
FOR THE YEAR 2012
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
DECEMBER 24, 2012

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, December 24, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, and Jeff Simonsen present. Terry Graybill was absent. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Dennis Bush, Ginger Walker, Dale Walker, and Tara Davis were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Prunty, Leeds, Schmidt; Nays - none; Abstentions - none.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Prunty to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Leeds to open the public hearing for the proposed budget amendment to the County's 2012/2013 fiscal year budget. Roll call vote: Simonsen - aye, Prunty - aye, Leeds - aye, Schmidt - aye. Motion carried.

Simonsen asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Simonsen and seconded by Prunty to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Simonsen - aye, Prunty - aye, Leeds - aye, Schmidt - aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Leeds to adopt the 2012/2013 fiscal year budget amendment as published. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to move all Sheriff's Deputy expenses (\$392,337) from the Rural Fund to the General Fund for the current 2012/2013 budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, 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.

Lindsay Bressler, GIS/IT Coordinator, presented a \$5,418 annual contract proposal from Scott Telephone for service and repair of the County's telephone system. Bressler also reported that Scott Telephone has advised phasing out the current phones and replacing them with new models. This project would cost about \$20,000 to replace 71 phones currently used in county offices. Bressler will discuss the contract and hardware replacement project during the budget process. Consideration of the contract was tabled for further research.

Todd Wetherell, Cleghorn Councilman, requested authorization to construct a new sign along the highway going into Cleghorn.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve Resolution #2012-14 authorizing the City of Cleghorn to construct a roadside sign. Roll call vote: Simonsen - aye, Prunty - aye, Leeds - aye, Schmidt - aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Dave Scott, County Sheriff, requested an appointment to meet with the supervisors about the County's policy for meal reimbursements but did not appear for his scheduled appointment. Scott was contacted by the County Auditor's Office advising him that the County's Personnel Policy requires itemized meal receipts and includes a \$24 per day maximum reimbursement for meals. Scott was asked to provide itemized meal receipts and a personal check to Mastercard for a meal that exceeded the County's \$24 per day maximum meal allowance. After much discussion, the supervisors decided to sign a statement authorizing the County Auditor's Office to issue payment for the meal reimbursement, acknowledging that the payment does not comply with current Cherokee County policies and audit control procedures.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Leeds to authorize the County Auditor's Office to issue payment of the Sheriff Department's Mastercard bill that includes meal reimbursements without itemized receipts and per day expenditures exceeding the County's \$24 daily maximum allowance that do not comply with current Cherokee County Policies. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented a utility permit for the board's consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Leeds to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water between Section 4 of Afton Township and Section 34 of Spring Township. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, 2013 Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor