
FOR THE YEAR 2011
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MAY 10, 2011

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 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 Prunty, seconded by Leeds to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

The monthly County Officers meeting was held with the following departments represented: Auditor-Kris Glienke, Assessor-Nancy Nelson, Community Services-Lisa Langlitz, Conservation-Ginger Walker, Human Resources-Kristi Petersen, Recorder-Dawn Jones Coombs, Secondary Roads-Dave Shanahan, Sheriff-Dave Scott, Treasurer-Cindy Nelson. Departments not represented include: County Attorney, Environmental Health/EMS, and Veteran Affairs.

Rick Angell, Wellmark Health Insurance Representative, was in attendance to answer questions regarding the county's insurance premiums effective July 1, 2011. Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, provided information to department managers stating the payroll deduction for health premiums for county employees starting in June. Petersen asked if notices should be attached to all paychecks. The persons in attendance indicated that they would manage their own departments and share information directly with their employees.

Petersen discussed the county's current policy addressing internet usage and asked for clarification from the board of supervisors with input from department managers. The supervisors confirmed their desire to have all social media sites blocked from county employee usage.

Ginger Walker, Conservation Director, presented the Cherokee County Conservation Board's Annual Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010. Maintenance and storm clean up in the parks became the focus of time and resources in the past year.

Walker reviewed three (3) wage authorizations approved by the Cherokee County Conservation Board for temporary summer help in the parks. Emmett Kohn and Tony Morris were hired at \$9.75 per hour and Mitchell Sangl at \$9.50. The supervisors thanked Walker for keeping them informed of the new employees within the Conservation Department.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, discussed potential changes in the State's Mental Health Services and presented documentation needed to qualify for block grant dollars.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve the annual Community Mental Health Center Affiliation Form verifying contracted services with Plains Area Mental Health for 2011/2012. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, reported that he will be advertising for temporary summer help for mowing and painting. General road maintenance and upcoming projects were also discussed.

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

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to accept the resignation of Martin Irwin, Amherst Township Trustee. Motion carried.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Schmidt to appoint Galen Rupp as Amherst Township Trustee. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Leeds to appoint the Cherokee County Temporary Redistricting Commission per Iowa Code 331.210A(1) including Gilbert Bremicker, Democrat from Cherokee; Kenneth Ogren, Republican from Marcus; and Lynn Winterhof, Republican from Aurelia. Motion carried. The Redistricting Commission has the responsibility of drawing new county supervisor district boundaries based on 2010 Census data.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve FY11 Local Public Health Services Contract Amendment #3 reflecting a three percent (3) hold by the Iowa Department of Public Health for the current contract period. Motion carried.

Insurance claims for hail damage to county vehicles and the Cherokee Work Services building were discussed.

Consideration was given to a budget amendment for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011. The General Relief budget is the only department that has reached its budget limit thus far. The supervisors have not received

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requests for additional funds from any other departments, therefore, the consensus was to maintain the county's current budget without incurring additional expenses to advertise a budget amendment.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor