
FOR THE YEAR 2018
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JULY 31, 2018

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 with Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Jeff Simonsen present. Steve Peterson, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. Wane Miller, William Gauthier, Mark Murphy, and Justin Pritts 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 Bush, seconded by Lundquist to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Joyce Rasmus, Back 40 Music, requested approval of an alcohol permit for the Mill Creek Festival.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mummert to approve a temporary alcohol permit for Back 40 Music, LLC, for the Mill Creek Festival to be held in rural Cherokee County with a five day term beginning August 1, 2018. Motion carried with Bush voting nay.

Brandon Billings, County Engineer, presented a utility permit for consideration.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Bush to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Sections 4 and 9 of Tilden Township. Motion carried.

Paul Paltz, Courthouse Building Custodian, denied the option for a closed session to conduct his job evaluation.

Mongan reported that several of the items discussed during Paltz's evaluation a year ago are still ongoing problems that need to be addressed. Mongan stated that two employees fell on the ice last winter and snow removal is an area that has to be improved. Lundquist added that he brings his own skid loader to assist Paltz with snow removal and both of them scoop and spread ice melt. Paltz requested permission to upgrade the current lawn tractor to a four wheel drive unit which would make snow removal more efficient. Mummert indicated that he would be in favor of a larger tractor and a walk behind snowblower and recommended getting bids for review by the supervisors. Lundquist reported that he has already received a bid from Builder's Sharpening for trading in the current tractor for a larger model and will present it at a future meeting. Mongan instructed Paltz, as Building Custodian, to report to the Courthouse Building Committee (Lundquist and Mummert) if he hears or sees any problems in the courthouse or on the property so they can be addressed in a timely manner. Lundquist read a letter from the Veteran Affairs Commission commending Paltz for assisting with setting up their new office in the courthouse. Bush added that he has been impressed with Paltz's construction skills and appreciates his willingness to do projects that the county has had to hire out in the past. Bush also stated that the cleanliness of the courthouse is better than it has been in the past. Mongan summarized that an annual evaluation helps the supervisors learn what is happening with the courthouse property and address issues, but they shouldn't have to stumble on these items, the supervisors should have been informed when the problems were first noticed. Simonsen suggested that they hold weekly discussions with the Building Custodian to keep apprised of building issues.

The supervisors discussed two options for cleaning the Juvenile Court Services office at the MHI Campus.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Lundquist to pursue a housekeeping service through Cherokee Mental Health Institute on a monthly basis. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Rick Mongan, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor