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FOR THE YEAR 2015  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
DECEMBER 8, 2015

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Jim Peck, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Sam Kooiker, Mark Murphy, Justin Pritts, Dean Schmidt, Stu Hogg, and Dave Scott were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Mongan, Lundquist, Peck, Bush; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve Resolution #2015-32 Inter-fund Operating Transfer of \$300,000 from General Basic Fund to Capital Projects Fund for payment of the Law Enforcement Center Renovation Project costs. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck 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.

Joel Anderson, Engineer's Construction Project Manager, presented three right of way purchase agreements for consideration.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to approve three right of way purchase agreements for bridge replacement project #BROS-CO18(66)--5F-18 on L48 including payments to the following land owners: Charles Peters (\$1,371.02), Shafer Farms, Inc. (\$1,168.86), and Dan Gustafson (\$261.86). Motion carried.

Dean Schmidt, Zoning Administrator, provided an aerial map of property adjacent to the County Engineer's Office that is being purchased by the Secondary Roads Department. Schmidt reported that Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, filed a request with the Cherokee County Zoning Board to rezone the property from agricultural to commercial. Schmidt asked the supervisors to officially approve rezoning the property as requested. Bush reviewed the Code of Iowa pertaining to county zoning requirements and asked Schmidt if the Zoning Board had acted to approve the rezoning through a public hearing process. Schmidt confirmed that the Cherokee County Zoning Board had held a public hearing and officially approved the zoning request at that time.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to approve rezoning a property from agricultural to commercial as previously approved at a public hearing held by the Cherokee County Zoning Board; including a legal description provided by the Zoning Administrator as follows: a tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 16, Cherokee Township, 92 North, Range 40 West, Cherokee County, Iowa as per the plat description. Motion carried.

Schmidt discussed the number of hours required to fulfill the Zoning Administrator duties and requested an increase in his annual stipend to compensate for the additional time commitment.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve a \$9,500 annual stipend for the Zoning Administrator effective January 1, 2016; which is a \$2,500 increase over the stipend amount that was anticipated for the fiscal year. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to approve Resolution #2015-33 Inter-fund Operating Transfer of \$888,500 from Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to approve a separation of employment for Dylan Short, Veteran Affairs Assistant Director, effective November 1, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to approve a \$2,241.29 final payout of vacation, comp, and hours worked for Destiny Jorgensen, Community Services Case Manager. Motion carried.

A discussion about county owned property was tabled until further information is available.

Lundquist discussed the estimated cost to repair the steps and sidewalk in front of the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) and suggested the board look seriously at another plan of action due to the high cost. Completion of the LEC project is now expected to be completed in January.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

Emily Heidesch, Auditor's Assistant, reviewed several non-departmental budgets with the supervisors for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. The supervisors will continue to review department budgets each week during their regular meetings.

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There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.  
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Dennis Bush, Chairman

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