
FOR THE YEAR 2008
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE, IOWA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 with Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, Jeff Simonsen, and Ron Wetherell present. Guests attending were Pam Pierce, Don Eikmeier, and Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*.

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

Tim Carlson, property owner at 1760 Hwy 977, requested support of de-annexing his property from Cherokee city limits.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to support Tim Carlson's request to have his property moved from city limits to the unincorporated area of the county. Carlson will contact the Cherokee City Council to make his request to them.

Barb Staver, Sheriff's Confidential Secretary, reviewed their Sept 30th quarterly revenue report.

MSP Wetherell, Schmidt to approve the Sheriff's quarterly report as presented.

MSP Wetherell, Graybill to approve claims as presented. A full listing is available for review in the auditor's office.

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, discussed Resolution #2008-06 which establishes a 10 year 75% tax abatement in Cherokee Enterprise Zone EZ-4.

Pam Pierce, Cherokee City Mayor, and Don Eikmeier, Cherokee City Manager, expressed concerns about the Enterprise Zone crossing into city limits and the need for consistency between city and county tax incentives. The City of Cherokee offers an urban revitalization package of either 100% abatement for 3 years or a 10 year graduated abatement schedule. The city representatives requested that the issue be tabled, stating that this decision impacts 32 enterprise zones across the county where other cities may already have their own plans in place. Mark Buschkamp reassured the board that this resolution is specific only to enterprise zone EZ-4 and each zone would be evaluated on an individual basis as needed. It was the consensus that communication amongst all parties needs to be improved, yet economic development projects often times require timely decisions to meet short timelines.

MSP Wetherell, Leeds to authorize the chairman to sign Resolution #2008-06 establishing a 10 year 75% tax abatement in Cherokee Enterprise Zone EZ-4. All members voted aye with Graybill abstaining.

Marty Jenness, Assistant to the County Engineer, presented the final payment voucher for the C16 project completed from Hwy 143 to the west county line.

MSP Schmidt, Graybill to approve final payment for STP project # S-CO18(49)- -5E-18.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor