
FOR THE YEAR 2014
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
NOVEMBER 12, 2014

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 with Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, and Ginger Walker present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist was also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Mongan, Bush, Walker, Leeds; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Chairman Leeds called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

Motion by Walker, seconded by Mongan to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Simonsen 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.

Emily Heidesch, Auditor's Assistant, presented the results of the November 4, 2014 General Election.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to certify the canvass of the 2014 General Election results including a Cherokee County Election Turnout of 56.12% with 4913 of 8755 registered voters casting a ballot. Motion carried with election results including number of votes as follows:

Straight Ticket Selection

Republican Party (1,143); Democratic Party (483); New Independent Party Iowa (39); Libertarian Party (19)

U.S. Senator – Vote for One

Joni Ernst (3,036); Bruce Braley (1,512); Rick Stewart (200); Doug Butzier (21); Bob Quast (35); Ruth Smith (24); Scattering of Write-Ins (0)

U.S. Representative - District 4 – Vote for One

Steve King (3,090); Jim Mowrer (1,771); Scattering of Write-Ins (0)

Governor/Lieutenant Governor – Vote for One

Terry E. Branstad/Kim Reynolds (3,544); Jack Hatch/Monica Vernon (1,199); Jim Hennager/Mary Margaret Krieg (40); Jonathan R. Narcisse/Michael L. Richards (39); Lee Deakins Hieb/Tim Watson (34); Scattering of Write-Ins (1)

Secretary of State – Vote for One

Paul D. Pate (2,452); Brad Anderson (1,929); Jake Porter (145); Spencer Highland (71); Scattering of Write-Ins (3)

Auditor of State – Vote for One

Mary Mosiman (3,036); Jonathan Neiderbach (1,388); Scattering of Write-Ins (3)

Treasurer of State – Vote for One

Sam Clovis (2,632); Michael L. Fitzgerald (1,876); Keith A. Laube (141); Scattering of Write-Ins (2)

Secretary of Agriculture – Vote for One

Bill Northey (3,501); Sherrie Taha (957); Levi Benning (166); Scattering of Write-Ins (1)

Attorney General – Vote for One

Adam Gregg (2,461); Tom Miller (2,215); Scattering of Write-Ins (3)

State Representative - District 3 – Vote for One

Dan Huseman (3,646); Greg Fritzsche (1,107); Scattering of Write-Ins (4)

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County Supervisor - District 3 – Vote for One

Jeff Simonsen (3,891); Scattering of Write-Ins (37)

County Supervisor - District 4 – Vote for One

Gary Lundquist (2,422); Chuck W. Tolzin (1,933); Scattering of Write-Ins (9)

County Treasurer – Vote for One

Hedgie Roswitha Brandt (3,955); Scattering of Write-Ins (70)

County Recorder – Vote for One

Mark Murphy (2,406); Dawn Miller (2,288); Scattering of Write-Ins (15)

County Attorney – Vote for One

Ryan R. Kolpin (3,747); Scattering of Write-Ins (57)

Amherst Township Trustee – Vote for Two

David Whited (86); Galen Rupp – Write In Candidate (2); Scattering of Write-Ins (1)

Grand Meadow Township Trustee – Vote for One

Roy Townsend (91); Scattering of Write-Ins (0)

Marcus Township Trustee – Vote for One

Jeff Letsche (48); Steve Hueser (40); Scattering of Write-Ins (0)

Marcus Township Clerk – Vote for One

Patrick W. Bird (54); Scattering of Write-Ins (0)

Rock Township Trustee – Vote for One

Cletus Henke (70); Scattering of Write-Ins (1)

Tilden Township Trustee – Vote for One

Marvin Simons (61); Scattering of Write-Ins (0)

Tilden Township Clerk – Vote for One

Ed Schlenger (61); Scattering of Write-Ins (1)

Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners – Vote for Two

Russell Winterhof (3,089); Ramona Nitz (2,562); Scattering of Write-Ins (32)

County Agricultural Extension Council Members – Vote for Five

Susan Perrin (2,865); Donna Amundson (2,788); Sara Husman (2,767); Gina Rassel (2,641);
LaRae Wendt (2,613); Scattering of Write-Ins (63)

Court of Appeals Judges

Christopher McDonald (2,289 YES / 1,052 NO); Thomas N. Bower (2,112 YES / 1,070 NO)

District Court Judges

Don E. Courtney (2,188 YES / 1,060 NO); Carl J. Petersen (2,245 YES / 1,004 NO);
Patrick M. Carr (2,227 YES / 1,057 NO)

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Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, presented utility permits, wage authorizations, and two consultant contracts for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Walker to approve an underground utility permit for Cherokee Rural Water in Section 34 of Pilot Township. Motion carried.

Billings reviewed design contracts for bridge replacements on C16 and 630th Street and reported an expected cost of \$20,000 for each contract.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to authorize the chairman to sign two contracts with Calhoun Burns for bridge designs and supporting documents. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve a wage increase from \$18.01 to \$20.01 for Kenny Schlenger, Secondary Roads Operator, due to completion of a six month probationary period. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve a wage authorization for Josh Douglas, moving from a General Labor position (\$19.77) to an Operator position (\$20.01). Motion carried.

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve a wage increase from \$18.75 to \$20.00 for Emily Heidesch, Auditor's Assistant, due to completion of a six month probationary period. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve Resolution #2014-14 Approval of Waiver of Right to Appeal DNR Final Construction Permit for Duane Cave Confinement Building in Section 19 of Cherokee Township. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Walker-aye, Leeds-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Walker to approve an agreement with Group Resources (Three Rivers Benefit) for third party administrator services. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to authorize the chairman to sign a Business Associate Addendum with Group Resources to comply with Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) regulations. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

All board agendas and minutes are available online at www.cherokeecountyiowa.com .

Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor