
FOR THE YEAR 2013
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Ray Mullins, Gary Lundquist, Jeff Friedrichsen, Dave Shanahan, Lisa Langlitz, and Ryan Kolpin 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 Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Ray Mullins, Larrabee Fire Department, expressed concern about cabins being built in remote areas of the county without 911 addresses. In the event of an emergency, responders may be unable to find the 911 call location in a timely manner. Several solutions to this increasing problem were discussed amongst those present including the County Engineer, Chief Deputy, Emergency Responders, and Board of Supervisors. No decisions were made about assigning 911 addresses to all rural building sites.

Dwight Lang and Judi Meyer-Ogden, Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO), presented information about the Regional Housing Trust Fund. A \$302,000 grant is available from the state with an 80/20 local match for the purpose of developing and preserving affordable housing locally. An application for the grant is due on October 1, 2013 and local funding must be secured prior to the application process. Cherokee County's share of the local match is \$15,000 and approximately 25 low income, owner occupied homes could be served in the region with the grant funds.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen to commit matching funds of \$15,000 to the Western Iowa Community Improvement Regional Housing Trust Fund's proposed 2013/2014 project to Iowa Finance Authority with the payment drawn from the County's Rural Betterment Fund. Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, reported on a \$9,000 block grant provided to the Cherokee Regional Medical Center Public Health Department from the County's 2013/2014 Mental Health budget. There are no Cherokee County clients currently utilizing the service, therefore, funding will be suspended and reviewed at a later date.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented a wage authorization for consideration. The supervisors discussed methods for determining wage levels that are comparable to other counties.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve a wage increase from \$15.50 to \$17.00 for Paula Ellis, Engineer's Administrative Assistant, effective September 16, 2013. Motion carried with Bush and Leeds voting no.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve a DNR Construction Permit for Twin Valley Producers in Section 13 of Spring Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to accept a resignation from Linda Flewelling, Pilot Township Clerk. Motion carried.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Simonsen to appoint Mary Carnes as Pilot Township Clerk with a term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor