
FOR THE YEAR 2014
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 with Dennis Bush, Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, and Ginger Walker present. Rick Mongan was absent. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Jon Ites, Brandon Billings, Michelle Rupp, Justin Pritts, William Cochran-Bray, Tim Kirgan, Cheryl Ellis, and Clarence Hoffman were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Bush, Walker, Leeds; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Walker 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 an annual report and detour agreement for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve the 2013/2014 DOT Annual Report as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Walker to approve a detour agreement with the State of Iowa for use of C16 and L51 during resurfacing of Highway 3. Motion carried.

William Cochran-Bray, Central Insurance, and Tim Kirgan, Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association (IMWCA), presented Cherokee County's financial trends for workers' compensation insurance. The average statewide experience modification factor is 0.82 and Cherokee County currently is 1.13 which results in a 13% premium surcharge due to above average claims. Cherokee County's premiums have increased from \$67,191 in fiscal year 2011 to \$143,985 for fiscal year 2015 because of a high level of injury claims over a three year average. Kirgan applauded the County for developing an updated Safety Policy, Safety Committee and Safety Director; but encouraged the Committee to provide education to all county department managers and employees to encourage behavior that directly reduces injury claims. The goal of the County's Safety Program is to make sure all employees arrive home safely at the end of the work day and to reduce the financial burden to the County's budget through lower premium costs.

The supervisors gave brief committee reports and reviewed their schedules for upcoming meetings.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

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Mark Leeds, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor