
FOR THE YEAR 2019
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
DECEMBER 17, 2019

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Wane Miller present. Nick Brewer, *Chronicle Times*, and Steve Peterson, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. Sarah Tracy, William Gauthier, Willie Allbaugh, Don Fiser, Chad Brown, and Justin Pritts were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Lundquist, Bush, Mummert, Miller, Mongan; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wane Miller, Veteran Affairs Commissioner.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Miller to approve an amended agenda to delay discussion with the county attorney about outside legal counsel. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Bush to approve a step wage to \$20.37 per hour for Brittny Shropshire, Dispatcher, effective November 2, 2019 and to pay back wages for hours worked since May 2, 2019 when the step wage should have been applied. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Miller to approve a step wage to \$18.88 per hour for Malori Hill, Dispatcher, effective December 10, 2019. Motion carried.

Chad Brown, Conservation Director, discussed projects planned for the current budget year and requested consideration of a budget amendment to allow him to spend additional funds before June 30th. The supervisors will include his request when a county wide budget amendment is prepared.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mummert to approve Resolution #2019-14 Inter-Fund Operating Transfer of \$50,000.00 from General Basic Fund to Conservation Reserve Fund. Roll call vote: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Miller to approve Resolution #2019-15 Inter-Fund Operating Transfer of \$1,055,585.00 from Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Cherokee Regional Medical Center Ambulance/EMS representatives Ben Schilmoeller, Melissa Cunningham and Gary Jordan provided a review of ambulance services and reported 1030 calls in 2018 and 975 so far in 2019. Staffing continues to be an issue to have an ambulance crew ready to transport patients and provide a backup crew for 911 calls. Schilmoeller thanked the supervisors for their financial support and requested an additional \$80,000 per year to add 8 ½ additional employees on a full-time basis to allow for two ambulance crews on a 24/7 basis. The request will be taken under consideration.

Willie Allbaugh, Quimby Councilman, and Alyssa Herbold, Quimby City Attorney, reported on expenses incurred by the City of Quimby in excess of a million dollars for replacing a sewer line to the City's lagoon damaged by flooding of the Little Sioux River. The project has been approved by FEMA including a 75% federal funding award and 10% from the State of Iowa. Herbold provided options for the City of Quimby to comply with FEMA requirements, however, assistance from the county will be needed in the form of a temporary loan since the City is required to pay for all expenses before FEMA and State funds are provided. The supervisors advised Herbold to consult with the County Attorney to determine possible action by Cherokee County to support the City of Quimby in resolving this issue.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Bush to approve ISG Field Services Invoice #C1605 for submission to Dakota Access Pipeline for payment of inspection services provided from October 28, 2019 through November 24, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Miller to set a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on January 7, 2020 for proposed Ordinance #2020-01 "Related to Industrial Property Tax Exemptions" pursuant to Chapter 427B of the Code of Iowa. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

Mongan called for comments from the public and none were offered from those in attendance.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Rick Mongan, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor