
**FOR THE YEAR 2007
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE, IOWA
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2007**

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, June 26, 2007 with Ron Wetherell, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, and Terry Graybill. Ken Ross of the *Chronicle Times* was present from the press.

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

An officer meeting was held:

Dave Skou, Communications Center Director reported on the radio's replaced for all of the police departments in the County due to an upgrade problem by the 911 Board.

Aimee Barritt, EMS and Environmental Health Director reported that the County hazard mitigation plan has been approved by FEMA.

The County parks are busy, according to Ginger Walker, Conservation Director. There was a free camping weekend June 23rd and was well attended. Campers are not shy about telling conservation staff what needs to be improved or changed. Camping fees are being raised this year to \$15.00 per night for electric and \$10.00 per night for primitive sites. Canoes and a trailer have been purchased to rent out for canoeing the Little Sioux River. A policy for rental and an excursion ride on the river will be written before the project gets started. Matt Peterson has been hired as a full time conservation employee.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director will be going to a meeting on the residency issue that will go into effect July 1. The office will be moving the end of this week to the Plains Area Mental Health offices on East Bluff Street in Cherokee.

Jay Tiernan, County Attorney reported that time is being taken to work on a filing system with attention to the length of time files need to be kept and protocol developed.

Lynde Lundquist, County Treasurer, reported on the tax sale held on June 18. There were 112 parcels for sale with over 30 bidders. She asked if ports for the AS400 computer system could be put in the courtroom since there seems to be so much interest in the sale each year, the Supervisors room is not working out anymore. Issuing drivers licenses has slowed due to 5-year licenses.

Bob Hart, County Assessor, said his office is in the final steps of having all of the parcel information on the county web site. This will include pictures and graphic information along with the Auditor's information of descriptions, ownership and tax information.

Larry Clark, County Engineer, reported that summer is a busy time for construction and maintenance of roads in the county. One inconvenience to residents will be the resurfacing of 977, the east hill going out of the City of Cherokee in the near future.

Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor reported that as the final week of the fiscal year and it is busy with month end, quarter end and yearend. There are many reports to run and go over to make sure all department budgets are within the amount approved by the Supervisors.

Barry Goettsch, CRMC, reported on the progress of the transition of the Public Health department as going smoothly. July 1 the program will be ready to serve the county residents.

MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to open the public hearing for changing the poverty income level for the County's MH/DD Management Plan. Lisa Langlitz recommended that the county reduce their income level from 300% to 250% with a new sliding fee scale. There were no oral or written comments made for or against the change. MSP Simonsen, Graybill to close the hearing.

MSP Leeds, Graybill to adopt the 250% as the poverty income level for Cherokee County.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve Chairman Wetherell sign the contract for services with Plains Area Mental Health for the 2008 fiscal year. There is no change in unit charges.

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Ken Slater and Don Pitts representing the Cherokee County Sanitary Landfill project met to request the Supervisors approve the Resolution to set a date for a Public Hearing to authorize a loan agreement and the issuance of General Obligation bond not to exceed \$3,000,000.

MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to authorize Chairman Wetherell sign "Resolution 2007-12 fixing date for a meeting on the authorization of a loan agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000 taxable general obligation capital loan notes, Series 2007, of Cherokee County State of Iowa, and providing for publication of notice thereof." Roll call vote ayes: Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, Dean Schmidt and Ronald Wetherell. Nays: None

Whereupon, The Chairman declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the County of Cherokee, State of Iowa, should provide for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Taxable General Obligation Loan Notes, Series 2007, to the amount of not to exceed \$3,000,000, as authorized by Sections 331.402, 331.141 and 331.443, Code of Iowa, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs of carrying out an essential county purpose project as hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the Loan Agreement and Notes shall be payable from the Debt Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, before a Loan Agreement may be authorized and Taxable General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2007, issued to evidence the obligation of the County thereunder, it is necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code of Iowa, as amended and to publish a notice of the proposal and of the time and place of the meeting at which the Board proposes to take action for the authorization of the Loan Agreement and Notes and to receive oral and/or written objections from any resident or property owner of the County to such action;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Cherokee County, State of Iowa:

Section 1. That this Board meet in the Supervisors Room, Cherokee County, 520 West Main Street, Cherokee, Iowa, at 9:15 a.m. on the 10th day of July, 2007, for the purpose of taking action on the matter of the authorization of Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2007, to evidence the obligation of the County thereunder for an essential county purpose, the proceeds of which will be used to pay costs of the collection, treatment and disposal of solid and industrial waste, together with related work.

Section 2. The Auditor is authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the County with the negotiation of terms of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Taxable General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2007, evidencing the County's obligations to a principal amount of not to exceed \$3,000,000, to select a date for the final approval thereof, to cause to be prepared such notice and sale information as may appear appropriate, to publish and distribute the same on behalf of the County and this Board and otherwise to take all action necessary to permit the completion of a loan on a basis favorable to the County and acceptable to the Board.

Section 3. That the Auditor is hereby directed to cause at least one publication to be made of a notice of the meeting, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, published at least once weekly, and having general circulation in the County, the publication to be not less than four clear days nor more than twenty days before the date of the public meeting on the issuance of Notes.

PASSED and Approved this 26th day of June, 2007

/s/ Ronald Wetherell, Chairman ATTEST: /s/ Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor

Jim Sunde of First Farmers Cooperative Elevator met to request that gravel road on 560th Street South of Aurelia be put on the county's plan for paving the section between Woodchip road and "W" Ave. The Cooperative has developed land along that road and there is heavy truck traffic with fuel, propane and water. The County and the City of Aurelia own the road and the cost would be shared for the paving.

Lamont Peters, of Platinum Services, Inc. as a benefit coordinator. He asked the Supervisors for permission to present the income policy that goes beyond medical expense for major injury or health issues to the county employees. This is not a pretax deduction from payroll so anyone who does decide to purchase the will set this up through their own checking account. The Supervisors authorized him to visit with the county employees.

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MSP Graybill, Simonsen to void four warrants from previous years on the disbursement list. A total of \$410.55 was voided from General Basic, MH DD Fund and Secondary Road Fund.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to correct the error on wage step for Dar Evans approved last Board day.

MSP Simonsen, Schmidt approved Chairman Wetherell sign a letter of support for Cherokee Community School in their effort to receive a grant for pre-school.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to authorize 100% appropriations for all departments for the 2007/2008 budgets.

MSP Schmidt, Graybill to authorize Pati Konwinski as part time Jailer to start July 9, 2007 at \$11.90 per hour.

MSP Graybill, Simonsen to authorize a 50-cent wage increase for all hourly employees for the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to designate Dr. Wendell Stoelting and Dr. Robert Feser, Optometrists for treatment of employee with workers comp eye injuries.

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

Dr. Thomas Gary requested a hearing in response to being removed from the Board of Health. Dr. Gary addressed the 8 items in the letter sent to him at the time of removal. Gary requested changes to the letter, however the Supervisors declined to make any changes and his removal from the BOH stands as stated in the letter dated May 25, 2007.

Larry Clark, County Engineer brought several items to the Supervisors.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to award a contract for Sleepy Hollow bridge project #L-1-AC-08—73-18.

MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to approve underground construction permits for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative to bore under the road Northwest of Aurelia on 510th St.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to approve Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. for the letting of the resurfacing project on 977.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve the waiver of separation distance between Cherokee County, IA and Roving Wind, Inc. in the East half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Twp. 91 Range 42, in Sheridan Twp.

MSP Schmidt, Graybill to approve the underground construction permit for Classy Mini-Storage LLC in Section 9 of Pitcher Twp.

It was the consensus of the Supervisors that the County would not pay for dust control for the County's portion of North 11th Street to the cemetery.

MSP Graybill, Schmidt to authorize Kala Knight as Public Health Nurse Administrator for less than two weeks will be paid by the hour and paid for her overtime hours as the employees finalize the business of closing that office.

MSP Schmidt, Simonsen to approve and sign the Public Health employee's final payout of wages, holiday and overtime hours.

MSP Leeds, Graybill to approve a request from the Karter's Race Track for up to \$5,500.00 for lighting of the track. The funds will be taken out of the Betterment Fund and the 2008 budget.

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MSP Schmidt, Graybill to approve the wage adjustment for Jody Hauptert, Elections Assistant, Payroll and Human Resources to \$12.35 per hour which includes the 50cents given to all hourly employees.

MSP Simonsen, Leeds to approve the wage adjustment for Jacqueline Dierenfeld as Drivers License Examiner and Treasurer's Assistant to \$12.95 an hour, plus the 50 cents at the first of the 2008 fiscal year.

There will be a short special Supervisors meeting on Friday, June 29, 2007 to finalize claims and other general business.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Ronald Wetherell, Chairman

Attest: _____
Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor