
FOR THE YEAR 2017
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
FEBRUARY 21, 2017

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Jeff Simonsen present. Scott Brown, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. Gene Suhr, Barb Messerole, Larry Walker, Justin Pritts, Jerod Clyde, and Mark Murphy 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 Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Roman Redig, City of Aurelia, requested clarification of a proposed 28E agreement that was discussed a year ago for cost sharing options for a paving project on M21 that passes through Aurelia city limits. The supervisors agreed that the County Engineer and City of Aurelia should draft a 28E agreement that is mutually beneficial to both entities and have it reviewed by the County Attorney.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Lundquist to approve a wage authorization from \$18.60 to \$20.67 for Jason Miller, General Laborer, effective February 20, 2017 due to completion of a six month probationary period per union contract terms. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve a wage authorization from \$18.60 to \$20.67 for Beau Menke, General Laborer, effective February 20, 2017 due to completion of a six month probationary period per union contract terms. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to approve a wage authorization from \$18.60 to \$20.67 for Jacob Preuss, General Laborer, effective February 20, 2017 due to completion of a six month probationary period per union contract terms. Motion carried.

Billings and Larry Walker, Roads Superintendent, discussed snow removal problems on Country Road and suggested possible solutions. The consensus of the supervisors was to have Billings contact adjoining property owners and the utility company servicing the area to begin a process to resolve the problem.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Simonsen to go into closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(j) *“To discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property.”* Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and regular session was closed at 9:30 a.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:15 a.m.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Bush to authorize the Cherokee County Engineer to pursue a proposed land acquisition project. Motion carried.

Leon Klotz, Cherokee Fair Association, thanked the supervisors for their continued support and provided an informative review of the fair activities and financial reports. Peggy Corrington and Flo Jensen were also in attendance to report on fundraising efforts and grants that have been pursued for updating the beef building. The supervisors will take the Fair Association's request of \$30,000 under consideration.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Simonsen to approve a \$15.59 wage authorization effective March 3, 2017 for Carrie Hill, Full-time Jailer, per the Law Enforcement Center union contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to authorize the chairman to sign a financial agreement with Speer Financial for the purpose of researching alternative financing options for roadway improvements. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

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Rick Mongan, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor