
FOR THE YEAR 2010
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JUNE 1, 2010

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, and Mark Leeds present. Terry Graybill arrived at 9:45 a.m. 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 Prunty, seconded by Schmidt to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried with Graybill absent.

Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, presented wage authorizations for his staff stating that Cherokee County pays far less than any surrounding county and the private sector. Kolpin requested increases of \$1.30 per hour for Summer Heeren and \$1.70 per hour for Wendy Koch.

The board asked if the July 1st countywide 45 cent per hour wage increase would also be given and Kolpin indicated it would be on top of the proposed increase. The board informed Kolpin that they would consider the request at a later time.

Kurt Rasmus requested approval for a temporary liquor license in rural Cherokee County. Rasmus informed the board that he and Fred Jaminet will be hosting “Creekefest” in July and have formed a limited liability company, obtained DRAM insurance, and have completed all the proper state licensing requirements.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Leeds to approve a temporary liquor license for Jamin-R Enterprises at 4842 High Country Road north of Cherokee on July 17, 2010. Motion carried with Graybill absent.

Graybill joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve Resolution #2010-04 Inter-fund Operating Transfer of \$685,500 from Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Road Fund. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, and Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill to approve a \$13.00 wage authorization for Natalie Rassel as Auditor's Assistant. Motion carried.

Don Faber, Three Rivers Benefit Company, and Rick Angell, Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield agent, presented the county's health insurance renewal rate for July 1, 2010 which reflected a 35.87% increase in premiums. Several options were discussed as a way to save the taxpayers and the employees the burden of increased premiums; however changes must comply with union contracts that require the same benefits as those offered on July 1, 2006. The county currently purchases a higher deductible plan from Wellmark and partially self funds the costs down to the employees by buying down deductibles, office calls, and prescription costs.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to accept the Wellmark UQE/T98 policy including a \$4000 single deductible, \$8000 family deductible, \$25 office calls, and \$8/\$35/\$50 prescription plan with a \$100 Rx deductible. Motion carried. The county buys the plan down to a \$750 single deductible, \$1500 family deductible, \$10 office calls, and \$8/\$25/\$40 prescription plan with no Rx deductible.

Michelle Linn appeared before the board to report on an incident that involved her minor daughter and expressed dissatisfaction with how the situation was handled by the county's legal system. The supervisors will take the information under advisement.

Mark Buschkamp and Mark Hecox, CAEDC, reported on the wind turbine program that is under consideration through Western Iowa Tech Community College.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to go into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) *“To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of*

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the governmental body in that litigation.” Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, and Simonsen-aye. Session was closed at 11:40 a.m.

Regular session resumed at 12:00 p.m. As a result of receiving a verbal update from counsel regarding language of the settlement terms, a motion was offered by Graybill and seconded by Schmidt to reaffirm the terms of the settlement as previously approved on March 2, 2010. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Leeds to approve a 50 cent per hour wage authorization for Summer Heeren (\$13.90) and Wendy Koch (\$13.00) as legal assistants to the County Attorney. Motion carried with Graybill and Prunty voting nay.

Discussion of time clock systems was tabled for further research.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor