

FOR THE YEAR 2017  
 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
 CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
 MAY 23, 2017

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 with Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Jeff Simonsen present. Dennis Bush called in via telephone. Scott Brown, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. Bill Smith, Dana Evans, Justin Pritts and Erin Sonksen were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Lundquist, Mummert, Mongan; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist 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 May 23, 2017:

Advanced Systems Inc	Serv	8.45
Alliant Energy	Serv	166.76
Alpha Wireless	Equip	2,520.30
ATIRACredit MasterCard	Supp	1,960.25
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Equip	2,152.02
Benson Construction	Serv	360.00
Blacktop Service Company Inc	Serv	16,000.00
Bob Barker Company Inc.	Supp	73.87
Bomgaars	Supp	618.09
Samantha Boothby	Travel Reimb	53.10
Brown Supply Co Inc	Supp	474.91
Builders Sharpening & Serv	Parts	160.35
Central Iowa Distributing	Parts	794.50
Chase Card Service-Ink	Supp	136.49
Three Rivers Benefit Corp	Flex	8,443.83
Cherokee County Work Services	Cleaning	115.00
Cherokee Regional Medical CTR	Contract	762.90
Cherokee Regional Clinic	Serv	310.00
Chronicle Times	Ads	94.00
City of Cherokee	Serv	268.48
CJ Cooper & Associates	Serv	35.00
CML Telephone Coop	Serv	771.94
Eric J. Comstock	Serv	885.28
Counsel	Serv	84.17
Lisa A Dame	Travel Reimb	37.83
DCI - SOR	Fee	90.00
Dearborn National Life Ins	Life Ins	793.46
Kimberly Dierenfeld	Travel Reimb	399.74
Double Overtime LLC	Rent	500.00
Fareway	Food	455.47
Filter Recycling	Supp	150.00
First Cooperative Association	Serv	13,325.70
Don Fiser	Travel Reimb	125.00
Frank Dunn Co	Supp	789.00
Frontier	Serv	129.95
Ganger Paint & Body Inc.	Serv	734.01
GCC Alliance Concrete, Inc.	Serv	2,548.00
Hallett Materials	Supp	10,700.89

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Molly M Hill	Travel Reimb	129.60
Steven Holmes	Safety	50.82
Holzauer Motors LTD	Serv	157.81
Hy-Vee Inc.	Supp	20.96
Ida County Sheriff	Fees	26.00
Intoximeters, Inc.	Supp	790.00
Iowa Lakes Electric Coop	Serv	645.04
IA Lakes Regional Water	Serv	158.07
Iowa Secretary Of State	Serv	311.34
John Deere Financial	Parts	330.39
Koenig Portable Toilets	Serv	122.00
Hasler	Lease	1,881.00
Marco Technologies LLC.	Serv	190.77
Martin Marietta Materials	Supp	11,487.72
Microsoft Corporation	Serv	1,806.00
Mid American Energy	Serv	856.33
Modern Heating & Cooling, Inc	Serv	28.89
NACVSO	Fee	300.00
O'Brien County Sheriff	Fees	33.00
Gary Olsen	Per Diem	250.00
One Office Solution	Supp	320.91
Pakor, Inc	Supp	233.55
Perrin Directional Drilling	Tile Bore	1,350.00
Pictometry International Corp.	Serv	562.50
Plymouth County Sheriff	Fees	17.50
Prestox	Serv	174.19
Justin M Pritts	Travel Reimb	36.86
Reliance Telephone Systems Inc	Supp	200.00
Ricoh USA, Inc.	Serv	26.83
Jean E Rupp	Per Diem	266.20
Sac County Sheriff	Fees	38.82
Sanitary Services Inc	Serv	136.20
Shopko Stores Operating Co.	Supp	38.98
Sioux County Sheriff	Fees	69.00
Solutions, Inc.	Fees	500.00
Tahnee Mara, Inc.	Serv	667.82
Stephanie L Thill	Travel Reimb	19.17
Thomson Reuters-West	Fees	842.26
Donald Todd	Well Closure	500.00
Treasurer, IA State University	Training	150.00
United Seeds, Inc.	Supp	3,360.00
USPS - Hasler	Postage	2,600.00
Vanguard Appraisals Inc	Reappraisal	57,194.10
Verizon Wireless	Serv	283.44
Wellmark BCBS Of Iowa	Insurance	73,335.27
WesTel Systems	Serv	747.85
Wicks Construction Inc.	Serv	219,804.57
Wiese Oil & Supply	Fuel	846.72
David Wilberding	Per Diem	250.00
Windstream Iowa-Comm. Inc.	Supp	820.73

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Woodbury County Sheriff	Fees	21.36
Woodward Youth Corporation	Shelter	1,399.50
Xerox Financial Services	Serv	65.89
Ziegler Inc	Supp	4,176.79
Grand Total		\$458,661.49

Rick Angell, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield Representative, presented Cherokee County's annual health insurance renewal which reported two years of medical claims experience in excess of 1.4 million dollars.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to approve the July 1, 2017 renewal of Wellmark Plan K0T/ODO Plus (\$4,000/\$8,000 deductible; \$6,350/\$12,700 out of pocket maximum; \$30 office visit co-pay) including a 5.85% premium increase. Motion carried.

In an effort to reduce annual premium increases and to maintain affordable health benefits for employees; Cherokee County purchases a higher deductible health insurance plan and partially self-funds a buy down of deductibles to \$1,000/\$2,000 and out of pocket maximums of \$2,000/\$4,000. Employees choose between a single or family policy and pay 25% of monthly premium costs while Cherokee County pays 75% of premium costs. Employees hired prior to 1991 are provided family coverage for 25% of the cost of a single policy. Terms of the County provided health benefit plan apply to all employees including union, non-union, and elected officials.

Brandon Billings, County Engineer, discussed a need to hire additional staff and presented utility permits and a federal aid cost sharing agreement for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 7 of Amherst Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve an underground utility permit for the City of Quimby in Section 11 of Willow Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mummert to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Sections 29 and 32 of Cherokee Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Lundquist to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Sections 3 and 10 of Silver Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 21 of Liberty Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 19 of Sheridan Township. Motion carried.

Billings reported that one employee has left and another will be leaving soon and asked for a consensus to advertise to fill one or possibly two positions as soon as possible. No objections were heard.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to authorize the chairman to sign a Federal Aid Funding Agreement for the C16 bridge replacement project #BRS-CO18(69)--60-18. Motion carried.

Bill Smith, Aurelia, expressed concern about the Dakota Access Pipeline and presented several topics for the supervisors to be aware of as the pipeline project proceeds through Cherokee County.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Simonsen to approve a \$14.00 wage authorization for Erin Sonksen, Part-Time Environmental Health/EMS Specialist, effective May 15, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve a separation of employment and \$3,414.35 final payout of vacation, comp and hours worked for Kenny Schlenger, Secondary Roads Operator, effective May 17, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mummert to approve ISG Field Services Invoice #C1171 for submission to Dakota Access Pipeline for payment of inspection services provided from March 26, 2017 through April 29, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Simonsen to accept Liz White's resignation from the Board of Health. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to appoint Sue Roemen as Board of Health member to complete the term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried.

The supervisors reviewed a proposal received for auditing services.

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Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to award a three year contract to Hunzelman, Putzier & Co., PLC, for auditing services beginning with the 2016/2017 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to approve Resolution #2017-08 Inter-fund Operating Transfer of \$33,598.52 from Case Management Fund to Community Services (MH) Fund. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

The supervisors and County Attorney Ryan Kolpin discussed recent legislation regarding fireworks and agreed that the county will no longer issue permits for consumer fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the county as their purchase and use are now governed by state law. Kolpin advised that the County may need to adopt a policy to address commercial permits if the need arises.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

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Rick Mongan, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Kris Glienke, County Auditor