
FOR THE YEAR 2010
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
APRIL 13, 2010

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds, and Terry Graybill present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Lynda Holmich, Dena Woltman, Connie Prunty, and Barb Smith 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 Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve the amended agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Karla Meadows presented a letter to the board concerning the possible closing of the Cherokee DHS office. The supervisors reassured her that they were making every effort possible to keep the Cherokee office open.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve the county claims for payment. Motion carried.

A complete listing is available for review in the Auditor's office and online.

Dawn Jones Coombs, County Recorder, presented her March 31, 2010 Quarterly Revenue Report reflecting \$17,365.74 retained by the county and \$40,135.78 forwarded to the state.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve the Recorder's March 31, 2010 Quarterly Report as presented. Motion carried.

Barb Staver, Sheriff's Office, reviewed the Sheriff's March 31, 2010 Quarterly Revenue Report with deposits of \$19,692.23.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill to approve the Sheriff's March 31, 2010 Quarterly Revenue Report as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve Resolution #2010-3 "Notice for Destruction of Noxious Weeds". Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Jay Loughlin, Cherokee County Sanitary Landfill Attorney, requested approval of the continuation of a local guarantee for postclosure costs for the landfill. The original agreement was signed approximately 10 years ago with a 2 million dollar guarantee amount and the costs have risen to a more realistic amount approaching 2.5 million dollars.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to approve Resolution #2010-4 "Municipal Solid Waste Sanitary Landfill Local Government Postclosure Guarantee". Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

The supervisors asked Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, to contact Charlie Krogmeier, DHS Director at the State, to see if a meeting could be scheduled for appealing the proposed reduction of the Cherokee DHS Office from full time to an on call status. The supervisors vowed to do everything in their power to maintain a full time DHS Office in Cherokee and are contacting the decision makers at the state level.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Leeds to approve a final payout of \$4410.99 to Chad Dutler for comp/vacation hours. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve a final payout of \$2623.97 to Kris Witcombe for comp/vacation hours. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill to approve a wage authorization of \$14.40 for Sara Lucas due to completion of the 6 month probationary period. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 11:20 a.m. Chairman Simonsen reconvened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. with Graybill being absent. Other persons present were: Lynda Holmich, Dena Woltman, Connie Prunty, Diane Rick, Sally Dobson, Sue Casey, Barb Smith, Mark Buschkamp, and Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*.

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Tom Bouska and Matt Madsen, regional administrators with the Department of Human Services (DHS), addressed the board regarding the proposed reduction of the Cherokee DHS Office to a less than full time status. Bouska reported that the state has proposed full time office locations to allow clients access within a one hour drive and contends that very few clients need face to face contact services since services can be processed through online applications. Schmidt expressed concern about persons who do not have access or the ability to use online services. Connie Prunty asked for consideration of the county's large number of mental health clients that would be at risk of falling through the cracks. Bouska replied that forms are available on line in public libraries; mental health clients could get assistance from their county funded case management worker; and individual appointments could be scheduled with a DHS worker if needed. Simonsen asked Bouska to share these concerns with the state committee who will be making the final decision and to let the state know that the Cherokee County Board of Supervisors are fully committed to maintaining a full time DHS office and will do whatever they can to work with the state in an effort to keep the local office in Cherokee.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor