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FOR THE YEAR 2011  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
MAY 24, 2011

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 24, 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.

Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, presented a wage authorization to fill a position in the GIS/IT department.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve a \$42,000 wage authorization for Lindsay Bressler as full time GIS/IT Coordinator starting June 20, 2011. Motion carried. The new GIS/IT Department will report directly to the Board of Supervisors and will be located in the upper level of the courthouse.

Don Faber, Three Rivers Benefit Corporation, presented the county's health insurance renewal rates for the 2011/2012 fiscal year. The renewal includes a 2 ½ % increase in premiums for a \$4000 deductible plan with \$25 office calls. Employees will see no changes in benefits since the county partially self funds a risk pool as a way to buy down employee deductibles to \$750 with \$10 office calls.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Schmidt to approve the July 1, 2011 Wellmark Health Insurance Renewal. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve fireworks permits for Paul Paltz, Rick Westphal, James Steffen, Debbie Robb, Roger Ashbaugh, Douglas Steward, and Dean Schmidt. Motion carried.

Implementing a method of recording county property and vehicles through photos was discussed. The county's insurance carrier has requested documentation for loss control purposes. The supervisors agreed that the most efficient method of documenting is to have each department take photos of their respective property and the county will compile the results onto one cd for archival purposes.

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.

Ken Slater and Don Pitts, Landfill Commission, and Scott Stevenson, Ruan Securities, presented a plan to trade the county's current 8 year General Obligation Bond into a 20 year bond as a way to lower the annual payments made by the Landfill. The cost to extend the life of the bond will be approximately \$250,000 plus the Landfill needs an additional \$427,000 to complete a new cell.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to proceed with the process of issuing a 20 year General Obligation Bond Schedule and to retain the services of Mark Cory, Ahlers & Cooney PC, as bond counsel. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.  
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Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor