
FOR THE YEAR 2010
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
APRIL 20, 2010

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds, and Terry Graybill present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Sheriff Dave Scott was also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Simonsen; Nays - none; Abstentions - none.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Leeds to approve the amended agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Aimee Barritt, Environmental Health Director, presented a sample ordinance to the supervisors entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ASSIST COUNTY OFFICIALS CONTROL THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES CREATED BY THE INFUSION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY WHEN THE DES MOINES REGISTER'S ANNUAL GREAT BICYCLE RIDE ACROSS IOWA (RAGBRAI) TRAVELS THROUGH CHEROKEE COUNTY ON JULY 25, 2010." Discussion centered around insurance requirements and whether alcohol sales should be allowed. No decisions were made.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented two underground permits and requested a transfer of local county funds to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for construction projects.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill to approve an underground permit for Cherokee Rural Water in Sections 17 & 19 in Rock Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve an underground permit for Iowa Lakes Electric between Sections 35 & 36 in Pitcher Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve a wage authorization for Lisa Dame, part time jailer, for annual step wage increase per the union contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to authorize a \$500,000 transfer of Local Funds to Farm to Market Funds and to authorize the county auditor to issue a warrant and forward it to the IDOT in Ames. Motion carried.

Steve Holmes, local union steward, shared some concerns of the secondary roads employees regarding the proposed agreement about holiday pay which states: "*On observed Holidays of the Employer, each employee will be paid eight (8) hours of Holiday pay regardless if they work that day. If an employee is called to work on a holiday in addition to their straight time eight (8) hours Holiday pay they shall be compensated at one and one half (1 1/2) times their normal hourly rate for all hours worked on the Holiday.*" The employees contend that if they are working a summer schedule of four (4) ten (10) hour days, then they should receive ten (10) hours of holiday pay after having worked 30 hours in that week. An office employee expressed concern that all employees are not being treated equally since the office staff work five (5) eight (8) hour shifts all year long and would not receive the additional 2 hours of holiday pay. Holmes suggested that a solution to treat all employees equally would be to require all secondary roads employees to work eight (8) hour shifts on the week of a holiday during the summer schedule. During the weeks of summer holidays including Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day; employees would work 4 eight (8) hour days and be paid eight (8) hours for each of the respective recognized holidays.

County Engineer Dave Shanahan agreed that this would be the best solution to address the employee concerns of equal treatment and the supervisors supported this arrangement to allow a consistent application of the Holiday Pay agreement between the union and the county.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Operating Engineers Local 234 and Cherokee County regarding Holiday Pay as written by the union representative. Motion carried. Steve Holmes signed the agreement on behalf of the Operating Engineers Local 234 Union.

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Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill to authorize the chairman to sign a one year lease with Schlenger Farms (Kenny Schlenger) for 3.23 acres in Section 6 of Sheridan Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill to authorize the chairman to sign a one year lease with Doug Stowater for 31.49 acres in Section 20 of Spring Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve an annual Request for Bid (RFB) for the 2011 County Substance Abuse Prevention Contract administered through Jackson Recovery. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor