
FOR THE YEAR 2015
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
NOVEMBER 24, 2015

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Jim Peck, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Brandon Billings, Mark Buschkamp, Justin Pritts, Dave Scott, Mark Murphy, and Jeff Friedrichsen were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Mongan, Lundquist, Peck, Bush; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Peck to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve the claims for payment as presented. Motion carried with Peck abstaining. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Lundquist to open a public hearing at 9:05 a.m. for the 2015 Amendment to the Little Sioux Urban Renewal Area Plan. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried. Chairman Bush briefly explained the purpose of the amendment to the current TIF area and asked for comments from the public.

Hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to close the public hearing at 9:08 a.m. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to approve Resolution #2015-29 "2015 Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Little Sioux Urban Renewal Area". Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

The supervisors reviewed Family Farm applications filed in the County Assessor's Office for credits applied to property taxes payable in 2016/2017.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Peck to approve/disallow the 2015 Family Farm applications as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to open a public hearing at 9:15 a.m. for Incurring Noncurrent Debt. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried. Chairman Bush explained that the County would incur noncurrent debt in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of undertaking the construction of improvements to County roads located in the Little Sioux Corn Processors Urban Renewal Area. Bush asked for comments from the public.

Hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to close the public hearing at 9:18 a.m. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to approve Resolution #2015-30 "Authorizing Internal Advance to Fund Urban Renewal Project Costs". Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Peck to sign the 2015 Cherokee County LSCP Urban Renewal Area Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Indebtedness Certification Form reporting \$100,000 of debt not previously certified. Motion carried.

Lisa Bringle, Community Services Director, reported that Destiny Jorgensen, Case Manager, has resigned from her position as of December 4, 2015. Bringle also discussed relocating her office to the courthouse since she now is employed by the Rolling Hills Region and does not keep regular office hours in Cherokee County. The County currently leases office space at the Cherokee Mental Health Institute for the Case Management program, which will be ending on December 31, 2015.

Matt Susemihl, Bixenman Insurance, presented renewal quotes for public officials bonds as required by the Code of Iowa including a \$500,000 County Treasurer Bond (\$2,187.50); \$250,000 County Sheriff Bond (\$929.68); \$50,000 County Engineer Bond (\$150.00); and \$100,000 Blanket Bond (\$2,268.00) for all county employees. The bonds will automatically renew on January 1, 2016 to provide continued liability coverage for Cherokee County.

Loan documents with Central Bank for financing of a recent lawn tractor purchase were reviewed.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Peck to authorize the Chairman to sign financing agreements and loan documents for the purchase of a lawn tractor from Builder's Sharpening and Service, financed at 4% interest through Central Bank. Motion carried.

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Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve final separation of employment for Nathan Carlson, 911 Dispatcher. Motion carried.

Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy, provided a progress report on the Law Enforcement Center Renovation Project.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor