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FOR THE YEAR 2017  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
JANUARY 17, 2017

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Brandon Billings, Justin Pritts, Gerald Weiland, Roger Beck, Michelle Peterson, Chad Brown, and Ryan Kolpin 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 Lundquist, seconded by Bush to the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Don Fiser and Dana Evans, Veteran Affairs Director, shared their concerns about a conflict of interest of having a county supervisor serve on the Veteran Affairs Commission and the hard feelings it has created. County Attorney Ryan Kolpin confirmed that there is not a conflict with a county supervisor serving as a VA Commissioner. After a lengthy discussion, consensus of the group was to research the process for transitioning to a five person Veterans Affairs Commission instead of the current three person structure.

Brandon Billings, County Engineer, presented a road policy and construction plans for consideration.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Lundquist to approve a Policy Relating to the Aggregate Surfacing of County Roads as prepared and recommended by the County Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen seconded by Mummert to approve culvert plans for the G Avenue Project #L-4184(2)-73-18 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist seconded by Bush to approve a final design contract for the Diamond 105 Bridge Project #BROS-C18(71)--8J-18. Motion carried.

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 10:12 a.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:40 a.m.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Lundquist to authorize the Cherokee County Conservation Board to pursue a proposed land acquisition project and increase the county’s annual general fund transfer to the Conservation Land Acquisition and Capital Improvement Fund from \$50,000 up to \$75,000 of camping and facility fees. Motion carried with Simonsen voting nay.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Simonsen to appoint Jodi Schlichting as Civil Service Commissioner to fill a vacancy with a six year term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

Mark Buschkamp and Brian Freed presented the Cherokee Area Economic Development Corporation’s 2016 Annual Report including a summary of business successes throughout Cherokee County.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mummert to approve Resolution #2017-02 “Noxious Weed Destruction”. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

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Rick Mongan, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kris Glienke, County Auditor