
FOR THE YEAR 2015
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JUNE 23, 2015

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Jim Peck, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Stu Hogg, Jeff Friedrichsen, Sandy O'Hearn, Jason Kline, Lisa Bringle, Dave Scott, Ryan Kolpin, Mark Murphy, Hedgie Brandt, Nancy Nelson, Greg Zarr and Emily Heidesch 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 Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mongan, 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.

Joyce Rasmus, Jamin-R-Enterprises, requested approval of a temporary liquor license for the annual Creekfest Celebration. After reviewing documents provided by Rasmus and discussing the need for security and emergency medical personnel onsite for the event; the supervisors expressed concern that contracts have not been put in place for those services.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to table Jamin-R-Enterprise's request for a temporary liquor license for the local Creekfest event until signed contracts for security and emergency medical services are provided for the Board's review. Motion carried.

Joel Anderson, Engineer's Construction Project Manager, explained a proposed embargo resolution and presented utility permits for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve Resolution #2015-17 "Ninety Day Blanket Embargo Authority" which gives the County Engineer authority to place a temporary embargo on gravel roads in Cherokee County with Board of Supervisor approval. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve two utility permits for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative including an overhead permit between Sections 3 and 4 of Diamond Township and an underground permit between Section 33 of Pitcher and Section 4 of Diamond Townships. Motion carried.

Mark Murphy, County Recorder, presented a wage authorization for consideration.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Mongan to acknowledge a \$46,112 wage authorization effective July 1, 2015 for Michelle Rupp, Deputy Recorder, moving the position from 80% to 85% of the Recorder's elected official's salary. Motion carried.

Dave Scott, County Sheriff, presented three wage authorizations for consideration.

The supervisors discussed different levels of responsibilities of county positions and the board's practice of reviewing comparable wages with surrounding counties and those of similar size.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Peck to approve a \$1.00 per hour increase in addition to a 2.25% standard of living increase on July 1, 2015 for Barb Staver, Confidential Secretary (\$21.55/hour); Marlene Ebert, Jail Administrator (\$21.14/hour); and Dave Skou, 911 Coordinator (\$50,138 salary). Motion carried with Bush voting against the request based on the lack of comparable wages for the positions not being provided.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve Resolution #2015-19 "Approval of Waiver of Cherokee County's Right to Appeal Issuance of Final Construction Permit for Doeden Farms in Section 9 of Liberty Township." Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve fireworks permits for Paul Burch, Craig Lockwood and Rick Westphal. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to appropriate the 2015/2016 fiscal year budget at 100% for all departments. Motion carried.

Jason Kline, Auditor's Assistant, presented amendments to the Cherokee County Personnel Policy as suggested by county department managers.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to update the Cherokee County Personnel Policy as presented with a July 1, 2015 effective date. Motion carried.

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Kline presented a listing of proposed wages and salaries for all county employees effective July 1, 2015 as provided and verified by each department manager.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Mongan to approve a wage listing as presented including wages and salaries for all county employees effective July 1, 2015. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor