
FOR THE YEAR 2014
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
DECEMBER 9, 2014

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 with Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, and Ginger Walker present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist, Sara Lucas, Bill Smith, Jeff Friedrichsen, Dave Skou, Stu Hogg and Mark Buschkamp 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 Mongan to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Walker 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.

Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, requested an exception to the current Cherokee County Personnel Policy that requires employees to work the regular scheduled day before and after a holiday in order to be paid for the day off. Kolpin cited specific situations that affect two of his employees which would result in them not receiving the paid holiday or being required to use vacation or comp time instead of sick time.

A lengthy discussion included consideration of a proposed update to the current employee policy and past practice for similar employee situations.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Bush to stay with the current policy as written which has been past practice, and if there is another way to earn a paid holiday by using vacation or comp time, then employees are encouraged to do so. Motion carried.

Colleen Loetz, Cherokee County Library Association, thanked the Board of Supervisors for its past support and gave an informative review of the many services provided by local libraries along with requirements needed to meet technology needs. Those in attendance included: Ruth Hayes and Mary Jo Ruppert, Cherokee; Shirley Perrett, Quimby; Jane Zupp and Marty Warrender, Washta; Beth Kingdon and Martha Heuser, Marcus; and Colleen Loetz, Meriden-Cleghorn. County funding of local libraries will be considered during the budget process.

Mary Jo Ruppert, Cherokee Library, explained the Stories 2000 literacy program that provides a book to every child attending monthly WIC clinics and has been funded by a \$1,000 annual donation from Cherokee County. The County has also provided \$500 annually to support a Books to Babies program to give a board book to every child born at the Cherokee Regional Medical Center. Ruppert reported sufficient funds on hand to operate the Stories 2000 program another year and requested \$1,000 for newborn board books since the cost has increased to four or five dollars per book. The supervisors will take the request under consideration.

Bill Smith, Cherokee County property owner, addressed the board with several comments and concerns regarding a proposed pipeline project that would have an impact on private properties in Cherokee County. Smith reported that he will be conducting an informal survey of residents to determine public opinion of the project and will report back to the Board of Supervisors with the results. Smith requested that the supervisors sign a letter to the Iowa Utilities Board to either praise or criticize the project as they deem appropriate after reviewing his final report of survey results. The supervisors thanked Mr. Smith for his comments and will take the issue under advisement.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve a \$2,484.89 final payout of vacation time and hours worked for Jacob Rosewall, Treasurer's Clerk. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve Resolution #2014-16 Inter-fund Operating Transfer of \$868,000 from Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Road Fund. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Walker-aye, Bush-aye, Leeds-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

The supervisors reviewed non-departmental budgets for the 2015/2016 fiscal year.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor