
FOR THE YEAR 2007
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MAY 1, 2007

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 01, 2007 with Ron Wetherell, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, Dean Schmidt and Jeff Simonsen. Ken Ross of the *Chronicle Times* was present from the press.

MSP Schmidt, Graybill to approve the amended agenda to include employment of part time for secondary roads, authorize payroll payout, equipment buyout, contract with ATV Club and discuss County Attorney position.

MSP Leeds, Graybill to approve hiring Roger Hultman as part time general labor for \$16.06 per hour effective April 30, 2007.

MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to approve an entrance permit for Margaret Whited in Tilden Twp. Section 35.

There was discussion about classifying county roads for maintenance and when to embargo roads that are being torn up by large equipment.

Supervisors asked Kim Rupp, Public Health Nurse Administrator to review and explain services provided by that department. She explained that there are really three departments, the Local Public Health Services, Community Health Department, and Home Health. The State grant contract will only involve the Local Public Health Services and some Home Health. Other grants from the State are Tobacco grant and the Lead Grant both of these grants expire 6/30/07. The Public Health Preparedness & Response for Bioterrorism Grant that expires 8/30/07 and the I4 Grant (Immunizations) expires 12/30/07. Other services the Community Health Department do is Medicare and Medicaid waivers as part of Home Care, Nursing services with County Work Services Adult Day Care; services through Empowerment such as Healthy Families, Family Circles whose contract was canceled by Rupp in February 07; Paternity testing done with three different companies, hair testing for drugs and some services for DHS. The contract with Plains Area Mental Health has also been canceled as of May 1, 2007.

The Supervisors expressed concern that the public's perception of Public Health is all of the services of public health are under one umbrella and not three different departments. Asked if the BOH knew of these extra grants and services and she replied, "The BOH only has authority over the Local Public Health Services." She signed the contracts and she canceled the contracts for Community Health Services. The Supervisors questioned if she had the authority to sign contracts that obligate the County? Rupp replied, "It has always been that way."

The Supervisors expressed their disappointment that these grants have been pared off so CRMC doesn't know about them or does not have an opportunity to bid on them.

Rupp was questioned about the two County employees that were trained at County expense to go to new jobs created by the Empowerment Board starting May 1, 2007. The Empowerment grant will pay for the expenses and wages but not for county expense of accrued vacation time for the weeks training.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to authorize chairman sign the Bio-Terrorism plan for the County.

MSP Graybill, Schmidt to approve the employment separation for Angie Scott to take employment with the Northwest Iowa Community Empowerment to continue the Healthy Families and Family Circles programs.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to deny a request from the Northwest Iowa Community Empowerment to purchase two computers purchased with Bio-terrorism dollars for the

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employees of the Community Health Department. The computers will be stripped of all of the information and kept in the public health office.

It was reported that the equipment and files purchased with Empowerment dollars were moved out of the Courthouse yesterday to their new offices in the MHI Ginsberg building. Northwest Iowa Community Empowerment is going to conduct the program in Cherokee County for at least two months and see how it works before deciding to go to a Request for Proposal bid process for the services. A not for profit entity are the only services or company that can be certified to execute this program.

County Attorney will be contacted to prepare a contract between the County and the ATV Club for use of the County gravel pit in Willow Township for an ATV recreational park.

It was the consensus of the Supervisors to begin the summer schedule in June, meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month through August. Extra meetings will be called if necessary.

There are four applicants for the County Attorney position for a decision to be made on next week's agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Ronald Wetherell, Chairman

Attest: _____
Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor