
FOR THE YEAR 2012
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
FEBRUARY 14, 2012

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 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 Prunty, seconded by Graybill to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Jill Titcomb, Elections Deputy, presented the results of the Northwest Iowa Community College Special Bond Election held on February 7, 2012. The supervisors canvassed the results as follows: Total votes cast countywide were 134 with 111 votes cast “YES – for the question” and 23 votes cast “NO - against the question”.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to approve the canvass of election results from the February 7, 2012 Northwest Iowa Community College Special Bond Election as presented and therefore declare the public measure “*Shall the Board of Directors of Northwest Iowa Community College in the Counties of Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Lyon, O’Brien, Osceola, Plymouth and Sioux be authorized to erect, equip, renovate and expand buildings for Community College student learning purposes, including construction of new buildings, expansion and/or renovation of existing buildings, and student support areas, upgrading mechanical and advanced technology systems, contract indebtedness therefore, and issue its school bonds in an amount not exceeding \$13,400,000 for those purposes?*” to be adopted. Roll call vote: Simonsen – aye, Graybill – aye, Prunty – aye, Leeds – aye, Schmidt – aye. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, reported that contracts are not ready for the box culvert projects approved last week. Road repairs, project schedules, and RAGBRAI routes were discussed.

Graybill expressed concern that the county is not building roads to stand up to increased weights and sizes of agricultural vehicles. Graybill stated that getting cheap now on road construction is only going to cost more in the long run because “the roads aren’t lasting and we’re constantly repairing or replacing the same roadways”. Shanahan referred to total costs as a reason to use a lower quality method of road repair. Graybill asked if it wouldn’t be better to build less miles and do it right the first time.

RAGBRAI representatives met with Shanahan, Prunty, and Graybill to travel potential routes through Cherokee County and discuss needed repairs to address narrow wheel safety issues.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Leeds to approve the 2012/2013 Proposed Budget and to set a public budget hearing for 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2012. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds 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.

Dawn Jones Coombs, County Recorder, reported that a part-time employee had resigned in her department and requested permission to advertise to fill the vacancy.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to authorize the County Recorder to advertise for a part-time clerk to fill a vacant position. Motion carried.

Jason Titcomb, Cherokee County Soil and Water Conservation District Chairman, and Mike Henderson, Cherokee District Conservationist with NRCS , invited the supervisors to a shareholders informational meeting to address concerns of aging dams in Cherokee County. The structures were built in the 1950’s and 1960’s in the Little Sioux Flood Prevention Project area and are reaching the end of their useful life. Titcomb emphasized that an organized approach is needed to analyze the extent of repair and rebuilding needed, to prioritize those with greatest need, and to make necessary repairs or improvements. Meetings will be scheduled to gather input and suggestions for addressing this statewide issue. Maisy Titcomb was also in attendance but offered no comments on the subject.

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

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Attest: _____

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor