
FOR THE YEAR 2015
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
AUGUST 18, 2015

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 with Dennis Bush, Jim Peck, Jeff Simonsen, Rick Mongan, and Gary Lundquist present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Joel Kohn, Joel Anderson, Jeff Friedrichsen, and Justin Pritts were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Mongan, Lundquist, Peck, Bush; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

Motion by Peck, seconded by Simonsen to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy, presented a wage authorization for consideration and reported that interior work has begun in the law enforcement center addition.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to approve a \$15.25 wage authorization effective August 17, 2015 for Nathan Carlson, full-time dispatcher, per the Law Enforcement Center union contract.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, presented a federal funding agreement and utility permit for consideration.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to authorize the chairman to sign a DOT Federal Aid Funding Agreement for a bridge replacement on 630th Street between Sections 17 and 20 of Diamond Township (Project #BROS-CO18(71)--8J-18). Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Sections 28 and 29 of Cedar Township. Motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m., Assistant Engineer Brandon Billings opened bids received for three local bridge replacement projects. Contractor bids were received for the projects as follows:

#LFM-60--7X-18 Christensen Bros., Cherokee, IA (\$456,538.40) and Graves Construction, Spencer, IA (\$471,179.25).

#LFM-64--7X-18 Christensen Bros., Cherokee, IA (\$435,959.20) and Graves Construction, Spencer, IA (\$453,806.25).

#LFM-65--7X-18 Christensen Bros., Cherokee, IA (\$459,148.40) and Graves Construction, Spencer, IA (\$482,347.40).

Total combined bids were Christensen Bros. \$1,351,646.00 and Graves Construction \$1,407,332.90.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Peck to accept a \$1,351,646.00 bid total from Christensen Bros., Cherokee, IA for three bridge replacement projects including #LFM-60--7X-18 between Sections 15 and 22 in Rock Township; #LFM-64--7X-18 between Sections 18 and 19 in Tilden Township; and #LFM-65--7X-18 between Sections 16 and 21 in Tilden Township. Motion carried.

Brandon Billings requested a closed session to conduct his employee evaluation.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Lundquist to go into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(i) "*To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.*" Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Lundquist-aye, Peck-aye, Bush-aye. Session was closed at 9:28 a.m. Regular session resumed at 9:58 a.m.

No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

An employment contract will be drafted for Brandon Billings to continue his position as Assistant Engineer until he acquires his Professional Engineer (PE) license or June 30, 2016; whichever occurs first. Billings' previous contract will be forwarded to the County Attorney for updates and the supervisors will consider the document before the end of September.

The supervisors provided brief summaries of their monthly committee meetings.

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

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Dennis Bush, Chairman

Attest: _____

Kris Glienke, County Auditor