
FOR THE YEAR 2014
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 with Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, Mark Leeds, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ginger Walker was absent. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist, Chuck Tolzin, Jeff Friedrichsen, Dave Scott, and Dave Skou were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Mongan, Bush, Leeds; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Hedgie Brandt, County Treasurer, requested property tax suspension for four individuals.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve property tax suspensions per DHS guidelines for the following four parcels: 92-06-12-380-007, 107-07-35-102-002, 94-14-12-101-003, and 90-01-33-458-003. Motion carried.

Brandt reported that the Iowa Department of Revenue had sent the County \$100,000 too much in Homestead Credit replacement funds during 2013/2014. The State has requested reimbursement for the overpayment and Brandt provided a listing of how much tax revenues would need to be reduced from each taxing entity in the county. Brandt plans to reduce tax payments sent to taxing authorities in October by a total of \$100,000 divided out in the following categories: Townships \$555.73; Cities \$34,889.74; K-12 Schools \$40,323.89; Community Colleges \$2,448.25; Ag Extension \$638.96; State Veterinarian Bangs & Brucellosis \$10.62; County Assessor \$1,866.44; County Mental Health Fund \$1,966.98; County General, Supplemental & Rural Funds \$17,299.39.

Brandt asked the board to decide if she should notify any tax authorities of the reduction of tax revenues proposed in October, and if so, what level of adjustment was necessary for notification.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to advise the County Treasurer to notify any taxing entity with a tax revenue reduction of \$100.00 or more. Motion carried.

Brandt asked the board how she should make the \$100,000 payment to the State; either with a check written directly from an account held by the County Treasurer or through the regular county claims process of Board of Supervisors approved payments with warrants issued by the County Auditor.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen to advise the County Treasurer to issue a \$100,000 payment to the Iowa Department of Revenue with dual signatures drawn on the Treasurer's bank account. Motion carried.

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, presented final paperwork for an amendment to the county's Enterprise Zone.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to authorize the chairman to sign an Enterprise Zone Amendment Agreement with the Iowa Economic Development Office for expanding Cherokee County's Enterprise Zone to accommodate seven spec houses in the Doherty Addition of Cherokee. Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, discussed changes in the County Case Management Program and requested a revised wage for a current employee.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve a wage authorization from \$14.95 to \$16.75 effective October 1, 2014 for Destiny Jorgensen, Targeted Case Manager, due to an increased client case load and additional responsibilities. Motion carried.

Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy, presented an architect's proposal for expansion of the Cherokee County Law Enforcement Center. The proposed project would be completed in two phases with construction of an 800 square foot addition to the existing communications center beginning in the Fall of 2014 and a 2050 square foot addition to the current jail facility in 2015.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to sign a \$47,000 contract for comprehensive design services with Emswiler Architecture, Missouri Valley, for a Communication Center Addition (Phase 1 - \$15,000) and Jail Addition (Phase 2 - \$32,000). Motion carried.

Brandon Billings, Assistant Engineer, presented a federal funding agreement and utility permit for consideration.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve a DOT Federal Aid Funding Agreement for a bridge replacement on L40 between Sections 19 and 20 of Sheridan Township (Project #BROS-CO18(70)--5F-18). Motion carried.

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Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve an underground utility permit for Windstream between Sections 2 and 11 of Liberty Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve the Fiscal Year 2014 Urban Renewal Report including County rebates paid through Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) districts. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

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Mark Leeds, Chairman Kris Glienke, County Auditor