
FOR THE YEAR 2012
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
NOVEMBER 27, 2012

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, and Jeff Simonsen present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Dave Scott, Jeff Friedrichsen, Ginger Walker, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Ben Shuberg, Lindsay Bressler, Kristi Petersen and Hedgie Brandt 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 an amended agenda to include consideration of bids received by the Sheriff for roof and furnace repairs. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Prunty 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.

Dave Scott, County Sheriff, requested a budget amendment for his department to include \$43,690 in wages for a newly created full time dispatcher position; \$20,000 of additional wages to add an additional full time jailer position; and possible capital improvement expenses to replace the roof and two furnaces in the Law Enforcement Center. Scott presented bids received for replacement of the roof as follows: Guarantee Roofing (\$24,900), JR Roofing (\$26,900), and Nohava Construction (\$13,900).

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to accept a \$13,900 bid from Nohava Construction to replace the roof on the Law Enforcement Center including adding additional drainage. Motion carried.

Scott presented bids for two new furnaces and air conditioning units from: Denny's Heating (\$12,145) and Modern Heating (\$10,830).

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to accept a \$10,830 bid from Modern Heating to install two new furnace and air conditioning units in the Law Enforcement Center. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Simonsen to add an additional full time jailer position in the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried.

Willie Allbaugh, City of Quimby, requested \$8,000 of county funding to assist with the purchase of a 7 foot by 15 foot full color LED roadside sign to promote activities of local residents. The City and Centennial Committee have \$18,000 set aside for the \$26,000 project. The request was tabled due to limited funds in the Rural Betterment Fund.

Ben Shuberg, Emergency Management Director, discussed a proposed lease with Cherokee Mental Health Institute for rental of office space to locate an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The monthly cost for office space would be \$234 plus \$100 per month for internet fees. Shuberg has taken the lease to Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, for his review and will present the lease agreement at a later date when it has been updated to Kolpin's satisfaction. Shuberg requested funding of the EOC location to be paid by the supervisors instead of the Emergency Management Budget. The consensus of the supervisors was to create a separate line item for the new expense in a general fund department overseen by the County Supervisors and to include the rental of EOC office space and internet fees in a proposed budget amendment.

Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, presented ten employee birthday cards for the supervisors' signatures.

Kris Glienke, County Auditor, explained new reporting requirements for cities and counties due to legislative changes to Tax Increment Financing (TIF) regulations. House File 2460 requires that the TIF annual financial report must be completed online, approved by the governing body, and submitted to the Department of Management before December 1st. The county cannot adopt a budget or certify taxes if this deadline is not met.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve Cherokee County's TIF Annual Financial Report as prepared by the County Auditor. Motion carried. Glienke will complete the certification process so that Cherokee County will be compliant with the new regulations.

The supervisors received one bid for snow removal services during the 2012/2013 winter season.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to accept a snow removal bid from Waldner's Lawn Service for the courthouse block and two employee parking lots during 2012/2013. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, discussed his 5 Year Construction Budget and asked if he should consider amending it to include paving sections of roads east of Marcus and another adjacent to the ethanol plant.

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The supervisors asked if there would be any state or federal funding available for paving these two roads since both have increased truck traffic. Shanahan stated that the projects would be 100% local funds since neither are classified as a Farm to Market road. The estimate for paving a half mile section of road with 8 ½" of concrete is \$400,000. Shanahan will continue to discuss options with the City of Marcus for possible solutions to dust issues. Shanahan reminded the supervisors that if additional paving projects are added to the 5 Year Construction Budget, then other projects that have been designed and are ready for bid letting, such as M21 south of Aurelia, would have to be put on hold.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, followed up with details about a proposed contract for mental health services with Spencer Hospital. Langlitz paid for a total of 9 days of service in the last fiscal year and did not see a benefit to having a contract. The consensus of the supervisors was to not sign the contract since there was no savings in the daily rate.

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.
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Attest: _____

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor