

FOR THE YEAR 2019  
 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
 CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
 DECEMBER 10, 2019

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 with Dennis Bush, Gary Lundquist, Rick Mongan, Duane Mummert, and Wane Miller present. Nick Brewer, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Justin Pritts, Gary Goebel, Sarah Tracy, and Kelly Puhmann were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Lundquist, Bush, Mummert, Miller, Mongan; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wane Miller, Veteran Affairs Commissioner.

Motion by Miller, 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.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Lundquist 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 December 10, 2019:

Alex Air Apparatus, Inc.	Supp	724.28
Alliant Energy	Serv	673.20
Alpha Wireless Communications	Equip	663.20
Aurelia Historical Society	Approp	312.50
Aurelia Library	Approp	2,175.00
Blaine's Culligan	Supp	135.20
Bomgaars	Supp	394.00
Builders Sharpening & Serv	Parts	33.02
CAASA	Approp	1,250.00
Cherokee Area Economic Dev	Approp	47,500.00
Calhoun Burns Associates, Inc	Serv	7,203.60
Campbell Supply Co	Parts	363.13
Cardmember Service	Supp	3,328.19
CenturyLink E911	Serv	373.07
Champion Electric, Inc	Serv	2,386.73
Cherokee Co Emergency Services	Approp	15,000.00
Cherokee County Fair	Approp	6,250.00
Cherokee County EMS Assoc	Approp	1,250.00
Cherokee County Engineer	Fuel	1,872.63
Cherokee County Hazmat	Approp	2,779.25
Cherokee County Solid Waste	Approp	22,688.33
Cherokee State Bank	Flex/Self Fund	4,950.17
Cherokee Library	Approp	3,500.00
Cherokee Regional Medical CTR	Approp	14,992.50
Cherokee Regional Medical CTR	Approp	25,968.75
Cherokee Rural Water	Serv	115.05
Chronicle Times	Publ	142.50
CJ Cooper & Associates	Serv	105.00
Cleghorn Library	Approp	2,175.00
CML Telephone Coop	Serv	1,485.50
Counsel	Serv	30.57
Country Tire & Service, Inc.	Serv	804.54
Denny's Heating A/C & Plumbing	Serv	49.00
Discover	Lodging	307.80
Evertex, Inc.	Serv	400.00
Family Crisis Centers	Approp	1,250.00
First Cooperative Association	Serv	8,060.82
FORCE America Distributing	Parts	280.99
Kristine L Glienke	Reimb	163.80
GovConnection, Inc.	Supp	782.30

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Grand Meadow Heritage	Approp	312.50
GreatAmerica Financial Svcs	Serv	182.73
Holzhauser Motors LTD	Serv	389.69
I-State Truck Center	Parts	87.36
IAAO	Dues	200.00
Iowa Prison Industries	Parts	10.40
Iowa Secretary of State	Fee	60.00
ISACA Treasurer	Dues	40.00
ISG Field Services LLC	Inspect Pipeline	4,714.89
Jacks Uniforms & Equipment	Clothing	443.67
Jackson Recovery Centers Inc	Approp	1,650.00
Koenig Portable Toilets	Serv	147.00
Mail Services, LLC	Postage	633.97
Marcus News	Publ	578.49
Marcus Ambulance Fund	Approp	3,000.00
Marcus Fair	Approp	1,600.00
Marcus Historical Society	Approp	312.50
Marcus Library	Approp	2,175.00
Marcus Lumber	Supp	1,260.09
Martin Marietta Materials	Supp	3,379.09
Meriden Fire Dept	Reimb	205.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	Serv	56.12
Mid American Energy	Serv	152.74
Mid-America Publishing Corp.	Publ	474.89
Mid-American Benefits, Inc.	Cafeteria Admin Fees	70.00
Midwest Technology Services	Serv	6,887.42
Midwest Wheel	Parts	259.39
Wane A Miller	Reimb	55.80
Mills & Miller, Inc.	Salt	3,714.84
Modern Heating & Cooling, Inc	Serv	2,559.49
Motor Parts Sales	Serv	281.77
Nelson's Locksmith	Serv	89.00
Northside Tire	Serv	747.08
Nuvera	Serv	545.60
O'Halloran International	Parts	125.12
Office Systems Co	Serv	1,406.87
Brian D Olson	Reimb	75.00
One Office Solution	Supp	917.89
Quimby Library	Approp	2,175.00
Reedsburg Hardware	Parts	573.44
Rees Mack Sales & Service	Parts	195.95
Reliance Telephone Systems Inc	Serv	200.00
Sanitary Services Inc	Serv	45.11
SCE, LLC	Serv	10.69
Senior Citizens	Approp	693.75
Siouxland Aging Services Inc	Approp	500.00
Siouxland Regional Transit	Approp	7,109.25
Solutions, Inc.	Serv	500.00
Star Energy	Fuel	1,812.60
Syn-Tech Systems	Serv	44.55
The Schneider Corporation	Serv	4,350.00
Tri-State Emergency Management	Dues	20.00
Triple C Pest Control	Serv	80.00

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U.S. Postal Service	Postage	1,900.00
Vanguard Appraisals Inc	Reappraisal	1,920.00
Verizon Wireless	Serv	459.13
Waldners Lawn Service Inc	Serv	650.00
Washta Library	Approp	2,175.00
Wetherell Mfg Co	Serv	4,348.00
Windstream Iowa-Comm. Inc.	Serv	122.10
Ziegler Inc	Supp	2,588.81
Grand Total		\$255,194.40

Dick Sievers, Mid Sioux Opportunity, gave an informative review of services offered to area residents and reported that 1,600 individuals and 662 households received services in Cherokee County; which returns \$168 for every dollar contributed by the county. Mid Sioux's \$9,000 budget request for 2020/2021 is the same as it has been for the past several years. The request will be considered during the budget process.

Aaron Mummert asked if the supervisors would look into adopting a trail permit for individuals to ride dirt bikes in county ditches. Lundquist suggested that a group of individuals should work together to seek sponsorships and draft a proposal to start an off-road park to provide recreational opportunities to area residents and provided a brochure from the Gypsum City OHV Park in Webster County as an example of what could be done. Lundquist stated that opening up all county right of way for motorized vehicle use would be a liability issue that would have a negative effect on taxpayers if someone gets injured.

Bill Anderson, CAEDC Director, and Brian Freed presented an overview of successful economic development projects over the last year. Anderson thanked the supervisors for their continued support stating that he wants to build on his relationship with county supervisors and staff to keep Cherokee County moving in a positive direction. Freed added that the success CAEDC is having boils down to the day the Board of Supervisors voted to fully fund economic development. Both Anderson and Freed offered a big thank you to the supervisors for putting Cherokee County on the map as a business-friendly community that has opportunities for expansion and growth. Anderson summarized the future challenges of CAEDC and reported that the focus for the next year will be on housing, day care, and developing a skilled workforce to coincide with new jobs becoming available.

Zach Freking-Smith, Cherokee Librarian, gave an informative presentation about annual use of local libraries in Cherokee County and how technology continues to become a major portion of services provided to all ages. Beth Kingdon, Marcus Librarian, summarized the evolution of local libraries stating that people are still using libraries, but they are using it in different ways. It is not just a quiet space any longer, but a community center for gathering resources and having conversations. An open invitation was made to the board to visit any county library after school or during the summer to experience the excitement of kids as they learn and explore under the watchful eye of local librarians. Freking-Smith thanked the supervisors for their continued support as county funding is a major portion of smaller library budgets and requested consideration of an increase in the county's annual contribution to all libraries. The supervisors thanked the librarians for providing a safe place for children as well as a social gathering place for people of all ages and will take the financial request under consideration. Colleen Loetz, Meriden-Cleghorn Library; Shirley Perrett and Linda Sones from the Quimby Library, along with Erin Rydgren and Marty Warrender from the Washta Library were also in attendance.

Gary Goebel, Construction Manager, presented applications for construction on county right of way for consideration.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Lundquist to approve an underground construction on county right of way application for Northern Natural Gas in Section 29 of Cherokee Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Bush to approve an underground construction on county right of way application for MidAmerican Energy in Sections 20 & 21 of Marcus Township. Motion carried.

Brad Beck, Beck Engineering, answered questions from the supervisors about proposed design plans for updating the lower level entrances of the courthouse and repairing the retaining walls on the south side of the building. After a lengthy discussion, the board asked Beck to draft plans for the south entrance and retaining wall as one plan with an alternate design for the east entrance and sidewalk to the employee parking lot. Final consideration will be taken in January.

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Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Miller to approve Amendment #4 to a Facility Lease Agreement between the Cherokee Mental Health Institute and Cherokee County Board of Supervisors for an additional conference room and office space provided by the County for Third Judicial Probation Officers. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

Mongan called for comments from the public. Gary Goebel provided information about the 511 system being implemented by the Cherokee County Engineer's Office as a way to keep the public informed of road closures.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

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Rick Mongan, Chairman

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