
FOR THE YEAR 2015
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MAY 26, 2015

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Jim Peck, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Todd Wetherell, Neal Rogge, Brian Lauck, Lisa Bringle, Brandon Billings, and Chad Brown 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 Lundquist to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

The Cherokee Aviation Authority's consultant Dustin Leo, DGR Engineering, gave an informative review of current operations of the Cherokee County Regional Airport and provided financials with benefit comparisons of all airports in Iowa.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, presented two utility permits for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative along F Avenue from C16 to Section 1 of Amherst Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to approve an underground utility permit for CML Telephone along Old 21 in Section 26 of Cedar Township. Motion carried.

Lisa Bringle, Community Services Director, presented the projected Targeted Case Management Program costs for fiscal year 2015/2016 and discussed a financial shortfall that will need to be absorbed by transferring county funds before June 30, 2015. No action was taken.

Chad Brown, Conservation Director, presented a wage authorization and discussed camping revenues.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to acknowledge a \$9.50 wage authorization for Amanda Kohn, Conservation Seasonal Park Tech, as previously approved by the Cherokee County Conservation Board. Motion carried.

Brown reviewed current camping revenues and requested a final \$12,039 transfer from the County's general fund as previously approved by the board. Action will be taken at the next regular board meeting.

Emily Heidesch, Auditor's Assistant, and Nancy Nelson, Deputy Assessor, presented the 2014 Business Property Tax Credit applications for consideration. Nelson reported that 90% of qualifying businesses have applied.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve the 2014 Business Property Tax Credit applications as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Mongan to approve the claims for payment as presented. Motion carried. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution #2015-12 to Amend and Restate the Electronic Transactions Clearinghouse 28E Agreement. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution #2015-13 Support of Iowa Drainage District Association (IDDA) with payment coming from the County's Rural Betterment Fund in fiscal years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17; *"Now, therefore be it resolved that the Cherokee County Board of Supervisors pledges financial support to help fund the legal defense of the drainage districts in Buena Vista, Calhoun and Sac Counties; and it is understood that IDDA will disperse said monies as approved by the Defense Fund Committee as agreed to by the counties and IDDA.*

Now, therefore be it further resolved that the financial support will be in the amount of \$5,000/year for three years payable to the IDDA litigation fund for the legal defense of the drainage districts in Buena Vista, Calhoun and Sac Counties. If the lawsuit is resolved in a prompt fashion and the second or third years of the financial support is not necessary, the IDDA board will notify the county that the additional financial support is not necessary." Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

An employment contract with Rolling Hills Community Services Region was reviewed. The item was tabled for clarification of total wage figures and cost sharing percentages.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Peck to approve a \$3,165.75 final payout to David Driggs, Courthouse Maintenance, for vacation and hours worked. Motion carried.

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The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.
There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.
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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor