
FOR THE YEAR 2016
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MARCH 22, 2016

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Jim Peck, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Craig Schoenfeld, Dean Schmidt, Chad Brown, Bill Smith, and Justin Pritts 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. Bush reported that he had attended the Veteran Affairs Commission March meeting and individual bills were reviewed and approved by the Commission, however, the Commissioners did not hold a meeting in February but authorized payment of a \$50 February per diem for each of the three Commissioners. Motion carried. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, presented a utility permit for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric cooperative between Sections 12 & 7 in Cedar Township. Motion carried.

At 9:05 a.m., the Chairman announced that it was time to open bids for local bridge replacement project #LFM-23--7X-18. One bid was received from Christensen Brothers Construction. Action was delayed for verification of bid numbers submitted by the contractor.

Billings presented a proposed Five Year Construction Program and 2016/2017 DOT Budget for review.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve the Secondary Roads Five Year Construction plan as submitted. Mongan requested that a Memorandum of Understanding with the Little Sioux Corn Processors Board of Directors be drafted and signed prior to any county time or expense being spent on the F Avenue paving project. Motion carried.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Lundquist to approve the 2016/2017 DOT Budget as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Lundquist to accept a \$568,192.30 bid from Christensen Bros., Cherokee, for local bridge replacement Project #LFM-23--7X-18 in Silver Township. Motion carried.

Billings presented a construction contract for a previously approved bridge replacement project.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to authorize the chairman to sign a contract with Graves Construction for Project #BROS-CO18(66)--5F-18. Motion carried.

Bill Smith, Aurelia, expressed concern about the Dakota Access Pipeline and presented several topics for the supervisors to be aware of as the pipeline project proceeds through Cherokee County.

Kirk Letsche, Marcus Fair Board, reported on projects planned for improving the Marcus Fair and thanked the supervisors for their continued financial support.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Lundquist to approve Resolution #2016-06 Inter-fund Operating Transfer of \$50,000 from General Basic Fund to Conservation Reserve Fund. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to authorize the chairman to sign a DNR confinement application and Master Matrix scoring sheet for Michael Doeden West Place in Section 25 of Marcus Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to approve release of a \$9,577.08 forgivable emergency housing loan for Bernice Miller on property at 1218 5th Street, Onawa, Iowa. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Lundquist to authorize the chairman to sign responses to the 2014/2015 audit comments. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to approve the fiscal year 2014/2015 audit draft to be filed with the Auditor of State. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to approve a 3 year contract with SilverStone Group for actuarial services to comply with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 45 including reporting requirements of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB). Motion carried.

Options for property owned by Cherokee County in Pilot Township were discussed. No action was taken.

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The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.
There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.
All board agendas and minutes are available online at www.cherokeecountyiowa.com .

Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor