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FOR THE YEAR 2017  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
MARCH 7, 2017

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 with Dennis Bush, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, Jeff Simonsen, and Rick Mongan present. Scott Brown, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. Mark Murphy and Sam Kooiker were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Bush, Lundquist, Mummert, Mongan; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to open a public hearing for the proposed 2017/2018 fiscal year budget. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried. Chairman Mongan asked for comments from the public.

Hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Bush, seconded by Lundquist to close the public hearing at 9:03 a.m. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to adopt Resolution #2017-05 Adopting the County Compensation Board recommendations for 2017/2018 elected official salaries as follows: Attorney \$96,250 (\$2,250 increase), Auditor \$57,250 (\$2,000 increase), Recorder \$57,250 (\$2,000 increase), Sheriff \$74,000 (\$2,000 increase), Treasurer \$57,250 (\$2,000 increase), and Supervisors \$24,000 (\$1,000 increase) with a \$1,000 stipend for the Chairman. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to adopt the fiscal year 2017/2018 budget as published and to certify it to the state. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried.

Mummert inquired about an empty lot in the City of Cherokee and questioned what the process is to get properties back on the tax roll after they have gone through a tax sale. Chairman Mongan asked the County Treasurer to join the meeting. Hedgie Brandt, County Treasurer, provided a list of 24 properties that have multiple years of delinquent taxes but were never bought by an investor during the tax sale process. The parcels are now considered County Held Tax Sale Certificates with the yearly property taxes accumulating, however, titles to the properties have not been transferred to Cherokee County. After a lengthy discussion, the issue was tabled until the County Attorney can review possible options for getting properties with delinquent taxes taken care of.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mummert to approve ISG Field Services Invoice #C1143 for submission to Dakota Access Pipeline for payment of inspection services provided from January 29, 2017 through February 25, 2017. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

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Rick Mongan, Chairman

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