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FOR THE YEAR 2011  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
OCTOBER 11, 2011

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 in the Board Room with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, and Terry Graybill present. Jeff Simonsen was absent. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Mark Groher, Dave Brown, and Scott Osborne were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds; Nays - none; Abstentions - none.

Vice Chairman Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Tim Hauptert, Local Pheasants Forever (PF) Chapter Treasurer, presented information regarding the Pheasants Forever "Reload Iowa" program. Hauptert stated that local PF members would like to see the program brought to Cherokee County but they need funding.

John Linquist, Pheasants Forever Regional Representative, emphasized the goals of employing an Iowa Farm Bill Biologist include working with land owners to address conservation issues including habitat, soil erosion, and water quality. The Farm Bill Biologist is an employee of Pheasants Forever and will provide biological/wildlife technical assistance for USDA, Iowa DNR, IDALS, PF and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Cherokee, Plymouth, Sioux, and Woodbury counties will be served out of the Le Mars location.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve a \$30,000 commitment of Rural Betterment Funds (\$10,000 per year over 3 years) to the Pheasants Forever "Reload Iowa" Program. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, discussed construction projects and utility permits.

Mark Groher, Cherokee, asked Shanahan about the status of a nuisance complaint filed on a property adjoining his residence. Shanahan reported that the owner was notified per terms of the County's Nuisance Ordinance and no corrective action has been taken. Shanahan will hire someone to remove the nuisance with the cost being assessed to the owner's property taxes.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Graybill to approve two (2) overhead utility permits for Mid American Energy between Sections 20 and 21 of Marcus Township and along 530<sup>th</sup> Street connecting B, C, F, G, H, I, J Avenues in Amherst, Sheridan, Tilden, and Rock Townships; and one (1) underground permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 12 of Amherst Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve culvert plans for project #BROS-CO18(63)--8J-18 between Sections 19 and 30 in Silver Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve culvert plans for project #BROS-CO18(64)--5F-18 between Sections 27 and 34 in Willow Township. Motion carried.

Barb Staver, Sheriff's Department, reviewed the Sheriff's quarterly revenue report.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve the Sheriff's September 30, 2011 Quarterly Revenue Report of \$21,024.05 as presented. Motion carried.

Dawn Jones Coombs, County Recorder, presented her quarterly revenue report for consideration.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve the Recorder's September 30, 2011 Quarterly Revenue Report including \$20,901.35 of county receipts and \$30,334.23 of state revenues. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to approve Resolution #2011-26 Establishing Fund Balance Policies as Required by GASB 54. Roll call vote: Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Schmidt-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty 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.

Mike Scott, Scott Telephone, presented a proposal to upgrade the central processor, software, and battery back-up of the courthouse and law enforcement center's current phone system. Dave Skou, 911 Communications Director, asked several questions regarding upcoming technology changes in the statewide 911 system and its compatibility with the system currently in place. After much discussion, Skou expressed confidence in the ease of future transitions of hardware and gave his approval of the upgrade.

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Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to accept a \$36,121 proposal from Scott Telephone to upgrade the courthouse and law enforcement center's telephone system. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Dean Schmidt, Vice Chairman

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

Kris Glienke, County Auditor