
FOR THE YEAR 2012
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
OCTOBER 2, 2012

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, and Jeff Simonsen present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, Marci Brown, and Rick Mongan 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 Prunty, seconded by Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Lindsey Bressler, GIS/IT Coordinator, presented a monthly report of activities in her department and projects she has been working on. Bressler asked permission to hire a tech team to evaluate technology needs in all county departments and to provide a plan including 5 and 10 year goals. The tech team would provide training and support to Bressler as needed at an approximate cost of \$2,000.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to allow Bressler to proceed with hiring a tech team to evaluate the county's technology needs pending approval of all departments for access to their offices. Motion carried.

Barb Staver, Sheriff's Department, presented a quarterly revenue report for approval.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Graybill to approve the September 30, 2012 Sheriff's Quarterly Revenue Report including \$26,782 of funds retained by the county. Motion carried.

Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, provided birthday cards for the supervisors to sign and send to employees. Petersen discussed differences in sick leave policies for union and non-union employees which provide time off for family illnesses. The Secondary Roads Union Contract allows employees to use 24 hours of their sick time per year for family illness but all other employees in the county can only use sick time for their own illness and must use vacation time or unpaid days off for family illnesses.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to adopt a family sick leave addendum to the Cherokee County Personnel Policy which allows all county employees to use 24 hours of their earned sick time in one hour increments for family illnesses as described in the Secondary Roads Contract. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented a utility permit for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Leeds to approve an overhead utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Sections 12 and 13 of Tilden Township. Motion carried.

Marci Brown, CAEDC representative, provided minutes of the Cherokee County Enterprise Zone Board meeting where a housing development application was approved for a business in the City of Cherokee. If an Enterprise Zone is created to include the property, the business could apply for state tax incentives to assist with the purchase and rehabilitation of the apartment unit.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Simonsen to approve Resolution #2012-11 Petitioning the Iowa Economic Development Authority for Certification of an Enterprise Zone (Cherokee EZ-13) in Cherokee County comprising of 6.61 acres. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Schmidt-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

The supervisors wish to recognize the following employees for their years of dedicated service to Cherokee County: Barb Staver (30 years), John Schwarz (15 years), Stacy McGee (15 years), Dana Evans (10 years), Jackie Dierenfeld (10 years), Kelly Ebel (10 years), Kim Dierenfeld (10 years), Tim Preuss (10 years), Joel Anderson (10 years), and Lisa Langlitz (5 years).

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor