
FOR THE YEAR 2007
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE, IOWA
MARCH 27, 2007

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Dean Schmidt, Ron Wetherell, Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds and Terry Graybill. Ken Ross of the *Chronicle Times* was present from the press.

Officers meeting started at 8:50 a.m. after the County Safety meeting ended early.

Lynde Lundquist, County Treasurer reported that this week would be busy receiving property taxes.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director and CPC discussed a letter sent regarding refusal of medical services at a state institution.

Ginger Walker, County Conservation Director reported that they are busy getting the county parks ready to open on April 1. The new shower facility at Silver Sioux is almost complete, sidewalks and seeding projects will be completed as weather permits. She invited the Supervisors to come to the park and view all of the improvements made in the last year. The project of renovating the lodge at the old sliding hill is moving along with restroom and kitchen facility added as a rental. Martin's area is next of the list to be improved on and horse trails completed.

Aimee Barritt, EMS and Environmental Director said that septic inspections are picking up. Septic inspections at the time of sale is moving along in the legislature so all counties will be uniform. Some confusion after the blizzard when Cherokee County was not listed in the disaster declaration has been cleared up. Cherokee County is now eligible but has not been granted as of today for compensation for the expenses of snow removal.

Dave Scott, County Sheriff commented that the crime world is quiet for now and a deputy accompanied a Buena Vista County deputy to California for the return of a prisoner.

Dana Evans, Veteran Affairs Director gave an enthusiastic report about his new office in the Northwest Realty building on Main Street. He is able to provide more hours for appointments after hours and on Saturday. Evans reported that he is still working on the moving Viet Nam Memorial wall to come to Cherokee.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting.

Larry Clark, County Engineer requested the Supervisors support and pass a resolution in support of TIME 21. MSP Graybill, Simonsen to approve Resolution 2007-09 in support of TIME 21, the Iowa Department of Transportation's request for an additional \$200 million added to the R.U.T.F. that would be committed to roadway infrastructure and would be generated by increasing transportation-related fees. The full document can be seen in the County Auditor's office.

Clark reported that the money the county receives from the State for the transfer of jurisdiction roads has increased slightly. The county allocates the funds to the Cities according to the amount allocated; the county supplies the signage and other services to the cities involved. The county will keep a percentage of the allocation for the extra services.

MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to approve the underground construction permit for NIPCO for duct bore on 510th Street.

MSP Simonsen, Schmidt for Secondary Roads, 911 and County Sheriff purchase a standby power generator at the repeater building for \$9,393.00.

Larry Walker, Secondary Roads Superintendent and Paul Kauten representative for Ziegler Cat presented presented bids on two road graders, one used and one new for delivery in June 2007 and payment in July 2007. MSP Leeds, Graybill to purchase one used and one new road graders from Ziegler Cat, Sioux City, IA. Used 140H Serial # OCCA03107 less trade in of CAT 140H 2Zko3627 for total of \$109,239.00 and a new model 140H less trade in of CAT 140G 72V14399 for total of \$151,439.00. It will be decided if the county will trade in the old models or sell them privately.

The Supervisors met with Brian Chaffin for an inspection of the sidewalks around the Courthouse block for repair or replacement. Chaffin will contact the City of Cherokee's street department for discussion about replacing the Northeast corner of the L.E.C.

MSP Schmidt, Simonsen to approve the claims as presented. A full listing can be seen in the County Auditor's office.

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Joining the meeting were: Bonnie Sleezer, Janet Sullivan, Ken Jones, Connie Mohn, Leanne Hammer, Julie Berglund, Lynn Ivarson, Craig Ivarson, Kris Glienke, David Enderlin, Butch Sleezer, Stuart Smith, Will Cook, Jamie Bowers, Greg Slotskey, Charles Wulfsen, Paul Struck, *Chronicle Times* and others.

Diane Anderson, Consultant from the State Public Health office, Dr. Thomas Gary, Board of Health Chairman and Kim Rupp, Public Health Nurse met to discuss the State PH grant that will need to be signed before the new fiscal year. Anderson asked that the County transfer the grant and the service to Care Management LLC. Currently the PH grant is an integrated contract with the Board of Supervisors as contractor and Board of Health as sub contractor. Contractor shall assure provision of essential public health services and report activities, units, and costs on a monthly basis. Purpose is to support public health nursing and home care aide services for persons within the county by providing partial financial support as defined in IA Code 641 79 (135) and 641 80 (135). In the past the Public Health Nursing department completed all of these reports for the State. Board of Supervisors will review the contract with the County Attorney.

Dr. Gary suggested that in the BOH best interest an integrated contract between Iowa Public Health and BOH as the contractor and Care Management LLC as subcontractor and no 28E agreement with the County is how they would like this process to go. Now the PHN department fills out all of the reporting and billings. As of July 1 who will be responsible for the receivables and expenses for June which can take up to 14 days to complete, who will do the cost report for the 06/07 fiscal year? What will happen to all of the equipment in the PHN department that was purchased with grant money?

Rupp requested the Supervisors approve the budget amendment for her department for grants that were started after the fiscal year began where not accounted for in the 06/07 fiscal budget.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to approve the budget amendment for the expending of grants for the Family Circle amount \$29,377.00 Tobacco amount \$8,526, Bio-Terrorism amount \$8,365.00.

MSP Graybill, Simonsen to approve the budget amendment for Home Health and Drug testing amount \$7,600.

Connie Mohn, from CRMC, wanted to clarify that the nursing staff at CRMC has over 25 years of experience in home health care and has worked with the PHN on needs assessments in the County.

County Attorney, Jamie Bowers was asked to research several questions for the Supervisors regarding contracting PH services. Case law is very vacant on many questions and an Attorney Generals opinion may need to be requested.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Ronald Wetherell, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor