
FOR THE YEAR 2015
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MARCH 31, 2015

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 with Dennis Bush, Jim Peck, Jeff Simonsen, Rick Mongan, and Gary Lundquist present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. William Gauthier, Chad Brown, Brandon Billings, Bill Luetkeman, and Kim Luetkeman were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Mongan, Lundquist, Peck, Bush; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Natasha Schwarte, Aurelia Day Care, provided an informative review of enrollment numbers and day care services offered to families with small children. Schwarte requested financial assistance for an administrator training course in Des Moines. The request was tabled for further research of alternative funding sources.

Nancy Nelson, Deputy Assessor, presented the 2015 Slough Bill applications for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve the 2015 Slough Bill applications as presented including tax exempt status for 1,712.42 acres of private properties classified as: Open Prairie & Forest Cover, Wildlife, and Native Prairie. Motion carried. Cherokee County also has 2,115.12 acres of land currently classified as tax exempt through a Federal Forest Reserve program.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, explained right of way easements for two local culvert projects.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Lundquist to authorize the chairman to sign four access agreements and compensation for temporary easements with the following landowners: Roger Fuhrman (\$300) Section 16 of Sheridan Township, Shirley Wilcox (\$800) Section 9 of Sheridan Township, Aaron Hinkeldey (\$300) Section 28 of Diamond Township and Lester Vohs (\$300) Section 29 of Diamond Township. Motion carried.

State budget amendment forms were reviewed and discussed.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve the proposed 2014/2015 budget amendment for publication and to set a 9:00 a.m. public hearing date on April 21, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Peck to approve a \$2,849.38 final payout to Gregory Johnson, Conservation Tech, for vacation, comp and hours worked. Motion carried.

A past arrangement with the Cherokee County Fair Board that allowed use of county equipment as trade for storage space was discussed. The consensus of the supervisors was to continue a cooperative relationship with the fair, however, Lundquist will research the County's potential liability and verify if the County's insurance will cover such activities.

David Fordyce represented Cherokee County landowners and shared information regarding concerns about a pipeline project that is proposed to affect several local landowners. The supervisors thanked those in attendance for their comments but no action resulted from the discussion.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor