
FOR THE YEAR 2013
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
DECEMBER 31, 2013

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 31, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Jeff Simonsen, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist, Lisa Langlitz, Dave Scott, 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 Walker to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried with Walker voting nay.

Dick Sievers, Mid Sioux Opportunity, gave an informative review of services offered to Cherokee County residents. Sievers discussed the upcoming operating budget for 2014/2015 and requested continued county funding to support services provided to families in a five county area. The request will be taken under consideration during the budget process.

Paul Greufe, PJ Greufe & Associates, provided a review of human resource services available to the county including an audit of current personnel practices, onsite employee training, and email or telephone support.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen to authorize PJ Greufe & Associates to perform a Human Resources Audit and to begin an onsite training program for Cherokee County elected officials and department managers. Motion carried.

Kerisa Pingel introduced the Cherokee Middle School's "Black and Gold Gear Heads" with members Lindsay Williams, Cale Pingel, Kylie Mongan, Paityn Hagberg, and Jennifer Barritt. Aimee Barritt and Jodi Mongan also accompanied the group. The team recently placed second in a regional First Lego League competition and will advance to a state competition in Ames on January 18th. Their presentation entitled "Nature's Fury" which focuses on the need for tornado shelters in areas with manufactured homes without basements. The presentation provided two possible solutions including: 1. Cherokee County applying for grant funds to build tornado shelters for residents in a mobile home park setting; 2. Cherokee County adopting an ordinance that would require all mobile home parks to provide access to a tornado safe shelter. Kerisa Pingel, Team Coach, asked for input on how the presentation could be improved for the upcoming state competition. Aimee Barritt asked if Cherokee County would support the team's project by applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund the construction of tornado shelters in a residential area lying outside city limits. No action was taken on the request; however, the Board applauded the concern of the students and their efforts to bring the safety issue before the public.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Simonsen to approve the proposed 2013/2014 Budget Amendment for publication and to set a Public Hearing for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor