

FOR THE YEAR 2019  
 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
 CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
 APRIL 9, 2019

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Wane Miller present. Steve Peterson, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. William Gauthier, Sarah Tracy, Justin Pritts, Matt Todd, Chad Brown, Larry Walker and Bill Anderson were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes –Lundquist, Bush, Mummert, Miller, Mongan; Naves – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Miller to approve an amended agenda to include letters to legislators, Resolution #2019-09 waiving DNR waiting period and to postpone the Recorder's Revenue Report. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mummert to approve the claims for payment as presented. Motion carried. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

Claims Approved April 9, 2019:

Alliant Energy	Serv	1,178.33
Aurelia Municipal Utility	Serv	131.40
Barco Municipal Products Inc	Supp	3,181.53
Blaine's Culligan	Supp	69.75
Bomgaars	Supp	1,147.56
Calhoun Burns Associates, Inc	Serv	967.00
Campbell Supply Co	Parts	596.04
Cardmember Service	Supp	1,876.30
CenturyLink E911	Serv	367.64
Champion Electric, Inc	Serv	427.09
Cherokee Aviation Authority	Approp	39,275.00
Cherokee County Sheriff	Fees	165.40
Cherokee County Solid Waste	Approp	22,750.91
Cherokee State Bank Flex/Merp	Flex/Self Fund	1,908.43
Cherokee Rural Water	Serv	102.95
Chronicle Times	Ads	526.97
City of Cleghorn	TJ Pmt	165.35
City of Larrabee	TJ Pmt	203.50
City of Marcus	Serv	20.27
City of Meriden	Serv	19.00
City of Quimby	Serv	93.68
City of Quimby	TJ Pmt	1,253.05
City of Washta	TJ Pmt	2,747.82
Clarinda Youth Corp	Serv	793.05
CML Telephone Coop	Serv	1,462.19
Eric J. Comstock Trucking	Serv	1,145.88
Consolidated Management	Serv	826.50
Counsel Office & Document	Serv	149.69
Country Tire & Service, Inc.	Serv	499.71
Dearborn National Life Ins	Life Ins	905.01
Deer Valley Mechanical	Serv	2,000.00
Dickinson County Sheriff	Fees	68.00
Discover	Supp	180.84
Joshua D Dunn	Travel Reimb	241.59
Paula Ellis	Supp	34.38
Evertex, Inc.	Serv	400.00
Fireice Firearms, LLC	Supp	86.00
FORCE America Distributing, LLC	Parts	313.10

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Foresman Trucking	Serv	3,106.23
Frank Dunn Co	Supp	2,397.00
GovConnection, Inc.	Supp	1,021.80
Graham Tire	Serv	1,372.32
Heartland Paper Company	Supp	213.48
Alyssa A Herbold, P.L.C.	Serv	700.00
Hiway Truck Equipment Inc.	Parts	4,500.00
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites	Lodging	402.16
Ida County Sheriff	Fees	35.00
Iowa County Attorneys Assoc	Dues	432.00
Iowa Dept Of Transportation	Parts	130.00
Iowa Dept of Public Health	Serv	71.23
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	Serv	150.00
Iowa Workforce Development	Unemployment	830.98
Jacks Uniforms & Equipment	Clothing	113.89
Janitor's Closet, Ltd	Supp	117.67
Keltek Incorporated	Supp	386.46
Wendy S Koch	Travel Reimb	40.50
Koenig Portable Toilets	Serv	86.00
Ryan R Kolpin	Notary	30.00
Mail Services, LLC	Postage	488.49
Marco Technologies LLC	Serv	90.12
Marcus News	Ads	444.00
Marcus Lumber	Supp	445.24
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.	Supp	167.62
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	Serv	56.12
Mid American Energy	Serv	1,132.41
Mid-America Publishing Corp.	Ads	314.24
Midwest Wheel	Parts	1,122.65
Wane A Miller	Travel Reimb	58.50
Mills & Miller, Inc.	Salt	8,933.60
Milwaukee County Sheriff	Serv	75.00
Minnehaha County Sheriff	Fee	72.00
Motor Parts Sales	Parts	1,636.29
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co	Parts	4,409.81
Northside Tire	Serv	200.09
Nuvera	Serv	545.60
O'Halloran International	Parts	124.92
One Office Solution	Supp	189.47
Pilot Rock Sign Shop	Supp	122.00
Plymouth County Sheriff	Fees	76.42
Prestox	Serv	121.00
Quality Inn & Suites Conf Ctr	Lodging	145.60
Rees Mack Sales & Service	Parts	2,341.96
Rolling Hills Community Serv	Qtr Pmt	69,048.00
Sanitary Services Inc	Serv	315.10
SCE, LLC	Serv	1,012.50
Dean C Schmidt	Zoning	870.87
SEAT Treasurer	Training	50.00
David L Skou	Travel Reimb	175.35
Star Energy	Fuel	1,795.76

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Triple C Pest Control	Serv	85.00
Verizon Wireless	Serv	1,008.10
Webster County Sheriff	Fees	78.00
Wiese Oil & Supply	Fuel	4,202.55
Windstream Iowa-Comm. Inc.	Serv	110.35
Woodbury County Sheriff	Fees	60.00
Xerox Financial Services	Serv	76.23
Grand Total		206,618.59

Jerry Townsend and Joel Volkert, Grand Meadow Heritage Center, presented required documents and requested approval of a temporary alcohol permit on May 4, 2019.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve a temporary alcohol permit for the Taste of Grand Meadow fundraiser event on May 4, 2019. Motion carried.

Volkert thanked the supervisors for their continued support and requested additional funding for tuck pointing the Grand Meadow School Building which has an anticipated cost of \$250,000. No action was taken and the request will be taken under consideration.

Barb Staver, Sheriff's Department, presented a revenue report for consideration.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Bush to approve the Sheriff's \$30,356.27 March 31, 2019 Quarterly Revenue Report as presented with \$21,007.35 retained by the county. Motion carried.

Chad Brown, Conservation Director, presented the 2017/2018 Cherokee County Conservation Board Annual Report including financial reports, highlights of activities, updates on improved park facilities, new land acquisitions, and recognition for 85 years of combined service of the appointed Conservation Board Members.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve Resolution #2019-08 Inter-fund Operating Transfer of \$25,000 from General Basic Fund to Conservation Reserve Fund. Roll call vote: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Brown discussed recent flood damage in county parks and requested \$20,000 of designated funds to complete the repairs before the end of the current fiscal year. Brown stated that FEMA will fast track cost share dollars with much less paperwork if repairs can be completed quickly.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to create line items for the Conservation Department's flood disaster expenses and to include \$20,000 of general fund dollars in the County's 2018/2019 proposed budget amendment. Motion carried.

Larry Walker, County Weed Commissioner, presented reports for the board's consideration.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Bush to authorize the chairman to sign the 2018 Weed Commissioner's Report which gets filed with the Iowa Department of Agriculture. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Lundquist to approve Resolution #2019-07 "Notice for Destruction of Noxious Weeds"

*WHERAS, Cherokee County pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 317 wishes to provide set out guidelines and to further to provide proper notice to property owners and those in control thereof as follows:*

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Cherokee County, Iowa, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 317, Code of Iowa, hereby orders:*

1. *That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Cherokee County, shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon as defined in the Chapter and shall prevent weed seeds from blooming or coming to maturity and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut, burned or otherwise destroyed on or before the following date and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production.*

***June 1, 2019 for Primary noxious weeds and July 1, 2019 for Secondary noxious weeds***

2. *That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Cherokee County, infested with any primary noxious weeds, including quack grass, perennial sow thistle, Canada thistle, bull thistle, field bindweed, horse nettle, leafy spurge, perennial peppergrass or Russian knapweed, shall adopt a program of weed destruction, described by the Weed Commissioner, which in five years may be*

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*expected to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said primary noxious weeds.*

3. *That if the owners or person in possession or control of any land in Cherokee County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and expense of said work, including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the land and the owners thereof.*
4. *That the County Auditor is hereby directed to cause notice of making and entering of the foregoing order for publication in each of the official newspapers of the County.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this destruction of noxious weeds resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 317.*

Roll call vote: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Sarah Tracy, County Engineer, presented annual DOT reports for consideration.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Bush, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the FY20 DOT budget as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Lundquist to approve the Five-Year Construction Program as presented by Sarah Tracy, County Engineer. Motion carried.

Bill Anderson, Cherokee Area Economic Development Director, discussed potential effects to Cherokee County's ability to maintain funding for essential services if proposed legislation in House Study Bill 165 is passed. Anderson suggested the supervisors contact their representatives to express their concern over the proposed bill which holds a county to 2% allowable growth and limited carryover fund balances.

Bush added that the legislature continues to impose regulations on local governments that conflict with Home Rule authority granted to counties in the Code of Iowa.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Miller to authorize each board member to sign letters to Senator Randy Feenstra and Representative Dan Huseman stating their concerns about the potential negative impact of House Study Bill 165 as it is currently drafted. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mummert to approve Resolution #2019-09 "Approval of Waiver of Cherokee County's Right to Appeal Issuance of Final Construction Permit for Chad Tentinger and Tom Mayer, T & M Cattle, Facility #70288 in Section 19 of Amherst Township." Roll call vote: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Lundquist to authorize the chairman to sign a letter to the DNR requesting that a final construction permit be issued immediately to Chad Tentinger and Tom Mayer, T&M Cattle. Motion carried.

Mongan and Mummert reported on a meeting with Beck Engineering about updating the east entrance and repairing the retaining wall on the south side of the courthouse. Bush provided words of caution about limiting discretionary expenditures in light of the recent revaluation of agricultural land in Cherokee County. Bush reported that agland valuations were reduced approximately 30% which could result in nearly \$800,000 of lower property tax revenue in the 2020/2021 fiscal year. Consensus of the board was to have Beck Engineering draft design plans with cost estimates for the courthouse improvements and discuss the feasibility when the project costs are provided.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve a separation of employment and \$2,110.25 final payout of vacation, comp and hours worked for Shelly Pick, Auditor's Assistant, effective April 3, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Lundquist to authorize the chairman to sign a certification of the 2017/2018 Cost Allocation Plan which provides reimbursement for expenses incurred by Cherokee County for DHS office space. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

All board agendas and minutes are available online at [www.cherokeecountyiowa.com](http://www.cherokeecountyiowa.com).

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rick Mongan, Chairman

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Kris Glienke, County Auditor