
FOR THE YEAR 2007
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JANUARY 29, 2007

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Monday, January 29, 2007 with Ron Wetherell, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, Dean Schmidt and Jeff Simonsen. Greg Slotsky of KCHE radio was also present. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss services and funding of the Public Health Department with the Cherokee County Board of Health.

Present for the meeting: Dr. Tom Gary, Butch Sleezer, Liz White, Dr. Ed Burkhalter, Dave Appleby, Kim Rupp, Deb Jurgenson, Dr. Wes Parker, Dr. Vander Lune, Connie Mohn, Barry Goettsch, Val Woods, Dan Meloy, Christy Syndergaard, John Comstock, Kris Glienke.

Meeting was called to order and Chairman Wetherell asked Dr. Gary as Board of Health chairman to address the Supervisors. Dr. Gary stated that this would be considered a special meeting for the County Board of Health also.

Dr. Gary then went over what the Board of Health duties were and asked Public Health Nurse Administrator to explain the Public Health department services.

The concern of the Supervisors is that the Public Health department budget is escalating, which is tax asking, also concerns of duplication of services that could be performed by private providers; it is not a good idea that the courthouse is a place for medical services; Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements are decreasing and grants from the State are not a guarantee for funding.

Dr. Gary said that the Public Health is working smoothly and there is a choice for some health services between the hospital and county public health. If the system is not broken why try something different.

How can we put a lid on the expenses to the county and its taxpayers? Dr. Burkhalter suggested an exploratory committee that will look at expenses and a proposal from the hospital to see what would be the best option for Cherokee County. Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to form an exploratory committee with a member from the hospital, Board of Health and Kris Glienke the county's financial manager. The report will be back to the Supervisors in 10 days. All voted aye.

Dan Meloy brought up that two of the Board of Health members are not residents of Cherokee County and according to the Iowa Code 69.2 this is a violation. The Supervisors will contact the County Attorney and Dr. Gary will contact the State Board of Health to clarify this situation.

No further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Ronald Wetherell, Chairman

Attest: _____
Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor