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

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, and Jeff Simonsen present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Dennis Bush, Ginger Walker, Rick Mongan, Jeff Friedrichsen, and Dave Scott were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Schmidt; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, asked for the supervisors' input about a contract proposal received from the Spencer Hospital. Since Cherokee County is not in the hospital's network, there is a \$1008.90 per day cost for mental health services. Daily rates at the Cherokee Mental Health Institute are \$225 but limited to availability of beds. No action was taken and the supervisors advised Langlitz to request a non-contract rate for consideration before a decision is made. Langlitz reported that her department has successfully achieved certification of the County's Case Management Program through the Department of Human Services with only minor areas of corrective action required. Langlitz presented graphs reflecting services provided in 2011/2012 for the board's review. The number of clients served was slightly reduced, however the total departmental expenses increased as a result of the County being responsible for a larger portion of Medicaid services to clients. Langlitz asked for the supervisors' opinion on volunteers providing office assistance on a very limited basis. The supervisors advised Langlitz to contact the Human Resources Department to determine possible liability.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Graybill to accept Laverne Birch's resignation from the Cherokee Aviation Authority. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to appoint Todd Wetherell to fill a vacancy on the Cherokee Aviation Authority with a term ending January 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to accept Judy Gordon's resignation from the Sheridan Township Clerk Position. Motion carried.

The budget process was briefly discussed with all newly elected supervisors being present. Budget worksheets will be delivered to department managers the first week of December so planning for the 2013/2014 year can begin. The 2012/2013 budget will be amended before the end of December to address unexpected expenditures. All departments will be notified and given the opportunity to discuss any additional funding requests for their budgets ending June 30, 2013.

Hedgie Brandt, County Treasurer, submitted a list of suspended taxes that are on file in her office for the supervisors' review.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Simonsen to accept the County Treasurer's listing of four property owners who may qualify for suspension of taxes payable in 2012/2013 through a DHS program. Motion carried.

The supervisors asked for clarification of the tax suspension process. The Treasurer's Office stated the County Auditor should call DHS to verify if the property owners still qualify for tax suspension and report the information back to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will then present the qualifying applicants to the supervisors for official approval at a later date.

Jerry Townsend, Grand Meadow Heritage Center, requested financial assistance for building and repair projects totaling \$26,000. Several annual fundraising events help to defray ongoing maintenance costs and the committee continues to look for additional funding sources. Townsend reported one of the buildings at the Heritage Center is 100 years old and they are applying for inclusion on the National Registry of Historic Places. Townsend thanked the supervisors for their past financial support and noted that any additional funding would be appreciated. No action was taken until additional sales tax revenues are received in the Rural Betterment Fund.

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor