
FOR THE YEAR 2016
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JULY 26, 2016

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Jim Peck, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. William Gauthier, Mark Murphy, Justin Pritts, Stu Hogg, Donna Burkhardt, and Chris Elliott 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.

Linda Burkhart, Sanford Museum Director, thanked the Board of Supervisors for their financial pledge for the planetarium project and reported that fundraising has reached two thirds of the \$950,000 goal.

Motion by Peck, 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.

Brandon Billings, County Engineer, discussed construction projects and presented a utility permit for consideration.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Lundquist to approve an underground utility permit for CML Telephone between Sections 19 & 30 of Cedar Township. Motion carried.

Billings reported that there were errors in the bid proposal provided to contractors and an addendum was issued yesterday. The supervisors expressed concern that potential contractors may not have been given appropriate time to submit bids based on the updated requirements.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to move the bid letting for paving project #LFM-480-7X-18 back one week until 9:15 a.m. on August 2, 2016 with bids due by 8:45 a.m. Motion carried. One bid was received by the published deadline of July 26th but will be returned to the contractor unopened.

Stu Hogg, IT Director, discussed telephone and security camera systems in the courthouse and reported that he will be researching options for updating the systems in the near future.

Jalene Woods, rural Cherokee, withdrew her request to visit with the supervisors about traffic and dust created during Creekefest since the concern has already been addressed by event promoters.

Scott Stevenson, D.A. Davidson, discussed opportunities for refinancing bonds to take advantage of historically low interest rates. Financial data was reviewed and different scenarios were discussed for the purpose of potential interest savings over the lifetime of current bonds. The topic was tabled for further consideration.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor