
FOR THE YEAR 2012
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MARCH 20, 2012

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, and Jeff Simonsen present. Terry Holub and Charlene Carlson, *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 Prunty, seconded by Simonsen to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, presented a wage authorization to fill a part-time position in the Recorder's office with a March 16th hire date. An offer of employment was made and accepted, however, the pre-employment testing has not been completed. Petersen stated that she has now scheduled the testing and the employment is scheduled to begin working this week.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Simonsen to approve an \$11.00 wage authorization for Michelle Rupp as part-time Recorder's clerk pending successful completion of a Physical Capacity Profile and drug testing per the Cherokee County Personnel Manual. Motion carried.

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, updated the supervisors on the progress of establishing the non-profit "Western Iowa Housing Trust Fund" that would include Cherokee, Ida, Monona, and Plymouth Counties. SIMPCO cancelled their scheduled meeting with the supervisors but did provide a letter expressing interest in partnering with the Housing Trust Fund Board of Directors to administer the available grants.

The discussion regarding Cherokee County's Hazard Mitigation Plan was tabled until SIMPCO representatives are prepared to meet with the supervisors. SIMPCO's letter indicated that they may need to hire additional staff to complete the county's plan, but specific details were not provided.

The supervisors reviewed documents received from Cherokee Regional Medical Center's Public Health Department pertaining to changes in reporting for the Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Contract with the state.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Local Public Health Contract naming personnel as authorized users on the Iowa Department of Public Health's Sharepoint online reporting system. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Simonsen to authorize the chairman to sign a letter of support for the Cherokee Regional Medical Center's Public Health Department Tobacco Grant application. Motion carried.

Rick Emswiler, Emswiler Architecture, reviewed possible solutions to repair the sidewalk area in front of the Law Enforcement Center and to address drainage issues coming from the vacated alley.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to hire Emswiler Architecture, Missouri Valley, to act as architect and project manager for a project to update the sidewalk, steps, and drainage along 5th Street in front of the Cherokee County Law Enforcement Center. Motion carried.

Larry Nelson, Quimby City Council, requested approval to close L51 through Quimby for two hours on June 30, 2012 to provide a safe route for Quimby's 125th Celebration parade. The consensus of the supervisors was to allow this temporary closing. Nelson will contact the DOT for what type of documentation is required and report back.

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor