
FOR THE YEAR 2017
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
APRIL 4, 2017

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Jeff Simonsen present. Scott Brown, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. Brandon Billings, Dean Schmidt, Justin Pritts, Neal Bork, Marie Bork, Jerry Briggs, Sara Wilcox, Mark Wilcox, Kim Cronin, Mark Cronin, Roger Bohnenkamp and Phil Dorr were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Bush, Lundquist, Mummert, Mongan; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to open a public hearing for a DNR Construction Permit Application from Roger Bohnenkamp (RCB Porkers Site #2). Roll call vote: Simonsen–aye, Bush–aye, Lundquist aye, Mummert–aye, Mongan–aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Mongan asked for comments from the public. Neal Bork presented his concerns about dust and odors related to the location of the proposed confinement building and the detrimental effect on his Christmas tree business. Sara and Mark Wilcox spoke about the importance of communicating with neighbors when a proposed confinement building is being considered. Roger Bohnenkamp answered questions and assured Bork that dust control would be applied when manure was hauled. Phil Dorr spoke about hog confinements adding value to Cherokee County and suggested more focus on promoting businesses that benefit from animal feeding operations.

Motion by Simonsen and seconded by Bush to close the public hearing at 9:43 a.m. Roll call vote: Simonsen–aye, Bush–aye, Lundquist aye, Mummert–aye, Mongan–aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve a DNR confinement construction application and Master Matrix scoring sheet for RCB Porkers Site #2 in Section 19 of Sheridan Township. Motion failed for lack of a majority vote with Bush, Mummert, and Mongan voting nay. Mongan suggested that producers considering building confinement units should talk to their neighbors prior to beginning the DNR application process to avoid unnecessary turmoil for everyone involved.

The DNR will be notified that upon review and inspection of the construction site and documents provided, the Cherokee County Board of Supervisors recommends the construction permit application for RCB Porkers Site #2 in Section 19 of Sheridan Township not be approved. The DNR has final approval authority of the Master Matrix construction permit application process.

Brandon Billings, County Engineer, presented a \$573,700 budget amendment request including \$23,700 for additional employee overtime wages and training/lodging/meals expenses; \$270,000 for a potential land purchase; \$80,000 for a cushion on a FEMA bridge culvert project, and \$200,000 additional spending authority on the 480th Street paving project. Billings indicated that he may not need the additional funds but would be more comfortable knowing the higher budget is available if needed. Billings' budget request will be included in the County's proposed 2016/2017 budget amendment which will be considered at a public hearing in May.

Billings explained that a bridge replacement plan recently approved was determined by a consulting firm to have an excessive cost estimate and recommended that the project be put on hold. The supervisors questioned why construction project estimates have been so far off from the final bids or consultant design estimates.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mummert to approve a Separation of Employment for Sandy O'Hearn, Environmental Health Specialist, as of March 31, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve ISG Field Services Invoice #C1157 for submission to Dakota Access Pipeline for payment of inspection services provided from February 26, 2017 through March 25, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen to authorize the Chairman to sign a fireworks permit for James Klingborg. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to approve a three year contract with Cost Advisory Services (CAS) for DHS cost allocation services. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Rick Mongan, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor