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FOR THE YEAR 2011  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
JULY 19, 2011

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, 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 Prunty to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Jerry Chizek, Iowa State Extension Regional Director, gave a program update and presented demographic information about Cherokee County. Chizek commented that extension needs to focus on areas other than agriculture to attract younger people to remain in rural counties.

John P. Loughlin, Landfill Attorney, discussed the status of bond refinancing for the landfill. The County and all Cities within Cherokee County are members of the Solid Waste Commission through a 28E Agreement. Per terms of the agreement, each member is responsible for a specific percentage of the Solid Waste Commission's financial obligations and must give their approval to the bond refinancing process or provide direct funding for their share of the total obligation.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve Resolution #2011-11 "*WAIVING NOTICE UNDER AMENDED AND RESTATED COUNTY LANDFILL ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT, AND CONSENTING TO THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES BY CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA, UNDER THE TERMS OF SAID AGREEMENT, AND RELATED MATTERS*". Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-nay, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Jason Titcomb, Cherokee Soil and Water District (CSWD), reviewed projects from the past year and discussed the need to start considering policies for maintaining flood/erosion prevention projects built in the county over the last 50 years. These structures have done their job of preventing erosion or flooding but have silted in and need rehabilitation to renew their effectiveness. The County was a stakeholder along with CSWD and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in the original cost sharing programs that built the structures and continues to have financial responsibilities for the maintenance of the structures during their 50 year term. Titcomb suggested that a committee of stakeholders be formed to determine priorities, set policies, and explore funding options for addressing the issue of maintaining these aging structures. The supervisors will consider this issue at a later date when more information is available.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented two (2) utility permits and discussed construction projects.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve underground permits for Qwest in Section 3 of Pilot Township and Long Lines along N Avenue from Section 29 in Cherokee Township to Section 29 in Pilot Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill to open a public hearing to consider vacating a portion of G Avenue. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and public hearing opened.

Having received no written or oral comments, a motion was made by Graybill and seconded by Leeds to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and public hearing closed.

Graybill left the meeting at 10:05.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to approve Resolution #2011-12 "*TO VACATE A PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD*". Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Graybill was absent. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

As a result of the relocation of G Avenue, a 5.73 acre parcel of land lying west of the roadway is now owned by Cherokee County. The property is currently rented out to a local farmer on an annual cash basis.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Leeds to approve Resolution #2011-13 "*DESIRE TO SELL REAL PROPERTY*". Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Graybill was absent. Motion carried and resolution adopted. The supervisors will publish notification of their intent to sell the 5.73 acre property in Section 6 of Amherst Township to the highest bidder.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Leeds to approve the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Contract for \$14,503. Motion carried.

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Motion by Prunty, seconded by Leeds to approve the June 30, 2011 Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification completed by the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Leeds to approve additional wage increases for County Attorney employees Summer Heeren (63 cents) and Wendy Koch (\$1.53) effective July 1, 2011. Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, reviewed a Medicaid contract amendment. Langlitz will complete, sign, and submit the contract to comply with federal requirements.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

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Kris Glienke, County Auditor