
FOR THE YEAR 2016
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
FEBRUARY 16, 2016

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Jim Peck, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Jeff Friedrichsen, Justin Pritts, Stu Hogg, and Mark Murphy 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 Mongan to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Veteran Affairs Commissioners Joe Draper and Dutch Robbins discussed plans for training Veteran Affairs employees and requested wage increases for the 2016/2017 budget.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to approve two wage authorizations including a 50 cent increase to \$11.50 on June 30, 2016 plus a 2.25% increase on July 1, 2016 for Gerald Weiland, Veteran Affairs Assistant; and a \$1.00 per hour increase to \$12.65 on July 1, 2016 that includes the fiscal year raise of 2.25% for Dana Evans, Veteran Affairs Director. Motion carried.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, reviewed bridge plans and reported on a phone system upgrade that he is purchasing from Midwest Technology Services, Graettinger, Iowa.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to authorize the chairman to sign design plans for local bridge replacement project #LFM-23--7X-18 and to approve a bid letting notice for March 22, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to authorize the chairman to sign an updated DNR confinement application and Master Matrix scoring sheet for Samurai Mike #63 in Section 25 of Marcus Township. Motion carried.

Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy, gave an update on the progress of the Law Enforcement Center Renovation Project making note that the inmate exercise area is quite impressive with double chain link fencing and additional safety features.

Greg Carver and Paul Wilkens, Marcus Fire Department, provided details of the department's annual fire and ambulance calls with 148 responses and 3552 total on-duty hours for their 27 member unit. The supervisors thanked the Marcus Fire Department for their commitment to providing vital services to residents and applauded them for their professional administration of the volunteer department.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve the 2016/2017 Proposed Budget for publication and set a Public Budget Hearing on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 9:05 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room. Motion carried. The Proposed 2016/2017 Budget includes total taxes levied on property of \$5,824,424 and tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation of \$4.48 for urban areas and \$7.98 for rural areas.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor