
FOR THE YEAR 2016
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
AUGUST 2, 2016

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Jim Peck, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Steve Reinert, Ed Boger, William Gauthier, Ray Mullins, and Dean Schmidt 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 Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Steve Reinert, VFW, reported on fundraising efforts for the Freedom Rock project and asked for a financial pledge from the Board of Supervisors. The request will be taken under consideration.

Dave Skou, E911 Director, presented a wage authorization for consideration.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve a step wage authorization for Josh Dunn, Dispatcher, from \$16.84 to \$17.42 per Law Enforcement Union contract terms. Motion carried.

Brandon Billings, County Engineer, opened one contractor bid received for a local paving project on 480th Street. The supervisors discussed pros and cons of letting bids for spring versus fall construction.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Peck to reject a bid received from Godbersen-Smith Construction, Ida Grove, for paving project #LFM-480-7X-18. Motion carried.

Billings presented two utility permits for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve two underground utility permits for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 31 of Rock Township and Section 5 of Willow Township. Motion carried.

The supervisors discussed refinancing current bonds for the purpose of taking advantage of low interest rates. Lundquist emphasized that this process is not to add additional debt, but to reduce interest payments over the remaining payments for the bond issued for landfill purposes

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to authorize Scott Stevenson, D.A. Davidson, to begin the process for refinancing current bonds so the county can be in a position to lock in an interest rate that can yield a savings on the remaining years of the bond payment schedule. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to disallow the Homestead and Military Credit Applications List for 2016 as recommended by the County Assessor's Office. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to appoint Mark Lockwood to fill a vacancy on the Board of Adjustments with term ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried.

Appointment to fill the Sheridan Township Clerk position was tabled until a candidate is found to complete the remaining term.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to approve the Separation of Employment and a \$4,723.76 final payout of vacation hours for Michael Halder, Secondary Roads Sign Foreman, as of August 2, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Lundquist to approve the Separation of Employment and a \$3,040.85 final payout of vacation and hours worked for Michelle Rupp-Wedmore, Deputy Recorder, as of August 2, 2016. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor