
FOR THE YEAR 2012
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MAY 8, 2012

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 8, 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.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Leeds to open the public hearing for the proposed budget amendment to the county's 2011/2012 fiscal year budget. Roll call vote: Simonsen - aye, Graybill - aye, Prunty - aye, Leeds - aye, Schmidt - aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Schmidt asked for comments from the public. Jason Titcomb asked for details of what the \$51,000 additional budget for Conservation and \$72,500 for the GIS/IT Department will be used for in the remaining two months of the fiscal year. Schmidt replied that the Conservation Department is building playground and shower facilities and will pay off leased equipment to save long term interest costs. The supervisors all responded about the GIS/IT budget stating that the department started after the budget was certified and the additional funds are needed for wages and start up training. Graybill indicated that wages and expenses of the GIS position were budgeted within the Assessor's budget but the department was moved to a county funded department. Titcomb asked if the GIS funding would be transferred from the Assessor's budget to the GIS budget. Graybill replied that the Assessor was keeping those additional funds to save up for an upcoming project to revalue all properties in the county.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Schmidt called for a motion to close the public hearing. Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Simonsen - aye, Graybill - aye, Prunty - aye, Leeds - aye, Schmidt - aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to adopt the 2011/2012 fiscal year budget amendment as published. Motion carried.

Yacht Club Committee members Mark Hecox and Steve Thomas provided information about the fundraising effort to replace the Yacht Club Building and answered additional questions about the scope of the current project. Graybill asked if there was a possibility that the lake could be dredged to improve water quality and allow for swimming again at the park. Thomas responded that the current campaign is to build a new Yacht Club with an outdoor shelter and did not involve the lake itself.

Don Eikmeier, Cherokee City Administrator, and Duane Mummert, Parks Director, addressed the need to rehabilitate the lake and expressed a desire to join forces with the county to research options of bringing back swimming to Spring Lake Park. Eikmeier clarified that improvements to the lake have not been a discussion that the City has considered, but the Yacht Club is a project that has already been endorsed by the Cherokee City Council and is well underway. Thomas asked that it be made perfectly clear that the current project is for the Yacht Club and has nothing to do with any long term plans to address the lake itself.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to provide \$50,000 of Rural Betterment Funds to the Yacht Club Committee to be paid over two years. Motion carried.

Dana Evans, Veteran Affairs Director, gave an informative review of plans for the 7th Annual Veteran Appreciation Day to be held at the Cherokee County Fairgrounds on July 28, 2012.

Joyce Rasmus, Jamin-R-Enterprises, requested approval of a liquor license for Creekfest.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve a 5 day temporary liquor license to Jamin-R-Enterprises for Creekfest on July 20-21, 2012. Motion carried.

Dave Skou, Marlene Ebert, Barb Staver, Kristi Petersen, and Ben Shuberg joined the meeting.

Dave Scott, County Sheriff, explained that changes in state laws have created additional duties for his non-union employees and requested an additional \$1.00 per hour wage for Marlene Ebert, Jail Administrator; Dave Skou, Dispatch Supervisor; and Barb Staver, Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Simonsen to approve wage authorizations for Marlene Ebert (\$17.95), Barb Staver (\$18.35), and Dave Skou (\$18.76) effective April 30, 2012 with an additional increase of 65 cents per hour on July 1, 2012. Motion carried.

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Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Prunty to approve Resolution #2012-08 which waives a 14 day waiting period for a DNR confinement construction permit requested by Aaron Hinkeldey for ADH Farms in Section 15 of Diamond Township. Roll call vote: Simonsen – aye, Graybill – aye, Prunty – aye, Leeds – aye, Schmidt – aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, discussed potential legislative changes to the mental health system and the possibility of implementing a waiting list for services in Cherokee County. Langlitz recommended that a contract with Plains Area Mental Health Center be tabled until state funding is confirmed. Langlitz did present a form to be verified that Cherokee County is affiliated with a licensed mental health provider.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Simonsen to approve a Community Mental Health Center Affiliation with Plains Area Mental Health Center. Motion carried.

The claims authorized by county departments were reviewed. It was noted that one department had submitted bills that exceeded its total budget authority by \$1,358.58. State law prohibits any county department from spending more than the budget certified. A \$2,885.00 claim was denied payment by the supervisors in order to comply with the law. The claim will be paid after the County's 2011/2012 Budget Amendment is certified to the state and additional funds are put into the department's budget.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Simonsen to approve the claims for payment as presented after voiding one \$2,885.00 payment. Motion carried. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

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