
FOR THE YEAR 2013
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JUNE 25, 2013

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, and Ginger Walker present. Jeff Simonsen was absent. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist was also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Mongan, Bush, Walker, Leeds; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

The supervisors reviewed bills turned in by county departments. Bush questioned a \$433.27 vehicle repair bill that appeared to be submitted twice. After verification that the same invoice had been approved by the Sheriff's Department and entered for payment, the Auditor's staff voided one invoice and prepared an updated claims listing for the supervisors' consideration. Bush asked for clarification of a Conservation Department claim to pay for employees' jeans. Walker explained that the Code of Iowa allows uniform expenditures for Conservation employees and it is the Conservation Board and Director's responsibility to determine what clothing purchases are deemed appropriate as qualifying uniform expenses. Bush also noted that there was a 55" television included in the Emergency Management's bills and Walker advised that the television purchase was for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve the claims for payment as presented with a \$433.27 claim for payment to Country Tire being voided due to duplication of invoices. Motion carried. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, discussed flood damaged roads, a utility permit, and explained the need for another full time position in the Secondary Roads Department.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve Resolution #2013-11 which advances six bridges into the 2013/2014 Secondary Roads Construction Plan including repair of Cedar 8, and Diamond 106; and replacement of Afton 66, Pitcher 150, Rock 173, and Rock 183. Roll call vote: Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Walker-aye, Leeds-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve an underground utility permit for Simonsen Rendering, Quimby, to place an irrigation pipe through an existing culvert under C60. Motion carried.

Shanahan reported that the Secondary Roads Department will potentially have some employees retiring in the next two years and it is important to fill the positions in advance to allow time for job training.

The consensus of the board was to support Shanahan's decision to hire one additional full time laborer position to allow for training time in advance of possible retirements.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, reported that legislative changes to the Case Management Program will provide sufficient cost settlement funding to allow Cherokee County to break even. Provider contracts for 2013/2014 mental health services are not ready for consideration since rates are still being negotiated.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve a fireworks permit for Douglas Brown, Cherokee. Motion carried.

Dave Skou, 911 Communications Director, presented a bill for the recent upgrade of phone equipment in the Communications Center. Skou reported that the bill must be paid in the current fiscal year in order to qualify for reimbursement from state grant funds.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve payment of a \$90,990.89 Century Link invoice for 911 phone equipment and to amend the claims listing to include the invoice as an authorized payment. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to authorize the chairman to sign a Housing Enterprise Zone Program Agreement with the State of Iowa. Motion carried.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Mongan to appoint Dutch Robbins and Joe Draper as Veteran Affairs Commissioners for 3 year terms ending June 30, 2016. Motion carried.

Bush reviewed topics discussed at the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) Legislative meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor