
FOR THE YEAR 2018
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MARCH 6, 2018

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 with Dennis Bush, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, Jeff Simonsen, and Rick Mongan present. There were no representatives from the press. Emily Heidesch, Justin Pritts, Brandon Billings and Larry Walker were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Lundquist, Bush, Mummert, Simonsen, Mongan; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to open a public hearing for the proposed 2018/2019 fiscal year budget. Roll call vote: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried. Chairman Mongan asked for comments from the public.

Hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to close the public hearing at 9:03 a.m. Roll call vote: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to adopt Resolution #2018-04 Adopting the County Compensation Board recommendations for 2018/2019 elected official salaries as follows: Attorney \$99,750 (\$3,500 increase), Auditor \$59,750 (\$2,500 increase), Recorder \$59,750 (\$2,500 increase), Sheriff \$77,000 (\$3,000 increase), Treasurer \$59,750 (\$2,500 increase), and Supervisors \$27,000 (\$3,000 increase) with a \$1,000 stipend for the Chairman. Roll call vote: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Bush to adopt the fiscal year 2018/2019 budget as published and to certify it to the state. Motion carried.

Justin Pritts, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided information about the Emergency Management Association (EMA) Commission's decision to purchase a new ¾ ton pickup that can also be used for daily travel by Pritts and to replace the current truck used for pulling the hazmat trailer. The current hazmat truck and a ½ ton pickup used by Pritts would both be sold. The countywide EMS group would use grant funds to purchase another trailer and necessary equipment that could be utilized for a back up 911 Communication Center and briefing area for emergency response personnel. Since the EMS group cannot own equipment, title would be turned over to the County EMA Commission for continued maintenance and updates. Pritts reported that the Board of Health officially approved the purchase and he was informing the Board of Supervisors so that there are no secrets about what is going on. Pritts added that he values the thoughts and opinions of the supervisors. Mummert summarized that the decisions have been made and it's a matter of figuring out financing and an acceptable process to complete the transactions so they comply with audit requirements.

Brandon Billings, County Engineer, presented construction documents and discussed new equipment needs.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to authorize the chairman to sign a final zero pay voucher for local bridge replacement project LFM-60--7X-18. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen to authorize the chairman to sign a final zero pay voucher for local bridge replacement project LFM-64--7X-18. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Lundquist to authorize the chairman to sign a final zero pay voucher for local bridge replacement project LFM-65--7X-18. Motion carried.

Billings reported that he had received quotes for two new tandem dump trucks including trade in value for two older trucks and after considering all options, will be purchasing one Freightliner truck and one Western Star truck. Billings also stated that he is researching options for purchasing a new half ton pickup for use when he travels to conferences and if Justin Pritts purchases a new Emergency Management Agency (EMA) pickup, then Billings would buy the current EMA pickup to be used for inspections.

Brandon Billings, County Engineer, and Larry Walker, Roads Superintendent, requested a closed session to discuss a real estate proposal.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Bush to go into closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(j) "To discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to

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increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property.” Roll call vote: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and regular session was closed at 10:00 a.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:25 a.m.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mummert to approve negotiations to date and to authorize Secondary Roads to proceed with the contract at the negotiated price. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

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Rick Mongan, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor