
FOR THE YEAR 2017
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
NOVEMBER 7, 2017

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Jeff Simonsen present. Steve Peterson, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. Kellen Ludvigson, Neal Rogge, Dustin Leo, Mike Fox, Brian Laucks, David Kastengren, Dan Mott, Justin Pritts, Mark Murphy, and Stu Hogg were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Bush, Mongan, Lundquist, Mummert, Bush; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Bush to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Todd Wetherell, Cherokee Aviation Authority, discussed options for amending the current Cherokee Aviation Authority 28E Agreement created by Cherokee County and the City of Cherokee. The funding portion of the agreement sunsets on June 30, 2019 and the Aviation Authority suggests adding language that provides minimum and maximum levy rates over a ten year term. The Cherokee Aviation Authority's consultant Dustin Leo, DGR Engineering, gave an informative review of current operations of the Cherokee County Regional Airport, a ten year FAA Master Project Plan and provided financials with benefit comparisons of all airports in Iowa. The supervisors advised Wetherell to have the Aviation Authority's attorney draft a proposed amendment for review by Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, and Alyssa Herbold, Cherokee City Attorney.

Brandon Billings, County Engineer, presented wage authorizations and a utility permit for consideration.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Simonsen to approve a wage authorization for Jacob Preuss, moving from a General Labor position (\$21.13) to an Operator position (\$21.39) effective November 13, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve a wage authorization for Beau Menke, moving from a General Labor position (\$21.13) to an Operator position (\$21.39) effective November 13, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Bush to approve an underground utility permit for CML Telephone in Section 23 of Cherokee Township. Motion carried.

Stu Hogg, IT Director, presented quotes for updating the county's mainframe and security alarm system.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve a \$26,030.00 quote from Solutions for a new iSeries mainframe system to replace the current model purchased in 2009. Motion carried.

Hogg asked for guidance from the supervisors about what level of security they wanted for the courthouse. No action was taken.

Cindy Nelson, Deputy Treasurer, requested tax abatement for three tax delinquent properties.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to abate property taxes, penalties and special assessments on three properties which tax certificates were previously assigned to the City of Quimby (Parcels: 94-14-12-104-002, 94-14-12-104-003 and 94-14-12-151-008). Motion carried.

The process to reassign county held delinquent tax certificates was discussed.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Lundquist to offer reassignment of a tax certificate on parcel #31-16-25-300-003 in Diamond Township for the cost of taxes and penalties due and to offer all other county held tax certificates for assignment with no minimum bid. Motion carried.

Nelson and the supervisors considered options for providing public notice of properties available for reassignment of tax certificates.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to amend the previous motion made by Mummert removing parcel #98-07-27-327-008 from the reassignment process until it can be determined if the owner is able to negotiate a method to pay all delinquent taxes on the property. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to approve ISG Field Services Invoice #C1255 for submission to Dakota Access Pipeline for payment of inspection services provided from October 01, 2017 through October 28, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to go into closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(c) "*To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.*"

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Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and session closed at 10:47 a.m. Regular session resumed at 11:04 a.m.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Bush to grant ICAP the authority to negotiate and settle all claims of current litigation or where litigation is imminent on the behalf of Cherokee County. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Simonsen to approve a separation of employment and \$6,437.34 final payout of hours worked, vacation, and longevity for Marlene Ebert, Jail Administrator, effective October 29, 2017. Motion carried.

A motion by Simonsen to approve a \$39,000 salary authorization for Joel Ehrig as Assessor's Appraiser/Clerk died due to the lack of a second. The supervisors discussed the organizational chart of counties which gives the Conference Board oversight over the Assessor's Office. The County Conference Board is comprised of representatives from each school district, all city mayors, and the Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors take action to acknowledge employee wage authorizations that have been previously considered and approved by other governing boards in Cherokee County including the Board of Health, Conference Board, Conservation Board, E911 Service Board, Emergency Management Board, and Veteran Affairs Commission.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

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

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Rick Mongan, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor