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FOR THE YEAR 2020  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
JANUARY 7, 2020

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 with Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Wane Miller, Duane Mummert and Dennis Bush present. Nick Brewer, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. William Gauthier, Bill Anderson and Tyler Lynn were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Mongan, Bush, Mummert, Miller, Lundquist; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Chairman Lundquist called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to open a public hearing for the proposed Ordinance #2020-01 “Related to Industrial Property Tax Exemptions pursuant to Chapter 427B of the Code of Iowa.” Roll call vote: Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Lundquist-aye. Motion carried.

Lundquist summarized the intent of the proposed ordinance is to provide for a partial exemption from property taxation of the actual value added to industrial real estate by the new construction of industrial real estate, research-service facilities, warehouses, distribution centers and the acquisition of or improvement to machinery and equipment assessed as real estate. There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Lundquist-aye. Motion carried.

Hedgie Brandt, County Treasurer, presented a wage authorization for a new employee.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Mongan to approve a \$17.50 per hour wage authorization for Araceli Castaneda-Johnson, Treasurer’s Clerk, effective January 2, 2020. Motion carried.

Tyler Lynn, Beck Engineering, reviewed design plans with the supervisors for the courthouse retaining wall and sidewalk improvement project. After discussion, the consensus of the board was to replace the concrete circle area on the upper level southwest entrance and remove the concrete benches. A proposal for providing construction materials observation and testing for the courthouse project was received from Certified Testing Services and will be considered at the time of bid letting.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Mummert to approve plan documents prepared by Beck Engineering for the 2020 Cherokee County Courthouse Sidewalk Improvements Project including adding replacement of concrete on the upper level southwest entrance. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to set a public hearing and bid letting on January 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for the 2020 Cherokee County Courthouse Sidewalk Improvements Project. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to submit a Request for Proposal to Hunzelman, Putzier & Co., PLC for Cherokee County audit services for three fiscal years ending June 30, 2022. Motion carried.

A request from Little Sioux Corn Processors for property tax incentives on new construction was discussed. Construction timelines do not qualify for traditional Tax Increment Financing (TIF), however, the supervisors may use Home Rule Authority under Iowa Code Chapter 331 to offer property tax rebates. The board is also in the process of considering adoption of an ordinance to offer property tax exemptions to qualifying industrial businesses. Consensus of the board was to table the request for further consideration.

The current Cherokee Aviation Authority 28E Agreement was reviewed. Section 4 of the agreement states: *The Cherokee Aviation Authority shall have a five member Board. The City of Cherokee, Iowa, shall appoint two Board members who shall be residents of the City of Cherokee, Iowa; and, Cherokee County shall appoint two Board members who shall be residents of the unincorporated territory of Cherokee County, Iowa. One member of the Board shall be a resident of the unincorporated territory of Cherokee County and selected by the Cherokee Aviation Authority Board with approval by the Board of Supervisors and the Cherokee City Council.* The supervisors tabled an appointment to the Aviation Authority Board until individuals who reside in the unincorporated area of Cherokee County are contacted about serving in this capacity.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

Lundquist called for comments from the public. Bill Anderson, CAEDC Director, provided an update on a child care bill currently being considered by the State House of Representatives which would raise household income thresholds to \$90,000 per family to qualify for financial assistance. The House version of the bill would also offer

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tax credits and incentives for child care centers and providers. Anderson also reported that he is in contact with Senator Ernst to encourage extension of investment tax credits for renewable wind energy projects to align with incentives currently offered to solar projects.

There being no further business, a motion was offered by Mummert and seconded by Bush to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

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Gary Lundquist, Chairman

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