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FOR THE YEAR 2018  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
NOVEMBER 20, 2018

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 with Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Jeff Simonsen present. Dennis Bush joined via telephone. Steve Peterson, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. Brandon Billings, William Gauthier and Greg Zarr were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Bush, Mongan, Lundquist, Mummert; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Greg Zarr, County Assessor, presented several property tax credit applications for board consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve the Homestead and Military Credit Applications for 2018 and to disallow applications that no longer qualify as recommended by the Cherokee County Assessor's Office. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Simonsen to approve five new Disabled Veteran Homestead Tax Credit applications for 2018 as recommended by the Cherokee County Assessor's Office. Motion carried.

The supervisors reviewed Family Farm applications filed in the County Assessor's Office for credits applied to property taxes payable in 2019/2020.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Bush to approve the 2018 Family Farm applications as presented and to disallow those that no longer qualify. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to approve the 2018 Business Property Tax Credit applications and to disallow those that no longer qualify as recommended by the Cherokee County Assessor's Office. Motion carried.

Ben Schilmoeller and Julie Fenoglio, Cherokee Regional Medical Center, discussed the lack of Death Investigators in the county and asked for permission to send two people through the Medicolegal Death Investigator Certification Course in St. Louis. Cherokee County has paid to train and certify several persons to act as investigators over the years, however, current staff is nearing retirement and additional certified investigators are needed to cover shifts at the hospital.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Simonsen to authorize Cherokee Regional Medical Center to send Ben Schilmoeller and Peter Cosgrove to a certified Medicolegal Death Investigator program with Cherokee County paying an estimated cost of \$3,603.19 per person for training and travel expenses. Motion carried.

Jerod Clyde, County Sheriff, presented a wage authorization for consideration.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to approve a \$17.78 wage authorization for Malori Hill, Part-Time Dispatcher, effective November 26, 2018 with full-time status beginning on December 10, 2018. Motion carried.

Brandon Billings, County Engineer, presented utility permits for consideration.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mummert to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Sections 25 and 36 of Pilot Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve an underground utility permit for Frontier Communications in Sections 27, 28, 34, 35 and 36 of Grand Meadow Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve an underground utility permit for Frontier Communications in Sections 19, 30 and 31 of Grand Meadow Township. Motion carried.

Cherokee County Fair Board Association representatives Brad Nelson, Chris Nelson, and Peggy Corrington provided an informative review of the 2017/2018 fair activities and financial reports. The Fair Board is requesting a \$27,500 contribution from the County, which is a 10% increase, and would appreciate an additional contribution to help complete repairs on the south 4H building. Nelson also reported on fundraising efforts and grants that are being pursued for updating the beef building in the future. The supervisors will take the request under consideration.

Brandon Billings, County Engineer, requested a final employment date of December 28, 2018 to make his family's transition to a new community easier.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to accept a resignation of employment from Brandon Billings, County Engineer, effective December 28, 2018. Motion carried.

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Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to authorize the chairman to sign a letter of support for SIMPCO's 2018 HOME Program application to the Iowa Finance Authority for grant funds that will support home ownership in Cherokee County. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

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Rick Mongan, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kris Glienke, County Auditor