
FOR THE YEAR 2016
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MARCH 1, 2016

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 with Dennis Bush, Gary Lundquist, Jim Peck, and Jeff Simonsen present. Rick Mongan was absent. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Dean Schmidt, Justin Pritts and Jeff Friedrichsen were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Lundquist, Peck, Bush; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Nancy Nelson, Deputy Assessor, presented the 2016 Slough Bill applications for consideration.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to approve the 2016 Slough Bill applications as presented including tax exempt status for 1,664.35 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.

Justin Pritts, Emergency Management Coordinator, spoke on behalf of the Aurelia Fire Department and explained an upcoming controlled burn that would require detouring traffic from Highway 7 onto M21 for safety reasons. The county must approve use of secondary roadways for a temporary detour route before the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) will allow the state road to be closed.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to authorize the chairman to sign a letter approving a temporary detour on M21 between Highway 7 and Highway 3 for the purpose of a controlled burn by the Aurelia Fire Department on April 17, 2016 or April 24, 2016 if the event is postponed due to inclement weather conditions. Motion carried.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, discussed a paving project on M21 that lies within Aurelia city limits.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to authorize the chairman to sign a letter of support for the City of Aurelia's application for STP funds to be used on a M21 resurfacing project application for STP funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to accept Marvin Simons' resignation from the Tilden Township Trustee position. Motion carried.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Simonsen to appoint Tony Simons as Tilden Township Trustee with term ending December 31, 2018. Motion carried.

Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy, reported that all is going well with the Law Enforcement Center Renovation Project.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor