

FOR THE YEAR 2019
 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
 CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
 SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Wane Miller present. Steve Peterson, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. William Gauthier, Les Ellis, Sarah Tracy, Kelly Puhmann and Joel Anderson 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 Mummert to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Lundquist 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 September 24, 2019:

Ace Refrigeration Co.	Equip	5,562.00
Alliant Energy	Serv	96.50
Alpha Wireless Mankato Mobile	Equip	281.20
Aurelia Municipal Utility	Serv	46.49
Barco Municipal Products Inc	Supp	1,565.51
Bargen Inc	Serv	152,926.06
Beck Engineering	Serv	10,472.50
Robert Berger	Travel Reimb	280.80
Bomgaars	Supp	204.04
Gary Bowers	Rent	800.00
Boyer Trucks	Parts	116.19
Roswitha Brandt	Supp	10.68
Harry A Brutsman Jr	Boots	75.00
Buena Vista County Treasurer	Mileage	106.72
Builders Sharpening & Serv	Parts	710.05
Cardmember Service	Supp	364.00
Carroll Construction Supply	Parts	225.97
Chase Card Service-Ink	Supp	2,873.26
Cherokee County Sheriff	Fees	34.00
Cherokee Depot	Rent	40.00
Cherokee State Bank	Flex/Self Fund	1,615.19
Cherokee Regional Medical Ctr.	Health Serv	1,104.00
Cherokee Regional Medical CTR	Contract	352.00
Chronicle Times	Publ	167.52
City of Cherokee	Serv	2,076.06
CML Telephone Coop	Serv	80.54
Eric J. Comstock	Serv	3,708.95
Counsel	Serv	136.79
Country Tire & Service, Inc.	Serv	369.71
Daves Repair, Inc	Serv	906.53
Dearborn National Life Ins	Life Ins	1,019.61
Diebold Inc	Serv	312.08
Raymond C Dorr	Royalty	76.80
Joseph W Draper	Travel Reimb	193.10
ESRI	Serv	3,500.00
Fareway	Supp	895.55
First National Bank of Omaha	Travel Reimb	17.17
Don Fiser	Per Diem	125.00

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Frontier	Serv	129.95
William Gauthier	Per Diem	50.00
GovConnection, Inc.	Supp	291.78
GreatAmerica Financial Svcs	Serv	54.73
Carrie M Hill	Travel Reimb	132.30
Hopkins & Huebner, P.C.	Fees	405.00
Hunzelman Putzier & Co PLC	Audit Fees	14,898.93
Idemia Identity & Security USA	Serv	2,766.00
Iowa Apco	Fee	115.00
Iowa County Attorneys Assoc	Fee	175.00
Iowa Lakes Electric Coop	Serv	2,607.80
IA Lakes Regional Water	Serv	236.29
Iowa Land Records	Fee	75.00
Iowa NENA	Fee	230.00
Janitor's Closet, Ltd	Supp	185.69
Jebro Inc	Supp	1,702.50
Johnston Autostores	Parts	566.16
Laura Jones	Reimb	96.29
Lake County Sheriff's Office	Fee	55.00
Lemars Daily Sentinel	Publ	56.27
Lukins Construction, Ltd	Serv	4,773.60
Marco Technologies LLC	Serv	2,386.11
Martin Marietta Materials	Supp	16,012.18
Mid American Energy	Serv	2,794.82
Mid-America Publishing Corp.	Publ	24.03
Mid-American Benefits, Inc.	Admin Fees	531.00
Midwest Technology Services	Serv	6,887.42
Brenda Miller	Supp	106.99
Wane A Miller	Per Diem	892.72
Modern Heating & Cooling, Inc	Serv	135.09
Motor Parts Sales	Parts	9.91
One Office Solution	Supp	123.93
PJ Greufe & Associates	Serv	1,575.00
Prestox	Serv	121.00
Reliance Telephone Systems Inc	Serv	100.00
S & S Equipment, Inc.	Parts	746.78
Sanitary Services Inc	Serv	104.40
Secretary of State Notary Div	Dues	60.00
SHI International Corp	Supp	1,884.32
Siouxland Concrete Co.	Concrete	7,560.00
Star Energy	Fuel	1,731.62
Thomson Reuters-West	Fees	480.40
Verizon Wireless	Serv	179.98
Vermeer Sales & Serv	Parts	189.56
Webster County Sheriff	Fees	36.00
Wellmark BCBS Of Iowa	Insurance	84,230.40
WesTel Systems	Serv	937.55
White Glove Janitorial	Cleaning	329.00
Bret Wilkinson	Eng Serv	880.43
Windstream Iowa-Comm. Inc.	Serv	228.26

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Woodward Youth Corporation	Shelter	1,446.15
Xerox Financial Services	Serv	76.23
Ziegler Inc	Supp	524.28
Grand Total		\$356,376.42

Sarah Tracy, County Engineer, presented applications for construction on county right of way and wage authorizations for consideration.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Bush to approve an underground construction on county right of way application for CenturyLink in Section 23 of Cherokee Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Lundquist to approve an underground construction on county right of way application for WesTel in Sections 29 & 30 of Tilden Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mummert to approve a \$24.00 per hour wage authorization effective September 24, 2019 for Steve Zarr, Survey Engineering Technician, maintaining an original benefit date of July 1, 2018 and carrying over all current leave time balances. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Miller to approve a \$25.25 per hour wage authorization effective September 24, 2019 for Joel Kohn, Design Engineering Technician, maintaining an original benefit date of October 6, 2014 and carrying over all current leave time balances. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Bush to approve a \$24.00 per hour wage authorization effective September 24, 2019 for Gary Goebel, Construction Engineering Technician, maintaining an original benefit date of October 18, 2004 and carrying over all current leave time balances. Motion carried.

Dawn Mentzer, Rolling Hills Community Services Region, reported that the merger with Woodbury County has gone extremely well with all members of the region communicating and working together. Mentzer discussed goals for meeting new service requirements that must be implemented by 2021 with priorities being Mobile Crisis Response for Law Enforcement, Mental Health Access Center, and Intensive Residential Services. Counties have also been tasked with providing services for clients aged 0 to 18 as mandated in the Children's Behavioral Health Bill signed by Governor Reynolds. Mentzer cautioned that counties across the state could be put into a position where they are unable to fund all required core services and may need to look at reducing non-core services currently provided to their clients.

Cole Kruienza, ISG Field Services, reported that six punch list items with two landowners in Cherokee County have not been closed out by Dakota Access Pipeline, however, terms may have been agreed upon by both parties and the documents have just not made it through the system yet. Kruienza explained that some counties are choosing to officially close the pipeline project to assist landowners who are unable to achieve a resolution directly with Dakota Access Pipeline representatives. There is a 90-day waiting period after a county officially declares the pipeline project closed before a compensation commission can be called to assist local landowners in assessing damages. After further discussion, consensus of the board was to wait until all punch list items have been completed and appropriate documentation has been received before Cherokee County will consider closing out the Dakota Access Pipeline project. Protecting local landowners was the main focus of the board's conversation.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve a separation of employment and \$469.00 final payout of hours worked for Neal Rogge, Conservation Seasonal Tech, effective September 20, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Bush to approve a separation of employment and \$402.00 final payout of hours worked for Douglas Kennebeck, Conservation Seasonal Tech, effective September 20, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve a separation of employment and \$2,294.00 final payout of vacation and hours worked for Joyce Baxter, Jailer, effective September 20, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Bush to approve ISG Field Services Invoice #C1563 for submission to Dakota Access Pipeline for payment of inspection services provided from July 26, 2019 through August 31, 2019. Motion carried.

Stu Hogg, IT Director, provided an update on the installation of electronic door locks at entrance doors on the lower level of the courthouse which are expected to be operational on October 7th. Signage and a news release about the change in public entrances were discussed.

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The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

Mongan called for comments from the public. William Gauthier, rural Cherokee resident, asked for clarification of closing entrances on the lower level of the courthouse with Mongan explaining the decision was made for security reasons. Les Ellis, rural Larrabee resident, asked if the Board of Supervisors is aware of what is going on in the engineer's office and if they support it. All supervisors stated that they have been kept informed by the County Engineer of her intent to restructure office staff positions and have supported her decisions throughout the process.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Lundquist 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: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and session closed at 11:35 a.m. Regular session resumed at 11:49 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

All board agendas and minutes are available online at www.cherokeecountyiowa.com .

Rick Mongan, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor