
FOR THE YEAR 2010
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 with Jeff Simonsen, Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, and Terry Graybill present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Simonsen; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, presented National Environmental Hall of Fame awards to the Cherokee County Board of Supervisors and Cherokee County Solid Waste Commission *“In Recognition of Its Contribution to Helping the Environment, the Cherokee County Board of Supervisors Has Been Inducted Into The Cherokee Environmental Hall of Fame for Its Sustainability Initiatives for the City of Cherokee”*.

Mike Brooks explained that the county and commission have been working together to reduce the amount of tonnage that is going into the landfill with trailers in communities to collect recyclables, sorting in the landfill facility, and pelletizing. The commission continues to pursue operations that are environmentally friendly as a means to protect ground water and to extend the life of the landfill.

Don Eikmeier, Cherokee City Administrator, requested action from the supervisors to either accept or decline the Cherokee City Council's counter offer to move the city police offices. Eikmeier indicated that if the supervisors took action today, the city council would take action tonight, and a timeline for completion of the city police move would be December 1st or January 1st at the latest.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve a pending agreement with the City of Cherokee where the County would deed its 239 West Maple Street building to the City in exchange for the City's current interest in the Law Enforcement Center; with the County paying \$25,000 to the City for improvements to the building; and the City providing a deed to the County for the vacated alley south of the current Law Enforcement Center. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Fran Briggs and Bernice McIntosh represented the Cleghorn Community Center Board and requested funding to assist with transportation and installation costs for used playground equipment that was purchased through fundraising events and private donations.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve \$7500 for the Cleghorn Community Center playground project to be paid with Rural Betterment Funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve the county claims as presented. Motion carried. A complete listing of the claims is available for review in the Auditor's office and online.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented plans for the L56 bridge repair.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Simonsen to approve plans for the L56 bridge project # IA-10-2-18-L56-1. Motion carried.

The supervisors asked Shanahan and Larry Walker, Roads Superintendent, for clarification on the work schedule for the roads department on a holiday week. The supervisors signed an agreement on August 24, 2010 with the Local 234 Operating Engineers Union regarding holiday pay. Before the supervisors signed the agreement, Shanahan and a local union steward had stated that the roads crew would work four (4) eight hour days on holiday weeks with the employees receiving 8 hours of paid holiday time. The roads crew was scheduled for three (3) ten hour days after the recent Labor Day holiday with the employees receiving 10 hours of paid holiday time. Shanahan indicated that the department runs more efficiently if they work 10 hour shifts. The supervisors consented that it is the engineer's final decision to set work hours for his department, however the supervisors indicated they prefer eight (8) hour paid holiday schedules as they had agreed to during the negotiations of the holiday pay issue.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor