
FOR THE YEAR 2011
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
AUGUST 30, 2011

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds, and Terry Graybill present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Scott Stevenson and Hedgie Brandt 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 Schmidt to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Scott Stevenson, Ruan Securities, reviewed the details of a proposed bond purchase agreement including a 3.94% interest rate (2% lower than current terms) and an annual payment of \$235,000 (\$400,000 to \$445,000 currently). The county requested a credit review from Moody's Investors Service of Chicago and received an A1 rating.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve Resolution #2011-19 Directing the Acceptance of a Proposal to Purchase \$2,775,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011A.

Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to approve Resolution #2011-20 Directing the Acceptance of a Proposal to Purchase \$445,000 General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011B.

Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-nay, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, proposed new language for county burial assistance for indigent Cherokee County residents and requested authorization to update eligible users on her department's credit card.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to approve the updated burial language for general assistance provided by the county as presented. Motion carried. Langlitz will notify all county funeral directors of the updated policy.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to approve a change of authorized users on a county credit card per the Community Service Director's discretion. Motion carried. The supervisors advised Langlitz that they prefer to have hotel costs direct billed to the county instead of using a credit card whenever possible.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented bridge plans and a utility permit for consideration.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Sections 28 and 33 in Silver Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve bridge plans for Project #BRS-CO18(59)--60-18 between Sections 3 and 4 in Diamond Township. Motion carried.

Kris Glienke, Commissioner of Elections, explained that a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Cherokee and Cherokee County needs to be approved to address properties lying within city limits that were classified as rural census blocks and one rural property that is not contiguous to other rural county census blocks. This was an error of the Federal Census Bureau, however, neither the County or City's Redistricting Boundary Plan will be accepted by the Iowa Secretary of State's Office until an agreement is made to address potential residents in these areas. The census blocks include an unannexed property on the south side of Highway 3 and Highway 59 right-of-ways. These properties have limited potential of being developed into residences, but to be compliant with state regulations, an agreement must be filed stating that any potential residents of these areas will be considered in city population figures.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Schmidt to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Cherokee to comply with 2010 Census Blocks for the purpose of Redistricting Boundaries. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor