
FOR THE YEAR 2007
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MAY 8, 2007

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 with Ron Wetherell, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, Terry Graybill and Mark Leeds. Ken Ross of the *Chronicle Times* was present from the press. Guest for the meeting was Jim Adamson and LeRoy Schoon.

MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to approve the minutes of the two previous meetings and the amended agenda.

MSP Leeds, Graybill to open the public hearing for the 2006/2007 Budget amendments.

Kris Glienke, Financial Manager, explained the additional amounts that will be added to the original fiscal requests for each department and why the amendment is needed. There were no written or oral comments regarding the amendment.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to close the public hearing.

MSP Graybill, Schmidt to approve 2006/2007 Budget amendments as presented.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve the appointment of Jeff Friedrichsen as Chief Deputy as recommended by Sheriff Dave Scott. Effective date is May 7, 2007 and a new wage of \$42,321.50 salary.

Jim Adamson representing the Depot Renovation committee addressed the possibility of the Community Services office moving out of the Depot. He wanted the Supervisors to be aware of office space available on the lower level and that the building is handicap accessible.

It is the consensus of the Supervisors that a railing needs to be attached to the retaining wall on the west side of the L.E.C. building. Wetherell will talk to County Engineer about putting up a barrier.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to authorize the chairman to sign the Enterprise Zone agreement for the Little Sioux Corn Processing plant.

Patrick Schmitz and Kim Keleher of Plains Area Mental Health offices in Cherokee, and Lisa Langlitz, CPC and Community Services Director discussed renting office space at the PAMH for Community Services. Street level access with separate entrance and ample office space would be a plus for the staff. MSP Leeds, Graybill to authorize Langlitz to bring a contract for office rent to the Supervisors for a July 1, 2007 start date.

Langlitz commended the Depot committee and Jim Adamson for their support and that their services and taking very good care of the office for them was very much appreciated.

Lisa Langlitz has been the Community Services Director for 6 months now and it was time for the Supervisors to review her employment. She commented that this has been a huge learning curve for her but is feeling more comfortable daily with every part of the job. All of the help she has received from the network of CPC's in NW Iowa has made the transition pretty smooth. The Supervisors expressed appreciation for her work and asked to keep them informed of changes coming.

MSP Schmidt, Simonsen to approve an entrance permit for Samuria Mike #63, LLP in section 25 of Marcus Twp.

The FEMA public reports for expenses incurred during and after the snowstorm in March were discussed. The projected costs for the storm was \$52,434.22 for equipment and labor used, the county anticipates 75% of these costs to be reimbursed.

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A letter from the County Attorney regarding joint jurisdiction of a section of street in the City Marcus between Radcliffe Ave and Shamrock Road was discussed. The street has deteriorated and has become hazardous. Wetherell will contact Marcus City Mayor about signage until the problem can be fixed.

Larry Clark, County Engineer discussed the appraisals of property to be purchased for the 480th Street project. There have been some disagreement with the appraisals for some of the land and buildings by the landowners and that will not allow the project to be let anytime soon. It is the consensus of the Supervisors that the original appraised value of properties be honored and not increased or decreased.

MSP Schmidt, Leeds to approve the claims as presented. A full listing can be seen in the County Auditors office

A draft of a 28E agreement that would need to be signed by the Supervisors, BOH and Cherokee Regional Medical Center for Public Health Services was reviewed. Jamie Bowers, County Attorney was asked to comment on the draft and informed the Supervisors that the draft he had was updated and he would contact the other attorneys involved and report back.

The County Attorney position and applicants were discussed, and the Supervisors who made inquiries shared reference information.

MSP Graybill, Schmidt to offer J.B. Tiernan, Jr. the position to begin June 1, 2007 for a salary of \$70,000.00. A call to Mr. Tiernan was made with the offer and asked him to return his decision as soon as possible. Mr. Tiernan is from Fort Dodge, IA and a graduate of Creighton University School of Law.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Ronald Wetherell, Chairman

Attest: _____
Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor