
FOR THE YEAR 2014
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MARCH 25, 2014

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 with Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Jeff Simonsen, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist, Hedgie Brandt, Scott Weber, Bill Cochran-Bray and Justin Pritts 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 Mongan to approve the amended agenda for claims. Motion carried.

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

Lindsay Bressler, GIS/IT Coordinator, appeared before the board to discuss computer monitoring services, the courthouse changing to wireless internet, and getting the courthouse re-wired. Bressler presented three options for a new monitoring service, which includes remote access 24/7/365 from anywhere.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Walker to allow Bressler to pursue an option that transfers monitoring of all computer systems, except the AS400, in house to save costs. Motion carried.

Bressler also discussed the need for the courthouse to go to wireless internet in the future. To start the process Bressler suggested increasing our bandwidth. Bressler presented a quote from GovConnection for a new wireless system for consideration. Bressler suggested the board think about the quote, and asked approval to increase our bandwidth through our current internet provider.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve an increase in bandwidth through our current provider Northwest Communications to guarantee successful systems backups. Motion carried.

Bressler presented a quote from Midwest Technology Services LLC., to re-wire the courthouse, move an existing Fiber Optic Cable, and to remove unused cables. No action was taken.

Scott Weber & Bill Cochran-Bray, Central Insurance, appeared before the board to give an overview of changes happening at Central Insurance. Cochran-Bray will be our new account representative effective immediately.

Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy, presented a step wage authorization.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve a step wage authorization from \$16.66 to \$17.26 for Lisa Dame, jailer, effective April 10, 2014 per the Law Enforcement Center Union Contract. Motion carried.

Friedrichsen also wanted to double check with the board that it was still okay for them to start the purchase of a new vehicle since it takes time to prep the vehicle for use. The consensus of the board was to proceed, as long as the Sheriff's budget would allow for the purchase.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Leeds opened the bids for Local Bridge Replacement Projects L-150-73-18 and L-183-73-18, as one project with two sections. Bids received were: \$632,453 from Christensen Bros., Cherokee; \$704,194 from Graves Construction, Spencer; \$528,017 from Nelson & Rock Contracting, Onawa; \$606,465 from Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented an underground utility permit for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Sections 33 and 34 in Amherst Township. Motion carried.

Shanahan took the bids to verify and compile the proposals.

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 supervisors reviewed proposed changes to a lease agreement with the State of Iowa for office space at the Cherokee Mental Health Institute.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Walker to approve Amendment #2 to Facility Lease Agreement as drafted by the State of Iowa for leased office space of the DHS Child and Welfare Social Workers. Motion carried.

Andy Carlson, Northwest Realty requested the county lift a lien on the property located at 233 East Main Street in Cherokee.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan pending the states approval to accept the offer, the county will release the lien on the property. Motion carried.

Shanahan returned with the bids.

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Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to accept Nelson & Rock Contracting's bid on Local Projects L-150-73-18 in Pitcher Township and L-183-73-18 in Rock Township. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided brief summaries of their monthly committee meetings.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

All board agendas and minutes are available online at www.cherokeecountyiowa.com.

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Attest: _____
Sara Lucas, Assistant Auditor