
FOR THE YEAR 2009
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MARCH 17, 2009

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 with Larry Prunty, Terry Graybill, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, and Jeff Simonsen present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Dave Scott, Jeff Friedrichsen, Dena Woltman, Lynda Holmich, and Patrick Schmitz were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Simonsen; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, explained the need to submit an updated application to the Iowa Department of Human Services to qualify the county for block grant dollars.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to authorize the chairman to sign the IDHS Community Mental Health Affiliation Form as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to open the Public Hearing for the Cherokee County Community Services Management Plan and 2010-2012 Strategic Plan. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried.

Langlitz highlighted the updates to the proposed plans. Patrick Schmitz, Plains Area Mental Health, expressed support of the changes. No additional public comments were heard.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Community Services Management Plan and 2010-2012 Strategic Plan. Motion carried.

Dave Driggs, Maintenance, requested 5 more hours per week due to additional outdoor summer duties. The consensus of the board was to keep the maintenance position at 40 hours per week.

Dana Evans, Veteran Affairs Director, discussed a wage authorization to hire a part-time position for data entry of VA Health records. The supervisors will take the request under consideration.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, reviewed an updated 5 year plan and two construction projects.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve Resolution #2009-7 to advance 3 miles of mill and overlay on C65 (project #L-1-AC-06) into the 2008/2009 budget year. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve project agreement #STP-S-CO18(55)- -5E-18 for repairs on C38 from the Cherokee City limits to L51. Motion carried.

Bob Hart, County Assessor, and Mel Obbink, Sidwell Co., discussed the potential of the Geographic Information System (GIS) program that the county owns. The mapping capabilities of the system may offer projects that can be utilized by different county, city, and school entities. A joint meeting will be planned for demonstration and input by interested parties.

Jail Committee members Ron Wetherell and Barry Goettsch arrived at 10:15 a.m.

Scott Stevenson, Ruan Securities, presented preliminary bonding information for the proposed jail project and discussed the timeline involved with a major construction project.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to deny the Veteran Affairs hiring request since the FY10 budget is certified and the hiring of additional county employees is being limited. Motion carried.

Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, discussed general disciplinary procedures covered by the County Personnel Policy that could lead to an employee being written up, suspended, or terminated.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor