
FOR THE YEAR 2011
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MAY 31, 2011

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 31, 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 Graybill to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous two (2) meetings. Motion carried.

Tom Jenness, County Weed Commissioner, discussed needed repairs to the sprayer truck and procedures for documenting chemical applications. Schmidt presented photos of O'Brien County's spray system that uses injected chemicals and asked for Jenness' input. Jenness agreed that a new system with advanced technology would have advantages to control drift however he is not interested in operating a highly technical unit. Jenness gave his notice of retirement on June 30, 2011. Jenness stated that his intent is to repair the current sprayer and continue spraying county roads through the end of June. The supervisors thanked Jenness for his 31 years of service to the county.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to accept Tom Jenness' resignation from the Cherokee County Weed Commissioner position effective June 30, 2011. Motion carried.

Chairman Simonsen opened bids received from three (3) contractors for bridge Project #L-58-B-11--73-18 in Rock Township. Bids were as follows: Christensen Bros, Cherokee (\$255,081.40); Dixon Construction, Correctionville (\$261,772.80); and Graves Construction, Spencer (\$238,825.20). Brandon Billings, Engineer's Project Manager, verified the bids for correct calculations per the bridge plan specifications.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented two (2) underground utility permits for consideration.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative 5 miles east of Larrabee along W Avenue and 460th Street in Spring Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to accept a \$238,825.20 bid from Graves Construction for Project #L-58-B-11--73-18 in Rock Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve an underground utility permit for Simonsen Industries in Section 11 of Willow Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve a fireworks permit for Robert Schulenberg. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve the purchase of a \$25,000 2008 Ford F350 flatbed truck from Rasmussen Ford of Cherokee for use in the County Weed Commission Department. Motion carried.

Gerri Kintigh, Meriden Fire Chief, requested funding for replacement of a fire engine with total costs expected to be \$252,000. The fire department has \$35,000 in designated reserves and plans to apply for a USDA Grant in addition to continued local fund raising efforts.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill to approve a \$30,000 payment from the Rural Betterment Fund for the Meriden Fire Department fire engine replacement project. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor