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FOR THE YEAR 2007  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
APRIL 17, 2007

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 with members Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, Dean Schmidt, Ron Wetherell and Ron Wetherell. Ken Ross of the *Chronicle Times* was present from the press.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve the amended agenda to change item Public Health State Grant to application for State grant, and the minutes of the previous meeting.

Officers meeting followed with Bob Hart, County Assessor reporting that assessment rolls were sent out with a decrease on buildings on Ag land. Today is the first day for appeals and May 6 is the last day for these appeals in the Assessor's office. This is an equalization year for the State to increase or decrease the rollback factor for homes, commercial and industrial business.

Larry Clark said the secondary roads crew is preparing equipment for road projects now that they hopefully can take the snow removal equipment off the trucks.

Aimee Barritt, EMS Director and Environmental Health Director reported that Cherokee has been declared a snow disaster county by the State and Federal governments. Homeland security board is working well for the 16 County's in the Northwest Region. They are planning a shooters course this summer with law enforcement agencies in the 16 Counties to be trained for incidents in public areas, schools, courthouses etc.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director has been taking case management training since there have been many changes and she feels fortunate that she does not have to un-learn anything. She will meet with the Supervisors regarding case management client numbers and office space.

Ginger Walker, Conservation Director enthusiastically reported on the accomplishments over the winter with the shower facility at Silver Sioux, to be opened on May 1 and other improvements at the lodge. Now their time will go from maintenance to cleaning up after people. The crew is working with DNR to burn prairie habitat at least one day a week. Legislature is working on funding REAP funds at a higher level.

Dawn Jones Coombs, County Recorder said the first Internet filings have gone through and worked well. Boat renewals are due now. Most of Recorder legislation has been or will be passed this session.

Lynde Lundquist, County Treasurer reported that there is about \$340,000.00 past due property taxes. Will discuss with the Supervisors later this summer about a sale of county properties.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to open the public hearing for rezoning of 6 acres from ag land to ag residential, in section 29 of Liberty Township for Mike Doeden for a new house.

Ray Mullins, County Zoning Board chairman, recommended the rezoning after reviewing the application. There have been no oral or written comments to the County Auditor's office. MSP Simonsen, Graybill to close the public hearing.

MSP Schmidt, Leeds to accept the rezoning of the 6 acres in Liberty Twp. section 29 as ag residential for Mike Doeden.

MSP Schmidt, Graybill to approve the appraisals for parcels 1A and 7 after reviewing the documents provided by Global Appraisals. A total of \$218,000.00 will be spent for the purchase of right of way for the 480<sup>th</sup> Street road project. After notification to land owners and right of way is bought, the letting for project bids will be in July.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve an entrance permit for Larry Pitts in section 7 of Cherokee Twp.

MSP Leeds, Simonsen to approve the underground construction permit for High Tech Electric LLC "For Quest Comm" in section 1 & 2 of Pilot Twp. under "R" Ave.

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MSP Leeds, Schmidt to approve the underground construction permits for Simonsen Industries, Inc. in section 11 of Willow Twp. for irrigation pipe.

Don Faber from Three Rivers Third Party administrators and Rick Angell of Well Mark Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance reviewed the health insurance usage for the last year and the costs to the County. The renewal premium for fiscal year 2008 will not have an increase for single and family policies. It was the consensus of the Supervisors to continue with Three Rivers as third party administrators and Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance.

Jeff Bowen, Mayor of Aurelia and Councilperson Dee Keith made a presentation to the Supervisors of the new community center plans for the City of Aurelia. A total of \$20,000.00 of County Betterment funds is requested for this project. The Supervisors will take this under advisement until next weeks meeting.

Aimee Barritt, EMS Director reported on the FEMA meeting county and city officials attended for application instruction for part B designation for the snow emergency in March. The County will apply for expenses incurred for snow removal during and after the snowstorm. The County will receive 85% of expenses through the Federal and State allocations.

The proposed budget amendment was reviewed and discussed for revenues and expenses per service area. A total of \$111,225.00 will be amended for this budget year. MSP Schmidt, Graybill to approve the publication of the proposed amendment. MSP Simonsen, Leeds to set the public hearing date for Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 9:05 a.m.

Dr. Gary, BOH Chairman asked if the Board of Supervisors was going to sign the State Contract and who they would be contracting with for public health services? The Supervisors indicated the services they could contract for would be with Cherokee Regional Medical Center. Dr. Gary stated that the BOH would also contract with CRMC for the services they oversee; things need to be as comprehensive as possible to guarantee services. BOH member Butch Sleezer admonished the Supervisors for assuming the BOH role in directing services of the State contract to CRMC and not the provider the BOH had selected.

Cheryl McGrory, Director of NW IA YES Center discussed concerns over legislation now being debated about decreasing funding to Juvenile detention centers in the State.

MSP Leeds, Schmidt to approve lawn mowing bid to Andrew Paulsen for 2007 season, pending liability insurance notification.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to approve lawn spraying and fertilizing to Waldner's Lawn Service for the 2007 summer season.

Diane Anderson, Consultant for State Public Health Department was asked to come to the meeting next week with the application for the State contract.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Ronald Wetherell, Chairman

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Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor