
FOR THE YEAR 2017
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, and Jeff Simonsen present. Duane Mummert was absent. Steve Peterson, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. Don Fiser, Justin Pritts, Dana Evans, and William Gauthier were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Bush, Lundquist, Mongan; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

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

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Sections 8 & 9 of Tilden Township. Motion carried.

Paul Paltz, Courthouse Building Custodian, denied the option for a closed session to conduct his job evaluation.

Mongan reported that he has received complaints from county employees and citizens regarding uncleanliness of public restrooms and asked Paltz to check the restrooms more frequently. Paltz questioned why he has never received any complaints directly from employees adding that if it isn't broken he doesn't fix it unless it is brought to his attention. Mongan also expressed concerns about snow removal on public sidewalks and the safety risks associated with rocks and snow or ice in the walkways. Lundquist complimented Paltz on building a storage shed for lawn equipment and an enclosed mechanical room for elevator equipment. Lundquist also stated that he knows it is a big job to keep up with snow removal and he has personally used his own equipment to clean the law enforcement center parking lot and will continue to do that. Simonsen commented that the public hallways look clean and presentable for people coming to the courthouse. Mongan asked Paltz if the supervisors can do anything different or provide additional equipment that can assist him with doing his job better or easier, specifically concerning snow removal or restroom cleaning. Paltz responded that he should be able to take care of it but would like to purchase a carpet shampooer for reoccurring coffee stains. Mongan advised Paltz to bring cost estimates for the supervisors' review. Mongan summarized Paltz's employee evaluation stating that the building looks good, the enclosures built look good, but general cleaning duties and snow removal need to be improved.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve Resolution #2017-14 "Approval of Waiver of Cherokee County's Right to Appeal Issuance of Final Construction Permit for Steve Hueser and Chad Tentinger, T & H Cattle, Facility #69482 in Section 35 of Marcus Township." Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to approve ISG Field Services Invoice #C1227 for submission to Dakota Access Pipeline for payment of inspection services provided from July 30, 2017 through August 26, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Lundquist to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Urban Renewal Report including County rebates paid through Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) districts. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen 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.*" Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and session closed at 9:26 a.m. Regular session resumed at 9:47 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

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

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Attest: _____

Rick Mongan, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor