
FOR THE YEAR 2015
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Jim Peck, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Jeff Friedrichsen, Ryan Kolpin, Justin Pritts, and Mark Murphy 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 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.

Hedgie Brandt, County Treasurer, requested property tax suspension for five individuals and tax abatement for one non-profit entity.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve property tax suspensions per DHS guidelines for the following four parcels: 92-06-12-380-007, 98-07-27-382-002, 94-14-12-101-003, and 90-01-33-458-003. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve Resolution #2015-24 for tax suspension on parcel 90-01-33-458-003 under Iowa Code 427.9 "Property Tax Relief". Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Simonsen to abate the 2015/2016 property taxes on two properties purchased by Cherokee County Residential Services for client housing (Parcels 98-07-26-328-001 and 98-07-23-357-011). Motion carried.

Mark Cozine, Counsel for the Speculative Lodge No. 307, reviewed a verbal purchase agreement made between the County Engineer and Lodge for a parcel of land located next to the Secondary Roads Office.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #2015-25 DESIRE TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY "WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for Cherokee County, Iowa, desire to purchase the following described real property: A 4.66 acre tract in the E1/2 SE1/4 of Section 16, Township 92N, Range 40, West of the 5th P.M. and as more particularly described in the attached Exhibit A. WHEREAS, Cherokee County intends to purchase the above reference property, and WHEREAS, Cherokee County believes said purchase in the amount of \$45,000.00 under the terms and conditions of the real estate contract, to be in the best interest of the public. NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors for Cherokee County, Iowa, hereby resolves to purchase above described real estate for \$45,000.00 and authorizes the Board Chair, Dennis Bush, to sign the real estate contract and other documents necessary to complete the sale." Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, presented cost estimates for two different grading/paving options near the Little Sioux Corn Processors ethanol plant including a north route on F Avenue or a newly constructed road west to Highway 143. No action was taken.

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

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve a \$2.00 per hour wage increase to \$14.00 for Mollie Hill, Recording Clerk, due to successful completion of a six month probationary period. Motion carried.

Lisa Bringle, Community Services Director, gave an update of the transition from a local county run case management program to statewide Managed Care Organizations (MCO) providing services.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve Resolution #2015-23 Inter-fund Operating Transfer of \$200,000 from General Basic Fund to Capital Projects Fund. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Possible use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in the unincorporated area of the county was discussed and current urban renewal property tax rebate agreements were reviewed.

The supervisors provided brief summaries of their monthly committee meetings.

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

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

Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____

Kris Glienke, County Auditor