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FOR THE YEAR 2013  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
DECEMBER 17, 2013

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Jeff Simonsen, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist, Dave Scott, Jeff Friedrichsen, Chad Brown, Hedgie Brandt, and Dave Shanahan were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Mongan, Bush, Walker, Leeds; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Walker to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dave Scott presented a wage authorization to fill a vacant Deputy Sheriff position.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve a \$21.60 wage authorization for Alexander Burditt, Deputy Sheriff, effective December 23, 2013 per the Law Enforcement Center union contract. Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, reported on recent meetings held with Plymouth, Sioux and Woodbury Counties about the Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region. Simonsen stated he was completely confident with the County's decision to join the Sioux Rivers Region referring to positive working relationships with the other Counties involved. Bush expressed concern that each county in the Sioux Rivers Region would still be processing their own bills and keeping their own funds instead of acting as a region. Bush added that the Rolling Hills Region, which consists of six counties east of Cherokee County, is pooling their funds and will function with one fiscal agent processing payments and reporting the financial activity of the region. Mongan stated that he had compared agreements from the two different regions and they appeared to be nearly boilerplate with few differences. Walker stated that the Code of Iowa requires one fiscal agent and one fund for the region. Leeds expressed concern about the relationship the County Region Governance Board is creating with four Central Point Coordinators (CPCs) making requests and their respective supervisors supporting individual wishes instead of acting like a region. Walker indicated that it would not help the situation to delay any further since there is flexibility in the 28E agreement and it has to be approved by the State for compliance.

A motion was offered by Bush to table the 28E Agreement with Sioux Rivers Region and draft a letter of interest to the Rolling Hills Region. The motion died for a lack of second.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to authorize the Chairman to sign a 28E Agreement with Sioux Rivers Region for mental health services. Motion carried with Bush voting nay.

Chad Brown, Conservation Director, requested a budget amendment to allow his department to access funds currently held in a REAP account and a Capital Improvement Fund for completion of the Martin's Access cabin and additional campsites. The board will discuss an amendment to the current budget at their next meeting.

Brown also presented different options for utilizing camping and recreational revenues to comply with REAP local tax support requirements. The supervisors will consider the suggestion during the budget process.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented an updated detour agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for work on Highway 59.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to rescind the prior detour agreement previously approved on October 22, 2013. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation to permit the use of L51 as a detour from the Ida/Cherokee County line continuing 16 miles north to Highway 3 and using C44 to split the project into two stages beginning in March 2014. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Walker to approve Resolution #2013-13 Inter-fund Operating Transfer of \$742,500 from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Walker-aye, and Leeds-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

The supervisors discussed the 2014/2015 budget process. The consensus of the board was to suggest a 25 cent per hour wage increase for county employees and to budget for a 10% increase in health insurance premiums.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor