
FOR THE YEAR 2020
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
DECEMBER 1, 2020

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Wane Miller present. There were no representatives from the press. Bryan Petersen, Sarah Tracy, Stu Hogg and Justin Pritts were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Mongan, Bush, Mummert, Miller, Lundquist; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

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

Bill Anderson, CAEDC Director, and Brian Freed presented an overview of successful economic development projects over the last year. Anderson stated that workforce, housing and day care continue to be the main issues that need to be addressed. Freed added that the success CAEDC is having relates directly to the day the Board of Supervisors voted to fully fund economic development. Cherokee County has been successful with economic development projects in recent years including having one of 20 state certified shovel ready sites in Iowa to attract future business growth.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve Resolution #2020-12 “Recommending Approval of Humboldt County’s Request to Join the Rolling Hills Community Services Region Effective July 1, 2021”

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the Resolution, Explanation for the Recommendation and Memorandum of Understanding from the Rolling Hills Community Services Governance Board recommending approval for Humboldt County to enter into partnership with the Rolling Hills Community Services Region; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County is willing to join the Rolling Hills Community Services Region by entering into a 28E Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County accepts the terms and conditions of the 28E Agreement established by the Rolling Hills Community Services Region; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County accepts the Regional Plans as approved by the Governance Board and the Iowa Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County agrees to provide a financial contribution to the Rolling Hills Community Services Region based on the terms of the 28E Agreement or other means if accepted into the Region prior to July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County agrees to provide quarterly payments of the Per Capita Contribution upon entrance in to the Region; and

WHEREAS, the Rolling Hills Community Services Governance Board has passed a motion to allow Humboldt County to enter the Region effective July 1, 2021 should the majority of the member Counties approve a Resolution of the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED that the Cherokee County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the request of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to join the Rolling Hills Community Services Region.

SO DATED the first day of December, 2020. /s/ Gary Lundquist, Chairman.

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

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve Resolution #2020-13 “Recommending Approval of Pocahontas County’s Request to Join the Rolling Hills Community Services Region Effective July 1, 2021”

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the Resolution, Explanation for the Recommendation and Memorandum of Understanding from the Rolling Hills Community Services Governance Board recommending approval for Pocahontas County to enter into partnership with the Rolling Hills Community Services Region; and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County is willing to join the Rolling Hills Community Services Region by entering into a 28E Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County accepts the terms and conditions of the 28E Agreement established by the Rolling Hills Community Services Region; and

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WHEREAS, Pocahontas County accepts the Regional Plans as approved by the Governance Board and the Iowa Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County agrees to provide a financial contribution to the Rolling Hills Community Services Region based on the terms of the 28E Agreement or other means if accepted into the Region prior to July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County agrees to provide quarterly payments of the Per Capita Contribution upon entrance in to the Region; and

WHEREAS, the Rolling Hills Community Services Governance Board has passed a motion to allow Pocahontas County to enter the Region effective July 1, 2021 should the majority of the member Counties approve a Resolution of the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED that the Cherokee County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the request of the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors to join the Rolling Hills Community Services Region.

SO DATED the first day of December, 2020. /s/ Gary Lundquist, Chairman.

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

The supervisors reviewed the proposed Airport Zoning Height Ordinance as presented at a previous meeting by the Cherokee Aviation Authority.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Mongan to move forward with the proposed Airport Zoning Height Ordinance and publish a summary in all official newspapers. Motion carried.

Sarah Tracy, Zoning Administrator, voiced concerns about specific language in the proposed ordinance and requested that the supervisors table action on the ordinance until she is able to do further research and find answers to her questions.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to rescind the prior motion and to table action on the proposed Airport Zoning Height Ordinance until the Zoning Administrator, County Attorney, Cherokee City Attorney, and Cherokee Aviation Board are able to draft a document that is agreeable to all parties. Motion carried.

Lundquist asked for a consensus of board members to set preliminary figures for 2020/2021 employee wage and health insurance increases so department managers can prepare their initial budget requests. After discussion, consensus was to direct departments to prepare their budgets with a 2.5% wage increase and 10% health insurance increase with the understanding that these figures may be adjusted higher or lower by the Board of Supervisors during the budget process.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

Lundquist called for comments from the public. Justin Pritts, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided updated statistics on COVID numbers in Cherokee County.

There being no further business, Chairman Lundquist adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

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Gary Lundquist, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor