
FOR THE YEAR 2009
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MARCH 3, 2009

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, and Terry Graybill present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Guests included Frank Escue and Linda Burkhardt. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Simonsen; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

At 9:15 a.m., Chariman Simonsen called for a motion to open the 2009/2010 Budget Hearing.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to open the hearing for the proposed 2009/2010 budget. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried.

Frank Escue asked what hourly wage increase had been figured into the proposed budget. Simonsen explained that a 50 cent per hour raise was approved for all non-union hourly employees to coincide with the terms of the current union contracts.

With no additional comments from the public, Leeds offered a motion, seconded by Prunty to close the 2009/2010 Budget Hearing. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to adopt the 2009/2010 budget as published. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to approve 92% of the county compensation board's recommended wage increases for the 2009/2010 budget. Motion carried.

No decision was made regarding a wage authorization for the Veteran Affairs Office.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented a resolution for the Iowa DOT, one utility permit, and discussed general operations within the roads department.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to approve Resolution #2009-6, which replaces Resolution #2008-05, authorizing the county engineer to sign Farm-to-Market, Federal, or State aid projects. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve an underground utility permit for Cherokee Rural Water between Sections 7 & 12 in Diamond Township. Motion carried.

Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and Ron Wetherell, Cherokee County Jail Committee member, gave an informational update after a meeting was held with Emswiler Architect Firm, the City of Cherokee, and the Cherokee County Sheriff's Dept regarding possible jail needs. The architect will draw up four more designs and determine some cost estimates to present to the board of supervisors.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor