
FOR THE YEAR 2013
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JUNE 4, 2013

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Jeff Simonsen, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. William Gauthier was 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 with the Sanitary Landfill appointment postponed one week. Motion carried.

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

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, reported on the resignation of Becky Patterson from the position of County Representative on the CAEDC Board and recommended Dan Niemeier, Aurelia, for the position.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to appoint Dan Niemeier to fill the County's vacant member at large position on the Cherokee Area Economic Development Commission Board. Motion carried.

Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy, presented three wage authorizations for the board's approval.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve a wage authorization from \$20.75 to \$21.75 for Luke Selk, full time deputy, after completion of a one year probationary per the Law Enforcement Center Union Contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve a step wage authorization from \$15.81 to \$16.41 for Keva Wolf, full time jailer, per the Law Enforcement Center Union Contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve a step wage authorization from \$14.06 to \$14.39 for Darragh Denery, part time jailer, per the Law Enforcement Center Union Contract. Motion carried.

Lindsay Bressler, GIS/IT Coordinator, presented a quote for switches for the County's mainframe computer system.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve a \$8,982 quote from GovConnection for the purchase of switches for the Courthouse and connection to the Law Enforcement Center. Motion carried.

Dawn Miller, County Recorder, presented a final payout for a retiring employee and requested a wage authorization.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve a \$4,339.26 final pay out of vacation and hours worked for Linda Ruschmann, Deputy Recorder. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve a wage authorization for Michelle Rupp, Recorder's Clerk, from a part time position (\$11.00) to a full time position with benefits (\$13.86). Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, discussed legislative changes to the mental health system and a requirement for all counties with outstanding Medicaid debt to pay those bills by July 15, 2013 or establish a payment plan with DHS to pay off the debt in fiscal year 2013/2014.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to authorize the chairman to sign a letter to DHS indicating Cherokee County's plan to provide payments prior to November 1, 2013 for \$165,000 of outstanding Medicaid bills. Motion carried.

Joyce Rasmus, Jamin-R Enterprises, requested approval of a liquor license for Creekfest.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve a temporary liquor license to Jamin-R-Enterprises for Creekfest on August 2-3, 2013. Motion carried.

William Gauthier, rural Cherokee property owner, asked for a report on the impact of the recent flash flood and if the County has the funds to make necessary repairs. The supervisors reassured Gauthier that the County Engineer and staff are evaluating all County roads and bridges for damage. The Secondary Roads crew has been working overtime to repair washed out roads and culverts as quickly as possible, but with such widespread damage, it will take some time to accomplish the repairs. FEMA will be meeting with the County to prepare a damage estimate and corresponding request for federal assistance.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor