
FOR THE YEAR 2014
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JANUARY 28, 2014

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 with Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. 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 approve the claims for payment as presented. Motion carried. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

The 2014/2015 Budget Work Day started with brief appointments with every county department manager to review their current year budget re-estimations and plans for the next fiscal year budget.

Gary Lundquist, Lisa Langlitz, Sara Lucas, Chad Brown, Dave Scott, Jeff Friedrichsen, Lindsay Bressler, Joe Draper, Dutch Robbins, Dave Shanahan, Dawn Miller, Ryan Kolpin and Hedgie Brandt were in attendance for the morning session.

Budget requests were received in the morning from Community Services, General Relief, GIS/Information Technology, Conservation, Veteran Affairs, Engineer/Zoning/Weed Commissioner, Recorder, Sheriff, County Attorney, Treasurer, and Auditor.

Action was taken on the following agenda item:

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve an underground utility permit for Cherokee Rural Water in Section 8 of Silver Township. Motion carried.

Chairman Leeds recessed the meeting at 12:30 p.m. for lunch. Meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m. with Gary Lundquist, Dawn Miller, Lisa Langlitz, Chad Brown, Lindsay Bressler, Dave Scott, Jeff Friedrichsen, Barb Staver, Sara Lucas, and Dave Shanahan in attendance for the afternoon session.

Tom Leavitt, Joe Hueser, and Paul Wilkens, Marcus Fire Department, requested continued financial support of \$12,000 for the Marcus Ambulance service and provided details of the Marcus Fire Department's annual activities with 128 responses and 3426 total on-duty hours for their 29 member unit. The supervisors will consider funding during the budget process.

Chad Brown, County Employee Insurance Committee representative, presented comparisons of health insurance premiums from ten other counties. The supervisors answered questions about employee health benefits and discussed the uncertainty of health care premiums with those in attendance. There was no action taken as a result of the discussion.

The supervisors reviewed two proposals received for auditing services.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to award a three year contract to Hunzelman, Putzier & Co., PLC, for auditing services beginning with the 2013/2014 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Non-departmental budgets administered by the Board of Supervisors were reviewed including expenditures for libraries, historical societies, ambulances, emergency services, state apiary inspections, and courthouse expenses.

Bush left the meeting at 4:30 to attend a committee meeting in LeMars.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor