
FOR THE YEAR 2012
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
DECEMBER 18, 2012

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, and Jeff Simonsen present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, Dale Glienke, Chad Brown, Dave Shanahan, and Ben Shuberg were also in attendance. 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. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Simonsen to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Dick Sievers, Mid Sioux Opportunity, gave an informative review of services offered to Cherokee County residents. Sievers discussed the upcoming operating budget for 2013/2014 and requested continued county funding to support services provided to families in a five county area. The request will be taken under consideration during the budget process.

Chad Brown, Conservation Director, requested additional support of \$75,000 from the County's General Fund to build a 12 person cabin at Martin's Access. Brown reported his budget will need to be amended to comply with annual REAP local funding requirements. The Conservation Board decided a larger cabin would be a good addition to the park system since it would provide space for family gatherings and educational space for naturalist programs. The supervisors asked what benefits would be achieved by increasing county funding to comply with the required 22 cent levy rate minimum. Brown stated the county receives from \$2,000 to \$8,000 of REAP funds per year but the compliance status qualifies the county for possible grant opportunities. Brown also mentioned that rental revenues from the cabin would be a good return on investment for the county. No decision was made and the topic was tabled until the newly elected supervisors can have input on the subject.

Greg Davis and Zach Ramsey, Solutions Inc., gave an informative presentation about current and future technology decisions that the County Supervisors will need to consider when overseeing the security of county data and making policies for employee internet, e-mail, and computer usage. Solutions has provided technology, software, and support services to Cherokee County for 25 years through annual contracts which include monitoring the County's computers and servers on a daily basis. Davis presented the findings of a recent automated network assessment to the supervisors and Lindsay Bressler, IT Director. The scope of the assessment is to show the strengths and weaknesses of the County's computer network while the test itself checks for any vulnerability in password policies, network stability in the event of an outage, other various security tests, and a device inventory. Davis and Ramsey explained the test results in detail and provided suggestions for correcting deficiencies.

Consideration of a resolution to approve a roadside sign for Cleghorn was postponed until the document can be reviewed by the city's attorney.

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor