
FOR THE YEAR 2019
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
FEBRUARY 19, 2019

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 with Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Dennis Bush, Duane Mummert, and Wane Miller present. Steve Peterson, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. William Gauthier was also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Lundquist, Bush, Mummert, Miller, Mongan; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Marcus Fire Department representatives Jim Russel, Russ Hansen, and Mike Scholten provided details of the department's annual fire and ambulance calls with 171 responses and 3237 total on-duty hours for their 26 member unit. The supervisors thanked the Marcus Fire Department for their commitment to providing vital services to residents and applauded them for their professional administration of the volunteer department.

Jerod Clyde, County Sheriff, presented two wage authorizations for consideration.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Bush to approve a \$19.37 wage authorization for Jessica Logan, Full-Time Dispatcher, effective February 19, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Miller to approve a \$23.70 wage authorization for Jason Galeano, Full-Time Deputy, effective March 9, 2019 with a one year probation as previously approved by the Cherokee County Civil Service Commission. Motion carried.

Amanda Harper, Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO), presented information about the Western Iowa Community Regional Housing Trust Fund. Federal Home Loan Bank grants have been received annually since 2013 with a 25% local match for the purpose of developing and preserving affordable housing locally. Cherokee County's share of the annual local match is \$12,000 and approximately \$60,676 of home improvements were completed in the 2017 grant year for low income, owner occupied homes in Cherokee County with the available grant funds.

Kirk Letsche, Marcus Fair Board, presented an annual financial report and discussed electrical upgrades that are necessary to support recent building improvements. Letsche thanked the supervisors for their continued financial support and emphasized that the Marcus Fair Board continues to provide a good fair event because of many volunteer hours, community and local business support, and dedication of city employees who monitor the fairgrounds all year long. The supervisors commended the Marcus Fair Board members for putting on a really good fair for the size of their community and told them to "keep up the good work!"

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve a separation of employment and \$2,759.52 final payout of vacation and hours worked for James Branstetter, GIS Tech, effective February 15, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Lundquist to approve Resolution #2019-03 Petitioning the Governor and Legislature of Iowa to Revise Iowa Code Chapter 53.17(2) Pertaining to Absentee Ballots "*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors do hereby petition the Governor and Legislature of Iowa to simplify the standard for counting absentee ballots.*" Roll call vote: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Mummert to authorize the chairman to sign a letter to Governor Reynolds supporting a *Sure-Count Deadline Proposal* by the Iowa State Association of County Auditors: No absentee ballots received after polls close on Election Day will be counted (excluding absentee ballots from our armed forces). Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve Resolution #2019-04 Designating Duties to Prepare and Adopt the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget "*NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors for Cherokee County, Iowa, hereby resolves to designate Kris Glienke to assist in its duties to prepare and adopt a budget pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 331.434 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Further, the Cherokee County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves to allocate an amount of \$2,500.00 to Kris Glienke upon certification of the budget and tax certification to the Iowa Department of Management.*" Roll call vote: Lundquist-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Rick Mongan, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor