
FOR THE YEAR 2012
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
OCTOBER 30, 2012

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, and Jeff Simonsen present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, Paula Ellis, Sara Lucas, Chad Brown, and Marci Brown 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 Graybill to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, discussed construction projects and presented two utility permits for consideration.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Simonsen to approve underground utility permits for Century Link in Section 29 of Cherokee Township and Frontier Communications in Section 30 of Willow Township. Motion carried.

Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, presented employee birthday cards for the supervisors to sign and requested approval of two wage authorizations previously approved by the Cherokee County Conservation Board.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve a \$1.00 per hour wage increase to \$15.15 effective October 1, 2012 for Emmett Kohn, Conservation Tech, as a result of acquiring a CDL license. Motion approved.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve a \$1.15 wage authorization to \$15.15 effective October 31, 2012 for Laura Kohn, Conservation Naturalist, as a result of completing a six month probationary period for new employees. Motion carried.

Petersen reported that county employees have expressed concerns about their paystubs not being handled in a confidential manner within their departments. The supervisors agreed that distributing all paystubs in sealed envelopes should eliminate any employee concerns.

Dave Scott, County Sheriff, discussed the condition of the Law Enforcement Center's aging infrastructure. The roof has been leaking in multiple locations for several months and the furnaces should be replaced before any major issues occur. The supervisors asked Scott to get bids for both projects and to report back with the information at a later date.

Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, provided hourly legal fees and information received from two area law firms interested in providing legal counsel for personnel issues.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to hire Doug Phillips, Klass Law Firm of Sioux City to review the County's Personnel Policy and assist the County during employee contract negotiations. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor