
FOR THE YEAR 2013
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
FEBRUARY 19, 2013

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Dave Scott, Dave Skou, Don Fiser, Greg Zarr, Gary Lundquist, Justin Pritts, 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 Bush to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, gave an informative presentation explaining the Enterprise Zones Program available through the Iowa Department of Economic Development. Cherokee County certified its first 10.07 acre Enterprise Zone in 2003 for the purpose of assisting with business development. Under terms of the program, Enterprise Zones are certified for a ten year period.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve Resolution #2013-04 "Petitioning the Iowa Department of Economic Development for Extension of Cherokee County, Cherokee EZ-1". Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Walker-aye, Leeds-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Dave Skou, 911 Coordinator, presented a letter from the E911 Board expressing gratitude for the Supervisors' financial support of a new phone system to receive emergency calls in Cherokee County.

Don Fiser, Cherokee County EMS Board President, requested \$10,000 to assist with training costs and continuing education fees for EMT's in the county. The supervisors assured Fiser that the annual funding has been included in the County's proposed budget for 2013/2014.

Leeds asked for input on proposed renovations to the Law Enforcement Center sidewalk and entrances. Scott advised that it was an unnecessary expense that would have to be torn out when an addition or new building is built. Simonsen explained that an architect was hired so the sidewalk project would tie into any future expansion. Skou added that the biggest issue right now is security and safety for the jailers. The consensus of the board was to put the sidewalk project on hold until further consideration is given to the benefits of renovating an old building versus constructing a new Law Enforcement Center. The supervisors will send a notice to Rick Emswiler, Emswiler Architecture, advising of the postponement of the proposed project and to request billing for expenses incurred to date.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve a \$3,242.12 final payout of wages, comp time, and severance for Tara Davis, Auditor's Finance Assistant. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Walker to approve a \$5,480.95 final payout of wages, comp time, accrued vacation, and severance for Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director. Motion carried.

Leeds asked for input on the Assessor's proposed countywide reassessment of properties. Concerns expressed included the total estimated project cost being over \$600,000 and hiring of a company outside the county to do the work. The Assessor's Conference Board will make the final decision about whether to proceed with the project and if the appraisal work will be contracted out. The Conference Board is made up of representatives from each K-12 school district, city mayors, and the Board of Supervisors.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor