
FOR THE YEAR 2011
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
AUGUST 16, 2011

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, 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 Schmidt to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, discussed the need for an Employee Assistance Program to provide counseling for employees and family members. No action was taken by the supervisors.

Petersen reviewed the county's current Return to Work program and the need for clarification and revisions. Petersen will be scheduling meetings with every department to update job descriptions.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented utility permits and discussed upcoming construction projects.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to approve an underground utility permit for Cherokee Rural Water in Section 29 of Cherokee Township. Motion carried

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve an overhead utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 7 of Liberty Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to authorize the chairman to sign the FY12 Veteran Affairs State Allocation Compliance Agreement that provides \$10,000 annually to assist with the operation of a local VA Office. Motion carried.

SIMPCO representatives Kristi Quinn, Jane Gilbert, and Dwight Lang presented a proposal to develop a Western Iowa Community Improvement Regional Housing Trust Fund that would include Cherokee, Ida, Plymouth, Monona, and Woodbury Counties. No action was taken by the supervisors.

Quinn also presented an Iowa Department of Economic Development Block Grant to provide financial support to uninsured property owners to fund repairs caused by the April 9 and 10 storms in Cherokee County.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign a letter to Iowa Department of Economic Development indicating Cherokee County's intent to apply for the 2011 State of Iowa CDBG Tornado And Wind Damage Assistance Program to provide financial assistance to uninsured or under-insured homeowners whose homes were damaged by storms on April 9 and 10, 2011. Motion carried. SIMPCO will write the grant and facilitate the program through the Cherokee County Emergency Management Department.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor