
FOR THE YEAR 2010
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JANUARY 26, 2010

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds, and Terry Graybill present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Bob Donahoo, Farm Bureau Director, was also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Simonsen; Nays - none; Abstentions - none.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve the amended agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

The 2010/2011 budget work day started at 8:00 a.m. with budget requests from the Auditor (\$243,820 with .21% increase), Board of Supervisors (\$217,583 with 1.22% decrease), Treasurer (\$218,388 with .15% increase), County Attorney (\$272,801 with 1.88% increase), Recorder (\$136,048 with .45% increase) and Engineer (\$5,340,000 with 3.34% decrease).

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill to approve the Treasurer's FY10 semi-annual cash report ending December 31, 2009. Motion carried.

Mary Jo Ruppert, Cherokee Library Director, gave an update on the Stories 2000 program and requested \$1,000 of county support. Ruppert and Lois Alquist represented the Cherokee County Library Association with a review of trends in library usage and thanked the supervisors for their continued support. Ruppert requested \$500 to assist with reading packets given by the Cherokee Library to all mothers of newborns at Cherokee Regional Medical Center.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Simonsen opened the bids for Local Bridge Replacement Projects L-1-B-09, L-3-B-09, and L-4-B-09. Bids received for L-1-B-09 were: \$148,543 from Christensen Bros., Cherokee; \$157,203 from Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville; and \$178,555 from Graves Construction, Spencer. Bids received for L-3-B-09 were: \$145,443 from Christensen Bros., Cherokee; \$156,343 from Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville; and \$180,805 from Graves Construction, Spencer. Bids received for L-4-B-09 were: \$157,173 from Christensen Bros., Cherokee; \$170,895 from Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville; \$200,975 from Graves Construction, Spencer; and \$211,046 from Kooiker Inc, LeMars.

Chad Dutler, Engineer's Office, took the bids to verify and compile the proposals.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to advance bridge replacement project L-4-B-09 into the FY2009/2010 Budget and Construction Year of the 5 year plan. Motion carried.

Dutler returned with a bidders comparison sheet for the supervisors' consideration.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to accept Christensen Bros' \$148,543 bid on Local Project L-1-B-09 for bridge replacement in Afton Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to accept Christensen Bros' \$145,443 bid on Local Project L-3-B-09 for bridge replacement in Afton Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to accept Christensen Bros' \$157,173 bid on Local Project L-4-B-09 for bridge replacement in Amherst Township. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Simonsen recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

Meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m. with budget requests from the Veteran Affairs Commission (\$32,175 with 3.82% increase), Conservation Dept (\$303,918 with 1.31% increase), Weed Commissioner (\$34,475 with 2.27% decrease), Environmental Health/Emergency Management (\$142,522 with .55% increase), and Community Services (\$1,372,102 with 3.26% decrease).

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to authorize the chairman to sign a letter to the legislature regarding the supervisors' opposition to proposed funding of the state highway patrol from road use tax funds. Motion carried.

FOR THE YEAR 2010
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JANUARY 26, 2010

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Schmidt to appoint Mark Simonsen to a 5 year term on the Cherokee County Board of Adjustments. Motion carried.

Mark Buschkamp and Mark Hecox, CAEDC, requested funding of \$154,154 based on property valuations for 2010/2011.

The supervisors will take all budget and funding requests under consideration.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to amend the Cherokee County General Personnel Policy Time Off Benefits Section to include the following:

COURT HOUSE CLOSED DUE TO WEATHER

Regular full-time and regular part-time employees as defined by the personnel policy who have completed their probationary period are eligible to be paid their normal working hours when the Court House is closed due to weather concerns. To be eligible for the pay, the employee must have worked the last scheduled workday immediately before and the first scheduled workday immediately following the weather related closing. This policy does not apply to employees that are already on a scheduled vacation unless the vacation ends the day before the closing or the scheduled vacation starts the day after the closing. This policy does not apply to temporary/seasonal employees. This policy applies only to employees of Cherokee County who are not subject to a collective bargaining agreement.

Motion carried with all voting aye. Cherokee County General Personnel Policy amendment adopted.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

All board agendas and minutes are available online at www.cherokeecountyiowa.com.

Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor