
FOR THE YEAR 2013
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JANUARY 21, 2014

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 with Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist, Sara Lucas, Chad Brown, Greg Zarr, and Lindsay Bressler 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 Bush, seconded by Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to open a public hearing for the County's proposed 2013/2014 fiscal year budget amendment. Roll call vote: Simonsen – aye, Mongan – aye, Bush – aye, Walker – aye, Leeds – aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Leeds asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Simonsen and seconded by Bush to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Simonsen – aye, Mongan – aye, Bush – aye, Walker – aye, Leeds – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Simonsen to adopt the 2013/2014 fiscal year budget amendment as published. Motion carried.

Bush asked Lindsay Bressler, GIS/IT Coordinator, to provide a breakdown of her time spent working on GIS projects for the County Assessor's Office. Bressler indicated that approximately 20% of her time can be attributed directly to the Assessor's Office and the remainder is divided amongst mapping for county departments, mapping for cities, and technology work provided to county departments. Bush advised that the GIS/IT Department is 100% funded by the County's General Fund which is at the maximum levy limit, however, the Assessor's Office has its own budget and tax levy which is separate from the County's property taxes. Bush suggested that the Assessor's budget could provide financial support to the County's General Fund to compensate for GIS services provided. Greg Zarr, County Assessor, stated that the Board of Supervisors could take action concerning the County's GIS/IT Department but the Cherokee County Conference Board would have to consider the funding request and agree to make an annual payment from the Assessor's budget.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen to bill the Cherokee County Assessor \$12,000 for the 2014/2015 fiscal year based on average hours currently provided for GIS services. Motion carried.

Bush gave a report from the Northwest Iowa Youth Emergency Services (YES) Center's monthly board meeting. The Center is temporarily in a critical financial situation due to the combination of low average daily client census and per diem fees that have not been increased for 13 years. The YES Center Board, made up of County Supervisors from each of the 13 member counties, agreed to request a \$6,000 contribution from each county to provide financial stability. The YES Center will submit an invoice to Cherokee County for the one time contribution and it will be considered by the supervisors through the normal claims process.

The supervisors reviewed 2014/2015 non-departmental budgets.

Bush and Mongan left the meeting at 12:30 p.m. to attend a mental health regional governance meeting in LeMars.

Review of non-departmental budgets continued.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor