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FOR THE YEAR 2015  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
NOVEMBER 17, 2015

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 with Jim Peck, Rick Mongan, and Gary Lundquist present. Dennis Bush and Jeff Simonsen were absent. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Fred Fondroy, Jeff Friedrichsen, Justin Pritts, Chad Brown, Mark Buschkamp and Dave Scott were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Mongan, Lundquist, Peck; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Don Faber, Three Rivers Benefit Co., and Rick Angell, Wellmark representative, gave an update of the County's self-funded health insurance program and cautioned that the County's current level of benefits is approaching the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Cadillac tax threshold that would impose a 40% tax on the County. The supervisors will take this information under advisement as they begin the budgeting process for 2016/2017.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, presented two quotes for replacement of a shop truck.

Consensus of the board was to allow Billings to sign a \$111,107 purchase agreement with Maintainer, Sioux Center, for a 2015 quad cab Dodge Ram 5500 truck.

Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy, presented a wage authorization for consideration and reported that the Law Enforcement Center project is scheduled to be completed by the end of December.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Peck to approve a \$15.25 wage authorization for Joel Ehrig, part-time 911 Dispatcher, until January 1, 2016 at which time the position will become full-time. Motion carried.

The supervisors discussed the budget process for fiscal year 2016/2017 and suggested that all county departments prepare their preliminary budgets with the current health insurance rates and up to a 2.25% wage increase as previously negotiated in union contracts.

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, discussed economic development projects and suggested the supervisors put together a potential incentive package that Cherokee County would be willing to provide to businesses to relocate or build in the County.

The supervisors provided brief summaries of their monthly committee meetings.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

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Rick Mongan, Vice Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kris Glienke, County Auditor