
FOR THE YEAR 2013
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
FEBRUARY 12, 2013

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, and Ginger Walker present. Dave Scott, Kristi Petersen, and Tara Davis 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 Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve the amended agenda to reschedule an appointment with the EMA at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Mongan to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with one correction to include the consensus of the board to accept the Cherokee County Compensation Board's salary recommendations for 2013/2014 with no raise for the Supervisors' positions. Motion carried.

Paul Wilkens and Kirk Letsche, Marcus Fair Board members, presented the fiscal year 2012 financial summary and reported on numerous projects that need to be completed including building repairs, roof replacements, electrical improvements, and upgrades to the PA system. Wilkens thanked the board for the annual support of \$6,400 and requested additional funding if it is available. No action was taken.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush 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.

Jill Titcomb, Election Assistant, presented the results of the Western Iowa Tech Community College Special Bond Election held on February 5, 2013. The supervisors canvassed the results as follows: Total votes cast countywide were 133 with 124 votes cast "YES - for the question" and 9 votes cast "NO - against the question".

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve the canvass of election results from the February 5, 2013 Western Iowa Tech Community College Special Bond Election as presented and therefore declare the public measure "*Shall the Board of Directors of Western Iowa Tech Community College in the Counties of Buena Vista, Carroll, Cherokee, Crawford, Harrison, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, Sac, Shelby, Sioux and Woodbury, State of Iowa, cause to be levied a tax not to exceed six (6) cents per thousand dollars of assessed value in any one year for a period of ten consecutive fiscal years beginning with the tax levy to be made for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, for either of the following purposes: program sharing between community colleges or for the purchase of instructional equipment; or for such other purposes as authorized by law, as provided in Chapter 260C, Section 28 of the Code of Iowa?*" to be adopted. Roll call vote: Simonsen - aye, Mongan - aye, Bush - aye, Walker - aye, Leeds - aye. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented an agreement with the State for funding a construction project and a utility permit for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Walker to approve an underground utility permit for Cherokee Rural Water to install a line for four miles along C44 in Pilot Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Bush to approve a State Financial agreement for the BROS-CO18(66)--5F-18 bridge replacement project in Liberty Township. Motion carried.

The Chairman signed a replacement zero payment voucher for the BROS-CO18(64)--5F-18 bridge project in Willow Township. The voucher had been previously approved and mailed but was not received by the State.

Chairman Leeds presented Cherokee County's two contract proposals for the Cherokee County Secondary Roads employees and Cherokee County Law Enforcement Center employees to Jason Copple and Spencer Yockey, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 234 Representatives. Closed negotiations will now begin between the County and Union Employees.

Final review of budget requests, tax levy limitations, and required cash balances were considered.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen to approve the proposed 2013/2014 Cherokee County Budget for publication and to set a public hearing for 9:00 a.m. on March 5, 2013. Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz and Lynda Holmich, Community Services, gave an update on current social work services.

The guests in attendance left the meeting.

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At 10:47 a.m., motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to go into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(a) *“To review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body’s possession or continued receipt of federal funds.”* Roll call vote: Simonsen – aye, Mongan – aye, Bush – aye, Walker – aye, Leeds – aye. Motion carried. Session now closed.

At 11:11 a.m., regular session resumed with no decisions resulting from the closed session.

The supervisors thanked Langlitz and Holmich for their dedication to serving the needs of Cherokee County clients and for providing stability for mental health services during a time of unpredictable changes in legislation.

The supervisors encourage county employees and tax payers to contact their legislative representatives to express their concerns over increased demands on county budgets and limited funding for state mandated services at the local level.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor