
FOR THE YEAR 2016
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MARCH 8, 2016

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Jim Peck, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Dean Schmidt and Stu Hogg 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 Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Lundquist, 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.

At 9:05 a.m., a motion was offered by Peck and seconded by Simonsen to open a public hearing for the proposed 2016/2017 fiscal year budget. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried. Chairman Bush asked for comments from the public.

Hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to close the public hearing at 9:09 a.m. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to adopt Resolution #2016-05 Adopting the County Compensation Board recommendations for 2016/2017 elected official salaries as follows: Attorney \$94,000 (\$2,000 1.90% increase of \$1,750), Auditor \$55,250 (1.84% increase of \$1,000), Recorder \$55,250 (1.84% increase of \$1,000), Sheriff \$72,000 (2.13% increase of \$1,500), Treasurer \$55,250 (1.84% increase of \$1,000), and Supervisors \$23,000 (2.22% \$500 increase) with a \$1,000 stipend for the Chairman. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Mongan to adopt the fiscal year 2016/2017 budget as published and to certify it to the state. Motion carried.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, presented a utility permit and results of a construction project bid letting held at the Iowa DOT office in Ames.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve an underground utility permit for NIPCO between Sections 17 and 18 of Cedar Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to accept a \$344,102 bid from Graves Construction for culvert project #BROS-CO18(66)--5F-18 between Sections 33 and 34 of Liberty Township. Motion carried.

Dean Schmidt, Zoning Administrator, discussed permit fees as approved by the Cherokee County Zoning Board.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to approve a \$300 wind farm permit with \$1,000 per tower fee for commercial use and \$100 permit fee for residential tower use. Motion carried.

Jeff Swift and Tim Swift, Swift Air, presented a proposal to update the air handling system in the courthouse that was retrofitted fourteen years ago.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Simonsen to accept a \$74,599 proposal from Swift Air, Emmetsburg, Iowa, for updating the existing heating and cooling Automated Logic Control System including 44 zones in the courthouse. Motion carried.

Kris Glienke, County Auditor, presented a wage authorization for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve a wage authorization from \$18.00 to \$19.00 for Samantha Cushman, Auditor's Assistant, effective February 29, 2016. Motion carried.

County owned property in Pilot Township was discussed. Further discussion and possible action was tabled for additional research.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____

Kris Glienke, County Auditor