
FOR THE YEAR 2012
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
APRIL 3, 2012

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, and Jeff Simonsen present. Terry Holub, *Aurelia Star*, and Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Schmidt; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

Carrie Smeltzer, Cleghorn Quasquicentennial Committee, requested \$5,000 of funding to assist with the initial purchase of souvenir merchandise in conjunction with the 125th celebration planned for June of 2015. The request will be taken under consideration.

Barb Staver, Sheriff's Department, presented a quarterly revenue report for collections since January 1st.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Simonsen to accept the Sheriff's March 30, 2012 Quarterly Revenue Report with \$23,188 collected. Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, discussed possible outcomes from pending legislation that will have an impact on statewide mental health services. Limited funding options may result in reduced services and waiting lists for Cherokee County clients.

Brandon Billings, Engineer's Project Manager, presented two utility permits for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Section 13 & 14 of Grand Meadow Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative along 580th Street in Pilot and Rock Townships. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve the Master Matrix scoring and DNR construction application for Aaron Hinkeldey in Section 15 of Diamond Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Simonsen to approve Resolution #2012-04 "Notice for Destruction of Noxious Weeds". Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Schmidt-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Schmidt reported on complaints he has received from property owners along 480th Street East of Marcus regarding high speed traffic causing large amounts of dust. Since the road is jointly owned by the city and county, the Marcus Mayor and County Engineer will be contacted to participate in a meeting to resolve the issue.

Lindsay Bressler, GIS/IT Director, provided financial information to determine the need for a \$72,500 budget amendment. Start up costs to develop the new office include \$57,000 for wages and benefits in addition to \$15,500 for training and office equipment.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve a \$72,500 budget amendment for the GIS Department to complete the 2011/2012 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Chad Brown, Conservation Director, reviewed expense and revenue projections and estimates of funding needed to meet REAP requirements. An additional budget of \$51,000 would be used to build a playground at Silver Sioux Recreation Area, a playground and shower/restroom facility at Martin's Access, and a contract buyout to pay for a Bobcat currently being leased by the Conservation Department.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve a \$51,000 budget amendment for the Conservation Department to comply with REAP requirements in 2011/2012. Motion carried.

Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, presented a final employee payout for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Prunty to approve a \$3829.98 final payout to Summer Heeren for time worked and accrued vacation benefits. Motion carried.

Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, reviewed his current opening for a paralegal and requested input regarding salary levels that would be acceptable to offer to qualified applicants. The consensus of the board was that the county needs to offer competitive wages to attract qualified employees.

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

All board agendas and minutes are available online at www.cherokeecountyiowa.com.

Attest: _____

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor