
FOR THE YEAR 2019
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MAY 21, 2019

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 with Dennis Bush, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, Wane Miller, and Rick Mongan present. Steve Peterson, *Aurelia Star*, represented from the press. William Gauthier, Samantha Boothby, Ryan Kolpin, and Justin Pritts were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Lundquist, Bush, Mummert, Miller, Mongan; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mummert to appoint Samantha Boothby to the position of Cherokee County Recorder effective May 21, 2019 to fill a vacancy in the position until the next pending countywide election. Roll call vote: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried.

Sarah Tracy, County Engineer, discussed summer staffing needs and presented utility permits and a final payment voucher for consideration.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to authorize the County Engineer to hire two temporary seasonal employees to mow roadsides and perform general labor duties. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Miller to approve an underground construction on county right of way application for Century Link in Sections 11, 14, 16, 17 and 23 of Cherokee Township and authorize the chairman to sign Iowa DOT permits for the same project when corrected forms are provided. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Bush to approve an underground construction on county right of way application for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 13 of Afton Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve an IDOT materials inspections costs invoice from a 2015 bridge project with funds to be withdrawn from the county's Farm to Market Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Mummert to acknowledge a \$12.00 per hour wage authorization effective May 6, 2019 for Doug Kennebeck, Seasonal Park Technician, as previously approved by the Cherokee County Conservation Board. Motion carried.

Brandon Slaughter, who owns the building where the former Veteran Affairs office was located, requested payment for approximately \$2,000 of expenses he incurred to restore the office space after a rental lease with the county ended on December 31, 2018. Slaughter stated that the former Veteran Affairs Director allowed an unauthorized cat to urinate and defecate all over the building leaving it in a condition that he was not able to rent again without painting and replacing the flooring in the entire space. After a lengthy discussion, it was stated that the county had rented the space from another owner since 2008. Lundquist, Bush and Miller asked Slaughter several questions including if he had inspected the building when he purchased it in 2014; if he had ever inspected the property during the five years since then; why he had not asked the renter to remove the cat when he found out about it; and if a landlord could expect some wear and tear on a rental property after ten years. Slaughter's response was that he did not know that he could go into the building and he did not ask to have the cat removed because he believed it was a therapy cat and didn't want to upset any veterans.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Mongan to pay a \$1,682.09 bill submitted by Brandon Slaughter for damages to a rental property leased by Cherokee County for the Veteran Affairs Office. Roll call vote: Lundquist-nay, Bush-nay, Mummert-aye, Miller-nay, Mongan-aye. Motion failed.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Bush to pay Brandon Slaughter \$959.00 for alleged damages to a rental property leased by Cherokee County for the Veteran Affairs Office. Roll all vote: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-nay, Miller-aye, Mongan-nay. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Bush to approve settlement of claim #ICP050905A1. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

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Rick Mongan, Chairman

Attest: _____

Kris Glienke, County Auditor