
FOR THE YEAR 2007
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE, IOWA
DECEMBER 18, 2007

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 with Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, Ron Wetherell and Terry Graybill. Ken Ross of the *Chronicle Times* was present from the press.

MSP Schmidt, Graybill to approve the amended agenda and minutes of the previous meeting.

Cherokee Officers met for the monthly meeting.

Ginger Walker, Conservation Director reported that there was a bird species survey and count in the county last Sunday and there is more species than ever before. Deer hunting seasons are over now except for those with unfilled tags are being permitted to hunt this weekend. Cross country ski trails are being groomed and tree trimming and clean up is continuing.

Aimee Barritt, EMS and Environmental Health Director met to discuss the federal appropriations bill being considered for the EMS performance grant; that is the good news. The bad news is that since she is a part time coordinator the county may be penalized with less grant money. She has the application prepared and will see what happens. Compliments to all the law enforcement agencies, fire departments, hospital and volunteers for the excellent team work in the "active shooters" exercise completed recently at the Aurelia School. Barritt will participate in the Hazard Mitigation planning process today at a SIMPCO meeting in Sioux City. More information will be available later.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, will be interviewing for the Case Manager position soon. Rate negotiations with providers of mental health and developmental disabilities services, are complete after an all day meeting a couple of weeks ago. Most rates are going up at least 3% for the next fiscal year.

Larry Clark, County Engineer reported that L36 is closed for bridge construction in Tilden Twp., also work is being done on C16 and River Road plans are in the works.

Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney said that Sheriff Scott has been keeping him busy; crime does not seem to be going away. There are some grants available for criminal drug court to work with families after the first of the year. This is to coincide with juvenile court and try to keep families together.

Dave Scott, County Sheriff said the weather conditions have resulted in several accidents to investigate. The jail has been inspected and the annual report should be available the first part of next year.

Lynde Lundquist, County Treasurer said that driver's licensing as been brisk and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Dawn Jones Coombs, County Recorder is concerned that the City of Cherokee has now become an issuer of passports. There was no communications with the City before this was completed. Coombs will add a camera in the near future so the County Recorder's office will be one stop for citizen to get their passports in the Courthouse.

Dana Evans, Veteran Affairs Director reported that more county veterans are dropping in the new location. He is working on a grant and working to be nationally certified so he can be further help to veterans and check on their claims.

Kris Glienke, Deputy Auditor and Financial Manager has completed the 2007 property valuations and confirmed the figures with the State. Valuation for the county is up \$39,528,650.00 from a year ago.

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Frank Escue, Compensation Board President presented the 2008/2009 salary recommendation for Cherokee elected officials as follows:

County Attorney	\$80,000.00	County Sheriff	\$53,500.00
County Auditor	\$44,500.00	County Treasurer	\$44,500.00
County Recorder	\$44,500.00	County Supervisors	\$21,500.00

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve Chairman Wetherell sign plans for road work on C16 under #STP-S-Co18-(49)-5E-18.

MSP Leeds, Schmidt to approve underground construction permit for Platinum Ethanol. LLC for a gas pipeline across Cherokee County to bore all county roads with an 8 5/8 inch pipe.

MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to approve entrance permits for: Henke Farms, Inc in Section 7 of Cedar Twp.; Jane C. Steele Family Trust in Section 9 of Cedar Twp.; Douglas Simons in Section 10 of Cherokee Twp.; Ted Henke in Section 15 of Grand Meadow Twp.; Dan Hueser in Section 35 of Marcus Twp.; Loren Woltman in section 21 of Rock Twp.; William L. Boettcher in Section21 of Rock Twp.

MSP Graybill, Simonsen to approve the repayment to the IA DOT for \$10,761.00 for RISE grant reimbursement. Agreement 2002-R-018 and project RC-0018(38)—9A-18.

Larry Clark and Mike Halder discussed the need for High Visibility clothing for secondary road workers. A request for \$100.00 per secondary road employee each year to purchase HV clothing is put in the budget. No decision was made pending council on the county's obligation.

MSP Leeds, Schmidt to approve the Aviation Authority's reappointment of Mike O'Neal as Director for a 4 year term.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve the reappointment of Mark Pierce to the Cherokee County Conservation Board for a 5 year term to expire December 31, 2012.

MSP Schmidt, Graybill to approve Resolution #2007-23 – Construction Evaluation Resolution under Iowa Code section 459.304(3) relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure also known as the "Master Matrix". Permit applications for proposed confinement feeding operation structures received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2008 and January 31, 2009.

MSP Schmidt, Graybill to reappoint Jeff Simonsen to serve on the Board of Directors of the Third Judicial District Department of Correctional Services for the calendar year 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Attest: _____

Ronald Wetherell, Chairman Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor