
FOR THE YEAR 2009
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
OCTOBER 6, 2009

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, Terry Graybill, 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.

Ed Morrison, Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association (IMWCA), reported on the county's excellent reduction in work comp claims over the past 3 to 4 years. The resulting mod factor, a formula which the county's annual premium is based upon, has dropped from 1.08 three years ago to a current level of .85. Morrison commented that the county's improvement is remarkable and reflects a 2/3rds reduction in claims history with current repeat claims history now being 0. Use of a Physical Capacity Profile testing system is highly recommended by IMWCA for all new and current employees as a means for the county to limit future work comp claims. Morrison commended the county for its dedication to providing safety training to all employees and providing the necessary equipment to facilitate a safe working environment. Mike Halder, Safety Director, joined Morrison on an annual visit to all of the county worksites.

A quarterly county officers meeting was held with representation from five county departments.

Ginger Walker, Conservation Director, gave an update on the Martin Area cabins and reported a very successful summer season.

Dave Skou, 911 Director, reported that installation of a new \$98,000 phone system in the communication center has been completed.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, reviewed the case management on-call system and new state mandated assessment requirements.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, reported a full stock of salt on hand for the winter season.

Kris Glienke, County Auditor, discussed preparations for the November 3, 2009 City Elections and upcoming annual state audit of the county records.

Kent Wenck, Cherokee Airport Authority, requested approval to remove trees on property owned by Cherokee County to facilitate night approaches to the airport.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to authorize the county's support of equipment and labor to assist with removal of trees north of the airport. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve payment from the county's general basic fund for a server in the communications center. Repayment terms with the 911 board for the estimated \$10,000 project cost are yet to be determined. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, discussed construction projects and two underground permits.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve an underground permit for Cherokee Rural Water in Section 21 of Pilot Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve an underground permit for Schaller Telephone in Section 28 of Diamond Township. Motion carried.

Implementation of Physical Capacity Profile testing was tabled until legal advice can be obtained regarding necessary updates to the county's personnel policy.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. All board agendas and minutes are available online at www.cherokeecountyiowa.com.

Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor