
FOR THE YEAR 2012
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JANUARY 10, 2012

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds, and Terry Graybill present. Terry Holub, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Schmidt; Nays - none; Abstentions - none.

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

Patrick Schmitz, Plains Area Mental Health Center, reported on services provided for 52 county funded clients in the 2010/2011 year and requested \$73,840 of funding for the 2012/2013 budget year. The supervisors will take this request under consideration during the budget process.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Simonsen 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.

Paul Wilkens, Marcus Fair, and Arlene Hollenbeck, Marcus Historical Society, requested financial support for a proposed Fair Village project with estimated costs of \$150,000 for a new 5000 square foot building and relocation of the Reed Center/Danish Church to the fairgrounds. Hollenbeck reported that private pledges total \$50,000 at this time with more to come in. The supervisors will take this request under consideration.

Stan DeRoo, Cherokee Rural Water, requested an easement from the county to meet DNR requirements of a 200 foot control area surrounding a proposed new well at the office on C44 in Pilot Township. DeRoo has been working with Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, on this issue.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Leeds to support Cherokee Rural Water's request for an easement surrounding a new well in Section 21 of Pilot Township with an agreement prepared by the county attorney. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Prunty to reappoint Board of Health members Liz White, Jeff Waldner, and Jack Creel for 3 year terms ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried.

Dawn Jones Coombs, County Recorder, presented a quarterly revenue report for the board's consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to accept the Recorder's December 31, 2011 Quarterly Revenue Report including \$26,343 retained by the county and \$52,765 of receipts forwarded to the state. Motion carried.

Lindsay Bressler, GIS/IT Coordinator, presented a pricing policy for county provided GIS services and database information. Bressler indicated that the county attorney had reviewed and approved the policy.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve a GIS/IT pricing policy as presented.

Bressler reported on requests she has received from cities for projects that would require a GPS unit to locate infrastructure such as water main lines, manholes, fire hydrants, signs, etc. Bressler showed a demo GPS unit with an accuracy range of 1 to 5 meters that could be purchased for \$6000. Graybill questioned if that would be accurate enough for future projects. Schmidt asked Bressler to investigate additional units that would be more accurate.

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, gave an update on the Cherokee Industrial Corporation's rail spur project south of Cherokee. Buschkamp asked if the county would provide 400 cubic yards of gravel to help hold the sandy soil in place at the site.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, expressed concern about being compliant with DOT regulations since it is a private project within city limits. Shanahan estimated that it would require 50 loads of gravel in addition to two days of labor and truck expense. Currently the county trucks are equipped for snow removal so the crew would need to remove the snow equipment and reinstall it after hauling the gravel. No action was taken. Buschkamp invited the supervisors to tour the rail spur site to see the progress.

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