
**FOR THE YEAR 2007
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
AUGUST 14, 2007**

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 with Dean Schmidt, Ron Wetherell, Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds and Terry Graybill. Ken Ross of the Chronicle Times was present from the press.

MSP Leeds, Simonsen to approve the amended agenda and minutes of two previous meetings on July 24 and July 31.

Roy Townsend representing the Grand Meadow Heritage Center gave a report on the renovation projects for the one and two room school houses on the property. To keep them as close to original and qualify for a historical designation the new roofs needed to be replaced with wood shingles. The cost doubled for a square bundle from one year to the next and that used up most of the their reserve dollars for up keep. He is requesting additional funds from the County to help continue with these projects. MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to approve a donation of \$5,000.00 from the County Betterment fund to the Grand Meadow Heritage Center on the August 28, 2007.

Pat Buck-Hanks gave an update on her efforts to call for an election to apply to the Iowa Gaming Commission for a casino in Cherokee County. A County wide election would be necessary for this process to begin with a petition signed by County residents submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to appoint Jim Staver to fill the vacancy on the County Compensation Board to expire June 30, 2009 and Rich Ravnsborg to serve until June 30, 2011.

County Attorney, Kolpin will have a lease agreement for the ATV Park by the next meeting.

MSP Schmidt, Graybill to approve the claims as presented. A full listing can be seen in the County Auditor's office.

Don Faber, Three Rivers representing the county's third party administrator for health insurance. Faber presented how Three Rivers would administer the Flex 125 plan for the county. This plan is for known medical expenses and dependent care pre taxed wages. The plan would include the last quarter of 2007 and then start a new plan on January 1, 2008 for county employees wishing to sign up. Meetings will be held in September for county employee to sign up or a waiver if not interested. MSP Graybill, Leeds to contract with Three Rivers to administer the Flex 125 plan and County will set the parameters for the minimum and maximum amount that can be pre taxed by county employees for known medical expenses and dependent care.

MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to approve Chairman sign the Federal-aid Agreement for county Highway Bridge project BRS-CO18(48)-60-18; Iowa DOT agreement No; 3-07-HBRRS-015.

MSP Schmidt, Graybill to approve Chairman sign the construction contract with Henningsen Construction for project L-1-AC-08—73-18. MSP Graybill, Leeds to approve the insurance bond for Henningsen Construction.

MSP Leeds, Simonsen to approve underground construction permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative for power line 1 mile South of Marcus; High Tech Electric LLC to bury a 3 pair telephone line under M-10 to 4860 T "Ave" in sections 5 & 6 of Afton Twp.; MidAmerican Energy Co. located in section 25 & 36 of Marcus Twp.; Roger Ashbaugh underground electric line in section 4 of Rock Twp., across 550th St.

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MSP Graybill, Schmidt to approve the step wage adjustment for Chad Dutler from tech 2 to tech 3 in the County Engineer's office, from \$16.62 per hour to \$17.92 per hour effective 8/6/2007.

John Loughlin, council for Cherokee County Sanitary Landfill presented a loan agreement between the County and the landfill for the bond note that will be forwarded. MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve the Chairman sign the loan agreement as County as the Lender and the Borrower, Sanitary Landfill, and the borrower's obligation to repay the aggregate principal amount of \$2,920,000.00.

Graybill presented a request from Bright Beginnings Daycare center for financial help. Discussion resulted in not decision at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Ronald Wetherell, Chairman

Attest: _____
Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor