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FOR THE YEAR 2018  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
JANUARY 30, 2018

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Jeff Simonsen present. Steve Peterson, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. Tim Perrin, Don Fiser, Brandon Billings, Jerry Weiland and Emily Heidesch 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 Mummert, seconded by Lundquist to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Jerod Clyde, County Sheriff, presented a wage authorization for consideration.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Simonsen to approve a \$23.16 wage authorization for Nathan Hoss, Full-Time Deputy, effective January 31, 2018 with a one year probation as previously approved by the Cherokee County Civil Service Commission. Motion carried.

Russ Winterhof, Soil and Water Conservation District Director, and Katie Cedar, Conservation Technician, thanked the supervisors for their continued support of conservation practices and provided a summary of projects completed during the previous year. Winterhof presented a cooperative project between the Soil and Water Conservation District and the City of Cherokee to address flooding on Railroad Creek that is in the grant application stage. It is hoped that this urban watershed project is the initial step in solving the problem with plans to implement additional conservation projects in the rural watershed area of Railroad Creek.

Joe Draper and William Gauthier, Veteran Affairs Commissioners, presented a wage authorization for consideration and reviewed the Veteran Affairs proposed budget for 2018/2019.

After a lengthy discussion, the board suggested that line items for a new part time secretary position in the VA Commission budget be removed. Draper agreed that the VA Commissioners would delay asking for an additional support position for another year until the workload of the office can be reviewed.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mummert to approve a \$20.00 wage authorization for Gerald Weiland, Veteran Affairs Director, effective February 1, 2018 with no additional wage increases through June 30, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to authorize the chairman to sign the 2018 Weed Commissioner's Annual Report as completed by Larry Walker, Weed Commissioner. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve Resolution #2018-02 "Notice for Destruction of Noxious Weeds"

*WHEREAS, Cherokee County pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 317 wishes to provide guidelines and to further to provide proper notice to property owners and those in control thereof as follows:*

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Cherokee County, Iowa, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 317, Code of Iowa, hereby orders:*

- 1. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Cherokee County, shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon as defined in the Chapter and shall prevent weed seeds from blooming or coming to maturity and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut, burned or otherwise destroyed on or before the following date and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production.*

***June 1, 2018 for Primary noxious weeds and July 1, 2018 for Secondary noxious weeds***

- 2. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Cherokee County, infested with any primary noxious weeds, including quack grass, perennial sow thistle, Canada thistle, bull thistle, field bindweed, horse nettle, leafy spurge, perennial peppergrass or Russian knapweed, immediately keep under control such infestations of said Primary noxious weeds.*
- 3. That if the owners or person in possession or control of any land in Cherokee County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and expense of said work, including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the land and the owners thereof.*
- 4. That the County Auditor is hereby directed to cause notice of making and entering the foregoing resolution for publication in each of the official newspapers of the County.*

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*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Cherokee County hereby adopts this destruction of noxious weeds resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 317.*

Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Bush-aye, Lundquist-aye, Mummert-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Mummert explained details of the City of Cherokee's grant application for watershed funding to create a retaining pond along Railroad Creek northeast of the Cherokee Community Center which is designed to hold a three to four inch rain and release it into the creek at a slower rate.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to authorize the chairman to sign a letter of support for the City of Cherokee's Water Quality Initiative Grant Application for the purpose of watershed management on Railroad Creek. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed budget figures for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

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Rick Mongan, Chairman

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