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FOR THE YEAR 2012  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
MARCH 6, 2012

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, and Jeff Simonsen present. 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 Simonsen, seconded by Prunty to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

At 9:00 a.m., a motion was offered by Simonsen and seconded by Leeds to open a public hearing for the proposed 2012/2013 fiscal year budget. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Schmidt-aye. Motion carried. County Auditor Kris Glienke reviewed the highlights of the proposed budget which reduces the property tax levy rate by 74 cents with an overall 3.5% property tax reduction. Simonsen commended all elected officials for being conservative with their budgets and thanked Kris Glienke, County Auditor, for facilitating the easiest budget process in the 20 years that he has served as a county supervisor. Glienke reported that the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 is nearly complete and final figures show that the county brought in \$520,000 more than it spent. Hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to close the public hearing at 9:10 a.m. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Schmidt-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to adopt the fiscal year 2012/2013 budget and to certify it to the state. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to adopt the County Compensation Board recommendations for 2012/2013 elected officials wages as follows: Attorney \$86,500 (\$2,250 increase), Auditor \$49,750 (\$1,500 increase), Recorder \$49,750 (\$1,500 increase), Sheriff \$63,000 (\$1,750 increase), Supervisors \$21,500 (no increase), and Treasurer \$49,750 (\$1,500 increase). Motion carried.

Leeds provided an update on the financial status of the Cherokee County Solid Waste Commission with possible increases in tonnage costs to maintain a viable cash flow. The Commission continues to work with an independent accountant and engineer to determine financial numbers and actual costs to bury solid waste.

Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, presented a final employee payout for review.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve a \$3249.20 final payout of vacation/comp hours for Natalie Meyer. Motion carried.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract for tornado and wind damage assistance was tabled for further discussion with Ben Schuberg, Emergency Management Director.

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

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

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor