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

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 with Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, and Ginger Walker present. Ken Ross, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist, Dave Scott, Dave Skou, Jeff Friedrichsen, Justin Pritts, Chad Brown, Tim Smith, and Lisa Langlitz 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 Mongan, seconded by Bush 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.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, presented utility permits and a wage authorization for consideration.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 7 of Grand Meadow Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Simonsen to approve an underground utility permit for Cherokee Rural Water between Section 19 of Pitcher Township and Section 24 of Pilot Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve an underground utility permit for Cherokee Rural Water between Sections 26 and 27 of Pilot Township and between Sections 27 and 34 of Pilot Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Mongan to approve a wage authorization for Andy Todd as Secondary Roads General Laborer position with a \$17.99 hourly wage which is 90% of the union contract wage during a standard six month probation period. Motion carried.

Billings reviewed the benefit section of the Secondary Roads union contract which allows employees to carry 10 days (80 hours) of vacation time over for 30 days following the employee's anniversary date. Billings explained that it is difficult for Larry Walker, Roads Superintendent, to take time off and requested that an exception be granted to allow for additional vacation time to be carried over.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen to approve carryover of 66 vacation hours for Larry Walker and to adjust payroll records to reflect a balance of 226 vacation hours available as of October 14, 2014. Motion carried.

Mongan and Walker reported on a recent phone conference held with Architect Rick Emswiler, Sheriff Scott, Chief Deputy Friedrichsen, 911 Director Skou, and Jail Administrator Ebert. The supervisors reviewed several options and timelines for accommodating space needs for the Communication Center along with providing updates to the current jail facility. Financing of the proposed project was the primary focus of discussion along with a desire to attain the most cost effective plan.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Mongan to authorize Emswiler Architecture to design plans to construct a Law Enforcement Center addition and Communications Center expansion as one project to be completed at once with the intent to pay for it out of cash reserves and not borrow funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve Resolution #2014-12 To Withdraw From Sioux Rivers Regional Mental Health and Disabilities Services "*whereas Cherokee County finds it's in the best interest of Cherokee County to withdraw from Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS*". Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Walker-aye, Leeds-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Chad Brown, Conservation Director, presented quarterly revenue figures including \$23,959 of camping and facility rentals from July 1 through September 30, 2014. Brown requested that this revenue amount be transferred from the County's General Fund into the County Conservation Land Acquisition and Improvement Fund as previously approved by the supervisors. An operating transfer resolution will be drafted for consideration at the next meeting.

Representatives from Group Benefits Limited were unable to be in attendance but provided information via phone conference regarding the Iowa Public Employees Pool (IPEP) for employer provided healthcare plans. No action was taken and two agreements with Group Resources/Three Rivers Benefit Corporation were tabled.

An employment contract for the IT Director position was postponed until the document is prepared by the County Attorney.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen to go into closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(j) "*To discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property.*" Roll call vote:

