
FOR THE YEAR 2016
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JANUARY 26, 2016

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Jim Peck, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Emily Heidesch, Steph Thill, Sam Cushman, Mark Murphy, Justin Pritts and Stu Hogg 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 Lundquist, seconded by Mongan to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, 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. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

Hedgie Brandt, County Treasurer, presented a semi-annual cash report and two wage authorizations for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve the Treasurer's December 31, 2015 Semi-Annual Cash Report as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Peck to approve a 65 cent wage increase to \$17.15 for Treasurer's Clerks Jalene Woods and Debie Stevenson due to their successful completion of a six month probationary period with an effective date of January 27, 2015.

The supervisors reviewed original wage authorizations for the hiring of Woods and Stevenson as approved on July 14, 2015 that included a 35 cent wage increase after a six month probationary period.

Lundquist rescinded his motion.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Peck to stay with the original six month wage authorization of \$16.87 (35 cent increase) for Jalene Woods and Debie Stevenson, Treasurer's Clerks, as previously requested by Brandt and approved by the supervisors at the time of employment. Motion carried.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, presented a consulting contract and wage authorization for consideration.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to authorize the chairman to sign a \$60,000 consulting contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for design services on the 480th Street paving project north of the Little Sioux Corn Processors ethanol plant. Motion carried.

Billings requested a \$20.00 wage authorization (\$2.30 increase) for Paula Ellis, Engineer's Administrative Assistant, for the purpose of bringing her wage into a comparable level with Engineer's Office Managers in other counties.

After a lengthy discussion, Lundquist offered a motion to deny the wage increase request for Paula Ellis, Engineer's Administrative Assistant, and maintain the suggested 2 ¼% increase for all county employees on July 1, 2016. Mongan seconded the motion. Motion failed with Lundquist and Mongan voting aye and Simonsen, Peck and Bush voting nay.

Motion by Simonsen to approve a \$19.00 (\$1.30 increase) wage authorization for Paula Ellis, Engineer's Administrative Assistant, effective immediately. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion by Peck, seconded by Simonsen to approve a three step wage authorization for Paula Ellis, Engineer's Administrative Assistant, including \$18.46 (76 cents) on January 26, 2016; \$19.22 (76 cents) on July 1, 2016; and \$20.00 (78 cents) on July 1, 2017. Motion carried with Mongan and Lundquist voting nay.

Mike Brown, Schumacher Elevator, presented a quote for updating the courthouse elevator to meet new standards. Lundquist requested a revised quote to include repair of the hydraulic system to eliminate repeated maintenance and service calls. Brown will provide an updated quote to be considered at a later date.

Willie Allbaugh, Quimby City Councilman, requested \$15,000 from the County Rural Betterment Fund to help defray the cost of a new well for the City of Quimby. The supervisors will consider the request during the budget process.

Allbaugh and Don Fiser, Quimby Fire Department, requested financial support for the Quimby ambulance service and explained that the Quimby Fire and Rescue is providing coverage for the Washta area due to a very limited number of trained personnel on the Washta Fire Department. No action was taken.

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Mark Buschkamp, Brian Freed, and Mike Dunn presented the Cherokee Area Economic Development Corporation's 2015 Annual Report and requested an increase in county funding to assist with recruitment of businesses. The request will be considered during the budget process.

Mongan reported that the Law Enforcement Center Renovation project should be completed by the end of next week with a final state jail inspection required before it can become fully operational.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor