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FOR THE YEAR 2015  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
FEBRUARY 10, 2015

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 with Dennis Bush, Jeff Simonsen, Rick Mongan, and Gary Lundquist present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Jeff Friedrichsen and Dave Skou were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Mongan, Lundquist, Bush; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan 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.

Mark Buschkamp, Cherokee Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) Director presented a 2014 Annual Report with financial return on investment and successful local projects being highlighted. Renewable energy and marketing through social media are examples of how local economic development is changing to foster a positive business climate for Cherokee County's future growth.

Tom Leavitt and Greg Carver, Marcus Fire Department, requested continued financial support of \$12,000 for the Marcus Ambulance service and provided details of the department's annual ambulance activities with 141 responses and 3553 total on-duty hours for their 28 member unit. The supervisors thanked the Marcus Fire Department for their commitment to providing vital services to residents and applauded them for their professional administration of the volunteer department.

Rick Emswiler, Emswiler Architecture, and Jeff Frank, Morrissey Engineering, presented bid documents and design plans for renovation to the current Law Enforcement Center.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to approve Law Enforcement and Communication Center Addition designs as drafted by Emswiler Architecture consisting of a 3,088 square foot project including jail addition, communications center addition and garage located at 111 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Cherokee, Iowa. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve an "Invitation to Bid" document for publication as prepared by Emswiler Architecture and set a bid date and time for Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 1:00 pm in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room - Cherokee County Courthouse. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve the 2015/2016 Proposed Budget for publication and set a Public Budget Hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room. Motion carried. The Proposed 2015/2016 Budget includes total taxes levied on property of \$5,841,862 and tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation of \$4.85 for urban areas and \$8.65 for rural areas.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Lundquist to approve an updated Cherokee County Personnel Policy effective March 1, 2015 as drafted by Paul Greufe, Greufe and Associates, with the exception of striking one line of language referring to drug testing under the Pre-Employment Physical section of the policy. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

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