

FOR THE YEAR 2020  
 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
 CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
 FEBRUARY 25, 2020

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 with Gary Lundquist, Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, Duane Mummert, and Wane Miller present. There were no representatives from the press. William Gauthier, Randy Smith, Dave Peck, Jim Snapp, Sarah Tracy, Derek Scott, Keva Wolf, Chad Brown, and Justin Pritts were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Mongan, Bush, Mummert, Miller, Lundquist; Nays – two; 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 Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, 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 February 25, 2020:

Alliant Energy	Serv	740.24
Alpha Wireless Communications	Equip	281.20
Joel Anderson	Safety	16.50
Auditor - State Of Iowa	Fees	625.00
Aurelia Municipal Utility	Serv	135.36
Barco Municipal Products Inc	Supp	2,771.82
Beck Engineering	Serv	647.50
Robert Berger	Reimb	64.80
Black Hawk County Sheriff	Serv	36.25
Blaine's Culligan	Supp	12.00
Bob Barker Company Inc.	Supp	19.32
Bomgaars	Supp	244.14
Boyer Trucks	Equip	710.08
Builders Sharpening & Serv	Parts	309.40
Campbell Supply Co	Parts	105.54
Cardmember Service	Supp	356.87
CenturyLink E911	Serv	370.85
CenturyLink Qwest	Serv	153.92
Champion Electric, Inc	Serv	373.41
Chase Card Service-Ink	Supp	441.87
Cherokee Chamber of Commerce	Dues	175.00
Cherokee County Engineer	Fuel	240.53
Cherokee County Sheriff	Fees	193.78
Cherokee Depot	Rent	40.00
Cherokee State Bank Flex	Flex/Self Fund	4,130.20
Cherokee Regional Medical CTR	Contract	808.13
Chronicle Times	Publ	103.99
City of Cherokee	Serv	329.79
CJ Cooper & Associates	Serv	70.00
CML Telephone Coop	Serv	71.65
Counsel	Serv	32.85
Dearborn National Life Insur	Life Ins	1,034.01
Joseph W Draper	Reimb	110.30
Don Drefke	Per Diem	50.00
Kelly Ebel	Safety	16.50
EcoSolutions	Supp	3,740.00
Fareway Commissary	Supp	1,493.08

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FORCE America Distributing,LLC	Parts	128.13
Frank Dunn Co	Supp	799.00
Greyling Fredericksen	Twp Mtg	20.00
Frontier	Serv	129.95
William Gauthier	Per Diem	50.00
Gordon Flesch Company	Serv	37.42
GovConnection, Inc.	Supp	74.20
Graham Tire Storm Lake	Supp	492.00
Charles Grigsby	Electric	16.18
Hallett Materials	Gravel	3,913.53
Steven Holmes	Safety	15.00
I-State Truck Center	Parts	800.78
IACCVSO Decatur County VA	Dues	60.00
Iowa Comm. Assurances Pool	Ins	3,379.00
Iowa Lakes Electric Coop	Serv	2,899.00
IA Lakes Regional Water	Serv	65.09
Iowa State University	Conf Reg	1,080.00
Iowa State Sheriffs & Deputies	Fee	125.00
Iowa State University	Reg Fees	540.00
ISG Field Services LLC	Inspect Pipeline	4,382.95
Janitor's Closet, Ltd	Supp	550.00
David A Julius	Reimb	6.30
Jeff Lundquist	Per Diem	25.00
MailFinance	Lease	2,217.00
Marco	Serv	142.56
Martin Marietta Materials	Supp	505.92
McDyer Tools LLC.	Serv	89.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	Serv	56.12
Mid American Energy	Serv	117.49
Mid-American Benefits, Inc.	Admin Fees	623.00
Midwest Lubricants, Inc	Supp	140.80
Midwest Wheel	Parts	211.13
Wane A Miller	Per Diem	50.00
Mills & Miller, Inc.	Salt	5,584.50
Motor Parts Sales	Parts	259.48
Kirk Nelson	Twp Mtg	10.00
Northside Tire	Serv	56.92
NW Iowa Yes Center	Shelter	609.50
O'Brien County Sheriff	Fees	50.00
Kent Ohlson	Per Diem	25.00
Brian D Olson	Safety	16.50
One Office Solution	Supp	255.07
Michelle K. Pedersen	Per Diem	50.00
Kurt Peterson	Per Diem	25.00
PJ Greufe & Associates	Serv	1,500.00
Plymouth County Sheriff	Fees	135.80
Pocahontas County Sheriff	Fees	93.14
Prestox	Serv	127.00
Record Management Systems Inc	Serv	106.47
Roger Redig	Twp Mtg	20.00

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Larry Reilly	Twp Mtg	20.00
Reliance Telephone Systems Inc	Serv	300.00
Sanitary Services Inc	Serv	208.80
John P Schwarz	Safety	15.00
Brian J Smith	Safety	15.00
Solutions, Inc.	Serv	10.55
Star Energy	Fuel	2,414.88
State of Iowa Elevator Safety	Elevator Inspection	175.00
State Steel of Spencer	Supp	1,551.75
Dan & Barb Steward	Lease	700.00
Thomson Reuters	Fees	480.40
Gerald M Tuttle	Reimb	24.30
U.S. Postal Service	Postage	80.00
Verizon Wireless	Serv	588.28
Wellmark BCBS Of Iowa	Insurance	90,034.14
WesTel Systems	Serv	933.85
White Glove Janitorial	Cleaning	658.00
Wiese Oil & Supply	Fuel	2,749.20
Keva D Wolf	Reimb	244.23
Ziegler Inc	Supp	1,567.12
Grand Total		\$156,492.31

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to open a public hearing for the proposed 2020/2021 Property Tax Revenues. Roll call vote: Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Lundquist-aye. Motion carried. Chairman Lundquist asked for comments from the public.

Hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Mongan, seconded by Mummert to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Lundquist-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution #2020-02 Approval of Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Maximum Property Tax Dollars *NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cherokee County, Iowa, that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY2020/2021 shall not exceed the following: General County Services - \$3,890,779 and Rural County Services - \$2,285,066. The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY2020/2021 represent a 5.62% reduction for General County Services and a 5.76% reduction for Rural County Services from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY2019/2020.* Roll call vote: Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Lundquist-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Bush to approve the 2020/2021 Proposed Budget for publication and set a Public Budget Hearing on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room. Motion carried. The Proposed 2020/2021 Budget includes total taxes levied on property of \$6,342,431 and tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation of \$4.36377 for urban areas and \$7.51376 for rural areas.

Jerod Clyde, County Sheriff, presented two wage authorizations for consideration.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Mummert to approve a wage increase from \$27.26 to \$28.43 per hour for Jacqueline Stephens, Full-Time Deputy, effective February 5, 2020 and to pay back wages for hours worked since February 5, 2020 when the one-year step wage should have been applied. Motion carried.

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Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve a step wage increase from \$27.26 to \$28.43 per hour for Jason Galeano, Full-Time Deputy, due to one year of employment and effective March 9, 2020. Motion carried.

Sarah Tracy, Zoning Administrator, presented a rezoning recommendation for consideration and discussed her intent to update the county's zoning regulations and map.

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Motion by Mummert, seconded by Mongan to approve a request from Alan Roberts to rezone 10.24 acres in Sections 15 and 16 in Cherokee Township from commercial to agricultural residential as recommended by the Cherokee County Zoning Commission. Motion carried with Bush and Miller voting nay.

Bill Anderson spoke on behalf of the Cherokee Day Care Center and introduced Center Director Kassandra Cox, Board Member/Treasurer Erica Clark, Board Member Meredith Aguirre, and Classroom Teacher Emily Kreber. Current enrollment at the center is 63 children with 31 being state pay or DHS protective care clients. Overhead costs of operating a day care and staffing needs were discussed, with Anderson emphasizing that staff and board members continue to look for cost saving measures to maintain outstanding service on a very limited budget. Several improvement projects including a new roof, security system, dishwasher, washer and dryer will require additional funding in the near future. Cox reported that the Cherokee Day Care is the only center in the City of Cherokee that is licensed to provide DHS protective care. Bush spoke on research that indicates adverse childhood experiences follow individuals into adulthood and result in increased medical and mental health issues. Bush added that the DHS program in the daycare is one way the community can intervene at an early age with positive outcomes. Cox stated that social workers are regularly in the daycare and work closely with staff members to meet the everchanging needs of children.

The supervisors reviewed a proposed 28E agreement for a five county Workforce Development Area 12 Board. Action on the agreement was tabled until further information is provided concerning shared liability amongst the member counties.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve an engagement letter with Hunzelman, Putzier & Co., PLC for audit preparation of financial statements, depreciation schedule and other supplementary information for the year ending June 30, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve an engagement letter with Winther Stave & Co. for audit services in the years ending June 30, 2020, 2021, and 2022. Motion carried.

Miller reviewed terms of a current lease between Cherokee County and Little Sioux Wildlife Association and listed potential problems that need to be addressed. After a lengthy discussion, the supervisors and Little Sioux Wildlife representatives came to a tentative plan to address liability insurance and non-profit status for the association.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Miller to serve notice to terminate the current lease between Cherokee County and the Little Sioux Wildlife Association on June 30, 2020 and draft a new five year lease agreement between Cherokee County and the Little Sioux Wildlife Association with the stipulation that the Association reinstates its corporate status in the State of Iowa; resumes its 501(c)(4) tax free status with the IRS; purchases liability insurance with Cherokee County listed as an additional insured entity; the public is allowed to join the group as paid members; and contact information is made available for the public at the entrance of the property. Motion carried.

Beau Fey and Amy Bruner, Stone Group Architects, gave an informative presentation of the services their firm provides and highlighted several of their recent projects completed in Northwest Iowa. Bruner thanked the supervisors for the opportunity to introduce their company and answered questions about their project management and needs assessment process. The county currently does not have any building projects planned for the near future.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Lundquist called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Bush to adjourn the regular session at 10:58 a.m. Motion carried.

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Gary Lundquist, Chairman

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