
FOR THE YEAR 2010
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
DECEMBER 28, 2010

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 with Jeff Simonsen, Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, 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 Prunty to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, discussed contracts for substance abuse and mental health services. No action was taken on a contract for substance abuse services proposed by the Synergy Center.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve a one year contract with Spencer Hospital for mental health services as needed if beds are not available at the Cherokee Mental Health Institute. Motion carried.

Langlitz requested additional funds for the General Relief budget to fund burials of indigent residents of Cherokee County. The supervisors asked Langlitz to review the County's current policies and discuss possible arrangements with the funeral directors before adding additional funds to the department.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, requested approval of employment status for a retiring employee.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill to approve an employment status change for Bill Gordon from full time operator to temporary part time operator at \$18.44 per hour. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to authorize a letter to all county employees requiring proof of a valid driver license and personal auto insurance coverage per the county's liability insurance carrier. Motion carried. The county will not allow employees to drive county vehicles or pay out mileage reimbursement until these documents are on file with the Human Resources Director.

Dave Scott, County Sheriff, and Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy, provided documents to respond to complaints received regarding the Communications Center. Friedrichsen created a complaint form for officers to complete, sign, and submit to the Sheriff. The Sheriff and Chief Deputy will determine if complaints are worthy of investigating.

Friedrichsen reported that the Sheriff's Department will begin using the Iowa State Highway Patrol MACH software program to alleviate the number of calls going into the Communications Center. The program costs \$125 per month and will allow the County Deputies to look up license plates, driver licenses, and locate other law enforcement vehicles in the area.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) paperwork for a county employee. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to reject four (4) claims submitted and to approve the remaining county claims as presented. Motion carried. A complete listing of the claims is available for review in the Auditor's office and online.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor