
FOR THE YEAR 2020
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MARCH 31, 2020

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert and Wane Miller. Nick Brewer, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Don Drefke, Gary Goebel, Sarah Tracy, Jerod Clyde, Chad Brown, Lisa Bringle and Justin Pritts were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Mongan, Bush, Mummert, Miller, Lundquist; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Mongan, 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.

Gary Goebel, Construction Engineering Technician, presented utility permits for consideration.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve an overhead construction application on county right of way for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36 of Silver Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve an underground construction application on county right of way for CML Telephone in Sections 2 and 3 of Pilot Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Bush to authorize the chairman to sign a certification of the 2018/2019 Cost Allocation Plan which provides reimbursement for expenses incurred by Cherokee County for DHS office space. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Miller to follow the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) as passed by the U.S. Senate on March 18, 2020 and becoming effective on April 1, 2020 with no additional benefits provided by the county beyond what is stated in the FFCRA. Motion carried.

The supervisors discussed the importance of each county department to review their plans to maintain minimal essential services should large numbers of employees become subject to quarantine or sickness due to the COVID19 pandemic. Consensus of the board was to advise each elected official or department manager to determine internal policies that fit their operations to keep their employees safe and limit exposure rather than the supervisors trying to adopt a general countywide directive. The supervisors will consider a policy limiting employee travel during non-work hours to control potential exposure of other county employees and to determine resulting consequences for failure to comply with the travel policy.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

Lundquist called for comments from the public and none were offered.

There being no further business, Chairman Lundquist adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

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Gary Lundquist, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor