
**FOR THE YEAR 2007
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JANUARY 23, 2007**

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 with Ron Wetherell, Terry Graybill, Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen and Dean Schmidt. Mike Leckband of the *Chronicle Times* was present from the press.

8:00 a.m. Meeting was called to order, MSP Simonsen, Leeds to approve the agenda, budget workday schedule and the minutes of previous meeting.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director met to discuss legislation that will affect how legal settlement for mental health clients is funded. She encouraged the Supervisors to contact our legislators to postpone the action until more direction and outcomes can be determined. Allowable growth funding from the State was explained how the extra funding for mental health affects the next years budget.

MSP Graybill, Simonsen to approve the claims as presented. Full list can be seen in the County Auditor's office.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve the chairman sign letter to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for 2007 Pre-Disaster Mitigation application.

MSP Simonsen, Leeds to approve the chairman sign the Substance Abuse grant with the State Health Department and Jackson Recovery.

Bev Zieman, Chairperson of the County Compensation Board presented the Board of Supervisors with the recommendation for County elected officials as follows; County Sheriff - \$1,500.00 yearly increase; County Auditor, County Treasurer and County Recorder - \$1,000.00 yearly increase; County Board of Supervisors - \$500.00 yearly increase. No recommendation was made for the County Attorney since that is a newly appointed position and salary was already set the Supervisors.

9:00 a.m. MSP Graybill, Leeds to go into closed session under IA Code 20.17(3) to gather information for the negotiations with secondary roads union wages with Attorney Steve Nadel, by phone. Roll call vote; Schmidt aye, Graybill aye, Leeds aye, Simonsen aye, Wetherell aye.

9:25 a.m. MSP Graybill, Simonsen to go out of closed session. Roll call vote; Schmidt aye, Graybill aye, Leeds Aye, Simonsen aye, Wetherell aye. No motions or decisions because of the closed session.

MSP Graybill, Schmidt to accept the Compensation Board recommendation for the increase in salaries of elected County Officials for the 2007.2008 budget year.

9:00 a.m. Budget requests from departments started with Linda Lundquist, County Treasurer tax asking is \$114,482.00, revenue of \$343,525.00.

Jamie Bowers, County Attorney discussed his budget and the uncertainty because it is now a full time position for the first time. Many items will be a one-time start up for office infrastructure. Tax asking \$276,812.00.

Sheriff Dave Scott and Secretary Barb Staver presented the L.E.C. budget. Tax asking \$1,073,4200.00, Revenue \$79,000.00.

Dawn Jones Coombs, County Recorder presented her office budge. Tax asking \$128,309.00, Revenue \$63,600.00

Larry Clark, County Engineer went over his budget for secondary roads. Tax asking \$5,318,931; Revenue \$\$2,866,468.00. He also told the Supervisors he will be trading off the old tractor for a new one with a roll bar protection in the cab.

12:00 p.m. Supervisors recessed for lunch. Wetherell left the meeting for several hours.

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1:00 p.m. Vice Chairman Simonsen resumed the meeting with Veteran Affairs Commissioners Joe Draper and Jim Warrender. Dana Evans, VA Director, Cecil Akins, David Lee and Jim Gano were present in support of the department. Tax asking \$23,327.00.

Ginger Vietor, County Conservation Director presented her budget and reported on all of the improvements that are in the process or completed. Tax asking \$219,624.00, Revenue \$24,045.00.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director and Kris Glienke, County Financial Director presented the Mental Health budget. Langlitz requested that the county paid clients at the Work Services whose services were limited this budget year be reviewed to add those services back. Tax asking \$1,334,868.00; Revenues \$336,835.00.

Sue Casey, Department of Human Services presented their budget. Tax asking \$63,900.00; Revenues \$33,500.00.

3:40 p.m. Wetherell returned to the meeting.

3:45 p.m. Kim Rupp, Public Health Nurse Administrator met to discuss her budget and discuss services provided. Tax asking \$597,168.00; Revenues \$524,526.00.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Ronald Wetherell, Chairman

Attest: _____

Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor