
FOR THE YEAR 2009
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JULY 21, 2009

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Terry Graybill, Jeff Simonsen, and Mark Leeds present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Simonsen; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve the amended agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Jan Carlson, Cherokee Regional Medical Center Public Health Director, presented the Public Health Preparedness Grant and supporting documents. Carlson stated that the Public Health Department has enough supplies on hand to vaccinate two thirds of the county if needed. The Public Health staff will be preparing for a potential outbreak of H1N1 this fall with an emphasis on prevention to avoid an outbreak within the county.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve the Public Health Preparedness Grant document with supporting appendices A, B, and C. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, discussed one utility permit and general business.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to reauthorize an underground utility permit for People's Telephone (NuTelecom) in Sections 20 & 29 in Pitcher Township. The original permit was approved two years ago with the project currently being finished. Motion carried.

The appointment of a Veteran Affairs Commissioner was tabled for further consideration.

Two petitions filed with the State of Iowa Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) were discussed. The first petition received by Cherokee County from the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 234, seeks to amend the existing Secondary Roads Bargaining Unit employment contract to include the job classifications of Assistant to the Engineer and Office Manager. The court found no evidence that neither Marty Jenness, current Assistant to the Engineer, nor Janet Cedar, current Engineer's Office Manager, held management positions based on the current responsibilities and work being performed by the employees. Cherokee County, as the Public Employer, has 30 days to appeal the court's decision. The consensus of the board of supervisors was to accept the court's decision and forgo their right to appeal at this time.

The second petition discussed was from the Cherokee County Law Enforcement Association whose members voted to approve a merger with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 234. The amendment to the current employment contract with Cherokee County will be effective upon approval of the State of Iowa PERB. Cherokee County, as the Public Employer, has 30 days to appeal this petition. By consensus of the board of supervisors, an appeal of the petition will not be pursued at this time.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve a final payout of \$3,525.46 to Jennifer Lubeck for accrued vacation, comp, and severance pay. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor