
FOR THE YEAR 2007
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

The Cherokee County Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 with Ron Wetherell, Jeff Simonsen, Dean Schmidt, Terry Graybill, and Mark Leeds. Bud Dilocker, Jim Peck, Pat Buck-Hanks and Ken Ross, of the *Chronicle Times*, were also present.

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

Jim Peck presented a petition calling for an election of the citizens of Cherokee County for the purpose of bringing a casino to the county (Iowa Code 99F). Wetherell asked if the Iowa Gaming Commission is issuing any more gambling licenses. Peck indicated that they are not at this time, however it is the hope that the commission would consider adding additional licenses in the future. Peck referred to the potential economic boost to the county and asked the supervisors to accept the petition for election.

MSP Graybill, Schmidt to accept the petition calling for a special election asking for a casino in the county and to set the election date for Tuesday, December 4, 2007.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, reviewed the Cost Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. Units of service provided were close to estimates while actual costs were slightly higher than projected. These costs will be reimbursed by the state.

MSP Leeds, Schmidt to approve the 2006/2007 Actual Cost Report as presented.

Langlitz discussed the additional reporting requirements for Medicaid and the current case load in her department. She would like to restructure Case Management to include a social worker. The goal would be to provide the best environment and services for the clients while being conservative with tax dollars spent. The Supervisors agreed that quality of life for the clients should be of utmost importance.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to authorize Langlitz to hire a full time case manager and to move the current case manager into a social worker/case manager position.

Larry Clark, County Engineer, presented a revised 404 permit for the bridge plan on L36, which includes required details for disturbing water at the construction site.

MSP Schmidt, Leeds to sign the revised 404 permit for the L36 bridge plan.

Clark advised that the railroad applied for a gated crossing near the ethanol plant in 2006. Train traffic has increased with the expansion of renewable energy industries, resulting in serious safety concerns. It was the consensus of the board that putting stop signs at every railroad crossing in the county is not a desirable solution at this time.

Jon Dorr requested a waiver of the balance of a DNR required 14 day waiting period for construction of Roving Wind hog confinement in Section 12 of Tilden Township.

MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to sign a letter to the DNR waiving the standard 14 day waiting period for the Roving Wind project.

MSP Graybill, Schmidt to approve the matrix scoring of Maple Grove/Bronco Site confinement in Section 12 of Grand Meadow Township.

MSP Schmidt, Simonsen to approve underground construction permits for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative on C Ave in Tilden Township and People's Telephone on T Ave, M21, and U Ave in Pitcher Township.

Larry Clark reported that the proposal to purchase/move a building owned by Chuck Sand was rejected. After further discussion, the supervisors advised Mr. Clark to approach Mr. Sand again with the intent of getting the deal resolved as soon as possible.

Procedures for removal of software from the county's AS400 system was discussed.

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MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to authorize a temporary VPN connection to the AS400 network for RAM Systems, under the supervision of Solutions, Inc. of Spencer.

Per the RAM Systems contract terms, this allows for the removal of a public health software program that is no longer used. A list of files/libraries to be deleted has been provided by RAM Systems and will be verified by Solutions upon completion.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Ronald Wetherell, Chairman

Attest: Kris Glienke, Deputy Auditor