
FOR THE YEAR 2012
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, and Jeff Simonsen present. Terry Graybill was absent. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Prunty, Leeds, Schmidt; Nays - none; Abstentions - none.

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

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

Brandon Billings, Engineer's Project Manager, delivered utility applications for the board's consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Leeds to approve underground utility permits for Cherokee Rural Water in Sections 16, 24, and 30 of Cherokee Township and Section 12 of Tilden Township. Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, discussed possible options for Cherokee County when considering which region to join for mental health services. The supervisors will research whether other counties in the Northwest Iowa Consortium prefer to join one large region or smaller local regions before they take any formal actions that would limit Cherokee County's ability to provide the best services to mental health clients.

Dwight Lang, Kristi Quinn, and Judi Meyer represented Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO) and presented a Housing Assistance Plan; Policies and Procedures; and bylaws of the Western Iowa Community Improvement Regional Housing Trust Fund. To qualify for state funding for housing trust funds, all counties in the SIMPCO region; including Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury Counties must apply as a one cooperating group. Priorities have been identified for the region as: 1) Rehabilitation of single family owner occupied dwellings; 2) Rehabilitation of rental dwellings; 3) Construction of single family dwellings. The program is administered by SIMPCO staff and provides up to \$4,000 of state funds to qualifying home owners. Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, was also in attendance and provided information about the history of creating Housing Trust Funds in Cherokee and Ida Counties over the last two years.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Simonsen to approve Resolution #2012-10 "To Recognize the Western Iowa Community Improvement Regional Housing Trust Fund" with a three year termination clause. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Schmidt-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

As recommended by Emswiler Architecture, bid opening for the proposed Law Enforcement Center exterior improvement project was postponed until spring due to lack of potential bidders.

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.

No action was taken on a contract proposal from Iowa Negotiation Services for union negotiating services.

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

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Attest: _____

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor