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FOR THE YEAR 2016  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
DECEMBER 20, 2016

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Stu Hogg, Don Fiser, Justin Pritts, Brandon Billings and Jerod Clyde were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Mongan, Lundquist, Mummert, Bush; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to open a public hearing for the Authorization of a Loan Agreement and the Issuance of Notes to Evidence the Obligation of the County Thereunder. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried.

No written or verbal comments were received from the public.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to close the public hearing at 9:03 a.m. Motion carried. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to adopt Resolution #2016-26 “Instituting Proceedings to Take Additional Action For the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$525,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes”. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to open a public hearing for the Authorization of a Loan Agreement and the Issuance of Notes to Evidence the Obligation of the County Thereunder. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried.

No written or verbal comments were received from the public.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Mummert to close the public hearing at 9:11 a.m. Motion carried. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to adopt Resolution #2016-27 “Instituting Proceedings to Take Additional Action For the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,900,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes”. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Don Fiser, Cherokee County EMS Association Chairman, presented financial reports and reported that several individuals in the county are interested in emergency responder or fire fighter training. Fiser stated that the EMS Association will need additional funds to pay for training expenses and requested \$13,500 of county funding for 2017/2018. The supervisors will take the request under consideration during the budget process.

Ben VanEngelenhoven, VanEngelenhoven Agency, and Rick Angell, Wellmark representative, reviewed potential legislative changes to the Affordable Care Act and how it would affect the County’s self-funded health insurance program. Chairman Bush asked what the County can expect for a renewal rate and if moving the renewal date from July 1<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> would be feasible so the supervisors would have solid insurance figures before the county budget is certified. VanEngelenhoven will try to get an earlier renewal rate for budgeting but cautioned against making too many insurance changes until potential revisions to the Affordable Care Act are determined.

Todd Wetherell, Cherokee Aviation Authority, introduced Dustin Leo, engineer for the Aviation Authority. Leo provided an informative 10 year project plan for airport improvements that qualify for federal funding assistance.

Brandon Billings, County Engineer, presented a utility permit for consideration.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Lundquist to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 36 of Cedar Township. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

Chairman Bush provided copies of older 28E agreements that were authorized by Cherokee County and requested input from the County Attorney regarding proper steps to withdraw any agreements that are outdated. The supervisors will continue to review additional 28E agreements and resolutions to bring the documents up to date and remove those that are no longer applicable.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Kris Glienke, County Auditor