

FOR THE YEAR 2020
 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
 CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
 JANUARY 14, 2020

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Wane Miller present. Nick Brewer, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. William Gauthier, Sarah Tracy, Kelly Puhmann, Jerod Clyde, Barb Staver, Don Fiser, and Justin Pritts were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes –Mongan, Bush, Mummert, Miller, Lundquist; Naves – none; Abstentions – none.

Chairman Lundquist called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Motion by Miller, seconded by Mummert to approve an amended agenda to postpone the Recorder's Revenue Report. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Bush to approve the claims for payment as presented. Motion carried.

A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

Claims Approved January 14, 2020:

Advanced Systems Inc	Serv	9.98
Alliant Energy	Serv	854.51
Alpha Wireless Communications	Equip	3,714.58
Gary Anderson	PerDiem	10.00
Aurelia Municipal Utility	Serv	132.51
Beck Engineering	Serv	13,895.00
Robert Berger	Reimb	174.60
Blaine's Culligan	Supp	23.00
Bob Barker Company Inc.	Supp	371.82
Bomgaars	Supp	354.77
Chad M Brown	PerDiem	10.00
Calhoun Burns Associates, Inc	Serv	7,102.80
Campbell Supply Co	Parts	351.91
Cardmember Service	Supp	1,059.70
Glenn Cave	PerDiem	10.00
Central Iowa Distributing	Parts	457.20
CenturyLink E911	Serv	372.00
Champion Electric, Inc	Serv	28.55
Chase Card Service-Ink	Supp	731.81
Cherokee County Sheriff	Fees	34.00
Cherokee County Solid Waste	Approp	22,733.69
Cherokee Depot	Rent	40.00
Cherokee State Bank Flex/Merp	Flex/Self Fund	7,448.62
Cherokee Regional Medical CTR	Contract	10,313.15
Cherokee Rural Water	Serv	128.20
Chronicle Times	Publ	826.27
City of Cherokee	Serv	159.26
City of Cleghorn	TJ Pmt	169.27
City of Larrabee	TJ Pmt	208.32
City of Marcus	Serv	24.02
City of Meriden	Serv	19.00
City of Quimby	Serv	1,325.72
City of Washta	TJ Pmt	2,812.90
CML Telephone Coop	Serv	1,398.01
Counsel	Serv	91.73
Country Tire & Service, Inc.	Serv	32.32

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Dickinson County Sheriff	Fees	30.00
Joseph W Draper	Reimb	158.00
Don Drefke	Per Diem	50.00
Evertex, Inc.	Serv	400.00
Fareway	Supp	2,292.06
Fireice Firearms, LLC	Supp	3,850.00
First Cooperative Assoc	Serv	19,762.44
FORCE America Distributing, LLC	Parts	99.22
Foundation Analytical Lab	Serv	42.75
Frontier	Serv	129.95
William Gauthier	Per Diem	50.00
GovConnection, Inc.	Supp	1,466.69
Graham Tire Storm Lake	Supp	579.36
GreatAmerica Financial Svcs	Serv	182.46
Hi-Way Products, Inc	Supp	6,184.51
Holzauer Motors LTD	Serv	186.71
Hunzelman Putzier & Co PLC	Audit Fees	1,753.75
Brad Husman	Twp Mtg	10.00
I-State Truck Center	Supp	175.14
Ida County Sheriff	Fees	35.00
Iowa Dept of Ag & Land Steward	Inspect	177.06
Iowa Good Roads Association	Dues	95.00
Iowa Prison Industries	Parts	458.15
Iowa Workforce Development	Unemployment	129.87
ISAA Secretary-Treasurer	Dues	370.00
ISG Field Services LLC	Inspect	5,690.16
Janitor's Closet, Ltd	Supp	85.90
JR's Sales and Service LLC	Serv	1,014.00
KCHE	Ads	90.00
Koenig Portable Toilets	Serv	60.00
Mail Services, LLC	Postage	565.25
Marco	Serv	285.12
Marco Technologies LLC	Serv	270.90
Marcus News	Publ	547.68
Marcus Lumber	Supp	149.99
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.	Supp	539.88
MH Equipment Company	Parts	358.77
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	Serv	56.12
Mid American Energy	Serv	1,205.58
Mid States Organized Crime	Fees	100.00
Mid-America Publishing Corp.	Publ	460.13
Midwest Lubricants, Inc	Supp	147.20
Midwest Wheel	Parts	993.16
Wane A Miller	Per Diem	50.00
Modern Heating & Cooling, Inc	Serv	208.97
Motor Parts Sales	Parts	700.45
Ray Mullins	Twp Mtg	10.00
Northside Tire	Serv	162.72
Nuvera	Serv	545.60
O'Halloran International	Parts	448.54

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O'Brien County Sheriff	Fees	89.50
One Office Solution	Supp	391.45
Nickolas L Patterson	Reimb	78.29
Michelle K. Pedersen	Per Diem	50.00
Tim Perrin	Twp Mtg	10.00
Petroleum Marketers Management	Insur	2,028.00
Pilot Rock Sign Shop	Supp	35.00
Kelly R Puhmann	Reimb	14.79
Rees Mack Sales & Service	Parts	1,751.11
Reliance Telephone Systems Inc	Serv	100.00
Timothy Rice	Stipend	5,000.00
RJ Thomas Mfg. Co, Inc. Pilot	Supp	380.00
Rolling Hills Community Serv	Qtr Pmt	86,991.75
Neal Rupp	Twp Mtg	10.00
Sanitary Services Inc	Serv	449.61
Schmillen Construction Inc	Serv	4,950.00
Shield Technology Corporation	Software	100.00
Siouxland Dist Health Dept	Serv	100.00
Jerry Slota	Twp Mtg	10.00
Cathy Smith	Twp Mtg	10.00
Solutions, Inc.	Serv	565.55
Star Energy	Fuel	2,127.47
T & L TOOLS	Supp	658.95
Thomson Reuters	Fees	535.40
Sarah A Tracy	Travel Reimb	163.80
Treasurer State of Iowa Mines	Renewal	490.00
Treasurer State of Iowa Sales	Sales Tax	454.00
Triple C Pest Control	Serv	80.00
Gerald M Tuttle	Mileage	45.00
Verizon Wireless	Serv	1,300.77
Waldners Lawn Service Inc	Serv	1,050.00
Larry L Walker	Mileage	56.39
WesTel Systems	Serv	934.75
White Glove Janitorial	Cleaning	329.00
Wiese Oil & Supply	Fuel	2,415.11
Windstream Iowa-Comm. Inc.	Serv	1,110.68
WITCC Foundation Cherokee Co	Allocation	11,250.00
Woodbury County Sheriff	Fees	30.00
Xerox Financial Services	Serv	152.46
Ziegler Inc	Supp	3,113.81
Grand Total		\$260,256.10

Dawn Mentzer, Rolling Hills Community Services Region, presented the region's budget for 2020/2021 and reported on legislative changes that now require counties to have zero cash carryover funds at the end of the fiscal year in their mental health funds. The county's contribution to the Rolling Hills Region for 2020/2021 will be \$504,031.65.

Marcus Fire Department representatives Russ Hansen, Dan Erickson, Matt Dreckman and Mike Scholten provided details of the department's annual fire and ambulance calls with 157 responses and 2844 total on-duty hours for their 25 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.

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Jon Dorr, rural Marcus resident, voiced concerns about road maintenance and repairs in his part of the county including damage to roads directly related to a wind turbine project recently completed in Marcus Township. Dorr asked the Board of Supervisors three direct questions about the county's plans for addressing failing infrastructure including what the county's strategy is for addressing infrastructure needs; where money will come from to repair and maintain infrastructure; and how much money will the wind turbines generate to pay for basic infrastructure. Lundquist assured Dorr that the county has an aggressive five-year construction plan that includes 18 miles of roads and 10 bridges, but the county is also limited on the total amount of funds available for roadway maintenance projects. Bush added that wind turbines add new valuation to the county's tax base because they are classified as commercial properties, however, new animal confinements do not add to the county's total rural valuation. The state sets the county's total agriculture value each year based on the value of grain produced and any new agricultural building construction does not increase total county valuations. Bush added that the Secondary Roads Department makes a sizable investment of time and money to maintain gravel roads to animal confinements with no additional property tax revenue generated for the county. Bush also stated that by Iowa Code, counties are capped at transferring three dollars and three-eighths cents per thousand dollars valuation to fund the county portion of Secondary Roads from the Rural Fund and Cherokee County has funded Secondary Roads at that maximum for the last seven years. The supervisors thanked Mr. Dorr for bringing his concerns to the meeting and for participating in a constructive conversation about the infrastructure needs of rural counties and the limited resources available for repairs and future roadway expansions.

Larry Walker, Roads Superintendent, reported that he had received four quotes for a new snow plow truck including trade in value for a 2010 Mack truck. Quotes presented were: \$87,980.00 from Boyer Trucks for Western Star truck; \$97,053.00 from I-State Truck Sales for Western Star truck; \$91,307.00 from I-State Truck Sales for Freightliner truck; and \$92,297.66 from O'Halloran International for International truck. After considering all options, Walker will be purchasing one Western Star truck from Boyer Trucks. Walker also stated that he is researching options for purchasing a used tractor for the side dump trailer and plans to purchase a gooseneck trailer for the current tractor to be used for hauling a skid loader and attachments.

Barb Staver, Sheriff's Department, presented a revenue report for consideration.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to accept the Sheriff's \$51,089.53 December 31, 2019 Quarterly Revenue Report as presented with \$31,558.75 retained by the county. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve a \$1.00 per hour wage increase to \$27.26 for Jacqueline Stephens, Full-Time Deputy, effective November 1, 2019 due to being certified by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, and to pay back wages for hours worked since November 1, 2019 when the step wage should have been applied. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Mongan to approve a \$1.00 per hour wage increase to \$27.26 for Jason Galeano, Full-Time Deputy, effective August 16, 2019 due to being certified by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, and to pay back wages for hours worked since August 16, 2019 when the step wage should have been applied. Motion carried.

The possibility of adding work comp insurance coverage for county volunteers was discussed.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to add a Non-Statutory Volunteer Coverage Addendum to Cherokee County's regular policy coverage through Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to proclaim Thursday, February 13, 2020 as IOWA HONEY BEE DAY and to encourage all citizens, residents and visitors to join in observing this day and focusing on the importance of honey bees to our state economy, to enjoy the honey and other products of honey bees, to recognize the honey bees' role in maintaining our Iowa environment, and to assist in reducing the threats to honey bee survival in our state. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and discussed budget expenses, levy rates, and desired ending cash balances for the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Lundquist adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

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Gary Lundquist, Chairman

Attest: _____

Kris Glienke, County Auditor