
FOR THE YEAR 2010
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
AUGUST 31, 2010

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 with Jeff Simonsen, Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, and Terry Graybill 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 Graybill to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Scott Weber, Central Insurance, presented a \$10,484.59 refund check from the ICAP Cumulative Reserve Fund. The refund is a recognition of the county's superior safety record and claims history.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill to approve the FY11 Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Contract Amendment #1 which increases the social services block grant (SSBG) allocation by \$2089. Motion carried.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Leeds to approve 2010/2011 property tax suspensions for four (4) persons per DHS criteria. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to authorize the chairman to sign the Iowa Dept of Public Health claim voucher for 4th Quarter Substance Abuse Prevention Contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Leeds to approve a request by an employee for FMLA and donated leave due to a catastrophic illness per the county's personnel policy. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve a \$13.22 wage authorization for Jeanne Dooley as a part-time 911 dispatcher. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, discussed bridge repairs and presented three utility permits.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve two underground utility permits for Iowa Lakes Electric between Sections 6 & 7 and in Section 12 of Diamond Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric in Section 24 of Cherokee Township. Motion carried.

Graybill and Leeds reported on their meeting with the City of Cherokee regarding the space needs of the County Sheriff's office. The former DHS building was toured and minor updates were discussed such as windows on the building front.

The supervisors called Sheriff Dave Scott in to discuss long term plans for his department.

Simonsen asked Scott if the current number of county employees would be able to absorb the extra work in the jail that the city police have been providing. Scott indicated that his current number of staff would be able to handle the duties fine and there would not be any need to hire additional deputies or jailers. Scott went on to say that the county has a good working relationship with the city police and he expects the practice of providing mutual support to continue between the two departments.

Graybill asked Scott if the long range plans for the law enforcement building would include relocating the 911 Communications Center to the front of the building, adding a sally port, and modifying the jail cells to address safety issues. Scott agreed that long term goals should be to make the county facility more efficient by possibly removing some walls to better use the building's space.

The supervisors stated that if the decision to move the Cherokee City Police to the former DHS building was made, the results would have to be in the best interest of the taxpayers to improve the jail while staying within the current footprint of the building, and not merely to add more offices.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor