
FOR THE YEAR 2020
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Duane Mummert, and Wane Miller present. There were no representatives from the press. William Gauthier, Sarah Tracy, Justin Pritts, Stu Hogg and Jim Peck 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 Mongan to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Kaitlin Letsche, Election Manager, reviewed the September 8, 2020 Alta-Aurelia Community School Special Election results. The supervisors canvassed the results as follows: Voter Turnout of 3.97% with 44 of 1,107 registered voters casting a ballot resulting in 39 votes cast “YES – for the question” and 5 votes cast “NO - against the question”.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve the canvass of election results from the September 8, 2020 Alta-Aurelia Community School Special Election as presented and therefore declare the following public measure to be adopted:

18-CK “*To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the Alta-Aurelia Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure and Advanced Vision for Education Fund*”. Motion carried.

Sarah Tracy, County Engineer, presented an annual report for consideration.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve the FY20 DOT Annual Report as presented by the County Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve an updated wage authorization for Jacob Dyslin, Full-Time Deputy, changing the effective date from September 21, 2020 to September 28, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Mummert to approve a separation of employment and \$1,613.04 final payout of hours worked for Nichole Vondrak, Dispatcher, effective September 13, 2020. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

Lundquist called for comments from the public. Justin Pritts reported that COVID prevention barriers have worked well in courthouse offices but have made communications with the public more difficult. Numerous solutions were discussed and county departments are reminded to evaluate the needs of all persons in order to provide accommodations appropriate to assist the public in conducting their business. Stu Hogg, IT Director, will research options to improve in-person communications including microphone/speaker systems and will report back to the supervisors at the next meeting. Jim Peck inquired about residency requirements of elected officials.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Mummert to go into closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(c) “*To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.*” Roll call vote: Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Mummert-aye, Miller-aye, Lundquist-aye. Motion carried and session closed at 9:38 a.m. Regular session resumed at 9:42 a.m. Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve the tentative settlement agreement with DeLoss Construction and authorize the Chairman to execute the proposed Settlement and Release Agreement. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Lundquist adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

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Gary Lundquist, Vice Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor