
FOR THE YEAR 2010
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
AUGUST 24, 2010

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 with Jeff Simonsen, Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, and Terry Graybill present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Scott Weber, Central Insurance, and Mike Halder, County Safety Director, 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 Graybill to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Ed Morrison, Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association (IMWCA), reviewed the county's annual policy and claims history. Morrison reported that Cherokee County is in the top 10% of all IMWCA clients with its consistently low mod factor (.86) and minimal number of claims.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, gave an update on flood damage repairs and requested approval to advertise for two new positions. Shanahan and Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, presented job descriptions for a part time receptionist and full time project/construction manager. The Receptionist position would be a 20 to 30 hour week with a wage range of \$8.00 to \$9.00. The Project/Construction Manager position would be full time with a salary range of \$40,000 to \$50,000. The supervisors advised the engineer to advertise for the positions.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Schmidt to approve the county claims as presented. Motion carried. A complete listing of the claims is available for review in the Auditor's office and online.

Dave Scott, County Sheriff, and Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy, asked the board to send a letter to the City of Cherokee to begin the process of moving the City Police out of the Law Enforcement Center.

Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, will draft a letter to the Cherokee City Council and Mayor as a means to start a discussion addressing space needs at the Law Enforcement Center.

Simonsen asked the board to proceed with caution and consider all options before making any hasty decisions. The county owns the building that formerly housed the DHS office and it has just recently become available.

Ben Shuberg, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported on FEMA activities within the county addressing public flood damages and a recent Presidential Declaration for individual assistance. Shuberg will assist with a disaster drill in Marcus on Saturday and is working on completing the Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan with SIMPCO. This plan was started in February 2010 and never completed, therefore the county and cities cannot apply for emergency assistance money until the plan is finished and filed with FEMA.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Operating Engineers Local 234 and County of Cherokee regarding the secondary roads employees request to be paid for 10 hours of Holiday pay during the summer work schedule. Clarification was added stating "*it is understood that this Agreement shall not override the Engineer's or his designee's ability, in their absolute discretion, to schedule or modify the employees work hours per week as listed in the original collective bargaining agreement starting July 1, 2010. It is to be clear that if during a week of a holiday that if the employees are scheduled to work five (5) days at eight (8) hours per day they shall only receive eight (8) hours of holiday pay per the above rates.*" Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor