the 2015/2016 fiscal year.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor