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FOR THE YEAR 2012  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
DECEMBER 4, 2012

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, and Jeff Simonsen present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Rick Mongan, Ginger Walker, Dennis Bush, Jeff Friedrichsen, and Hedgie Brandt 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 Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Joel Anderson, Engineer's Assistant, gave an update on current projects including a bridge replacement in Afton Township and preliminary work that has begun on the Washta bridge. Anderson presented a utility permit and bridge project for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve the BROS-CO18(65)--8J-18 Cover Sheet for a bridge replacement project south of 590<sup>th</sup> Street in Tilden Township that will be cost shared with Plymouth County. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve an overhead utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 13 of Tilden Township. Motion carried.

Hedgie Brandt, County Treasurer, requested approval of an updated tax suspension list.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve an amended suspended tax list including two property owners that qualify through DHS guidelines. Motion carried.

The proposed 2012/2013 Budget Amendment was reviewed and questions concerning increases in landfill fees, Sheriff's wages for new positions, building repairs at the Law Enforcement Center, and payments for a Hazard Mitigation Plan were discussed. Ben Shuberg, Emergency Management Director, was called to the meeting to discuss funding of the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The supervisors questioned why the plan was not being paid for out of the Emergency Management budget since it is a function of that department. Shuberg indicated that he was not involved in the original drafting of the contract with SIMPCO to provide services to complete the plan, but he assumed the expense would come from the supervisors' budget since it had been approved and signed by the Chairman of the Board. After a lengthy discussion, the supervisors included the \$28,000 cost for the Hazard Mitigation Plan in their own budget for the proposed amendment with an expectation of receiving federal and state funds to reimburse the county for the expense.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to approve the proposed 2012/2013 Budget Amendment for publication and to set a Public Hearing for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 24, 2012. Motion carried.

The supervisors discussed the budget process and agreed to notify all department managers with details of employee benefit rates and to suggest a 35 cent per hour wage increase for all non-union employees. The Auditor's Office will distribute budget worksheets to all departments so preliminary budget figures for the 2013/2014 fiscal year can be prepared. The County Budget Work Day will be January 29, 2013 with each county department scheduled to meet with the supervisors to discuss their budget needs.

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

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

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor