

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Cherokee County Board of Supervisors

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, with Rick Mongan, Gary Lundquist, Dennis Bush, Duane Mummert, and Wane Miller present. There were no representatives from the press. Greg Zarr was also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes—Lundquist, Bush, Mummert, Miller, Mongan; Nays—none; Abstentions—two.

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

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

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

Matt Horihan, Centers Against Abuse and Sexual Assault (CAASA), presented a review of services provided in Cherokee County and requested \$7,200 of funding for the 2020/2021 budget year. The request will be taken under consideration.

Greg Zarr, County Assessor, presented several property tax credit applications for the board's consideration.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mummert to approve Homestead and Military Credit Applications for the 2019 assessment year with taxes payable 2020/2021 and to disallow applications that no longer qualify as recommended by the Cherokee County Assessor's Office. Motion carried with Miller abstaining from the vote.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Mummert to approve new Disabled Veteran Homestead Tax Credit applications for the 2019 assessment year with taxes payable 2020/2021 and to disallow applications that no longer qualify as recommended by the Cherokee County Assessor's Office. Motion carried with Miller abstaining from the vote.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Lundquist to approve Family Farm applications for the 2019 assessment year with taxes payable in 2020/2021 and to disallow those that no longer qualify as recommended by the Cherokee County Assessor's Office. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to approve Business Property Tax Credit applications for the 2019 assessment year with taxes payable in 2020/2021 and to disallow those that no longer qualify as recommended by the Cherokee County Assessor's Office. Motion carried.

Steve Kremer, Juvenile Court Services, requested that the supervisors consider providing increased square footage for

additional court officers for the Cherokee office. Three options were presented: 1) Additional office space including conference room with a \$2,320.56 annual cost increase; 2) Additional office space with \$1,213.02 annual cost increase; 3) No change to the lease for one office space at the current location at the Cherokee Mental Health Institute.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Lundquist to approve Option 1 to provide additional offices and a conference room at an annual cost of \$4,271.94 to be used by the Third Judicial Juvenile Court Services effective December 2, 2019. Motion carried.

Steph Thill, Deputy Auditor, reviewed the November 5, 2019, City-School Election Second Tier results for the Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn Community School District including total votes from Cherokee and Plymouth Counties.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Bush to certify the Second Tier Canvass of 2019 City-School Election results as presented. Motion carried with details as follows:

**Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn School**—Director At Large (vote for three)

Laura Staab—677 votes

Karla K. Prunty—657 votes

Danae Dreckman—566 votes

Christopher Ruskamp—473 votes

Scattering of write-ins—93 votes

**Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn School**—Public Measure DY for Elementary School Bond

YES, for the question—572 votes

NO, against the question—395 votes

**Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn School**—Public Measure DZ for Daycare/Gymnasium Bond

YES, for the question—479 votes

NO, against the question—479 votes

**Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn School**—Public Measure EA for GO Bond Levy Authority

YES, for the question—498 votes

NO, against the question—460 votes

Kris Glienke, Cherokee County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections, reviewed procedures and results of a post-election audit called by the Secretary of State in all 99 counties. A five-member board consisting of poll workers and absentee board members met at the Cherokee County Courthouse on Friday, November 15, 2019, to verify the votes cast at the

Aurelia Precinct during the November 5, 2019, City-School Election. The Cherokee County Auditor and Deputy Auditor were also in attendance to observe the process. The audit team handcounted the votes cast for the offices of Mayor and Council Member At Large on the 145 ballots cast at the Aurelia polling site on election day. The team's handcounted results were then compared to those reported by the ballot tabulator results tape generated at the polls on election night and found the results matched exactly. Extensive testing of the ballot tabulators is conducted by the Auditor's Office in advance of every election to assure that the tabulators are accurately recording the votes from the paper ballots.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Miller to certify the 2019 City-School Election Post-Election Audit results of the hand count of 145 ballots cast in the Aurelia Precinct for the offices of Mayor and Council Member At Large which exactly matched the results tape of the ballot tabulating machine on election day. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Miller to approve a separation of employment and \$711.20 final payout for Cassandra Rupp, Treasurer's Clerk, effective November 15, 2019. Motion carried.

The supervisors discussed the upcoming 2020/2021 budget process and agreed that it would be helpful to send an informational letter to county departments, including details about tentative wage and health insurance increases along with IPERS and Social Security rates.

Motion by Lundquist, seconded by Bush to approve a fiscal year 2020/2021 informational budget letter to county departments including a tentative wage increase of 2.5% and health insurance increase of 10% along with a request to have budget worksheets submitted to the Auditor's Office no later than December 20, 2019. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Mongan adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

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Attest:

Rick Mongan, Chairman  
Kris Glienke, County Auditor  
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