
FOR THE YEAR 2011
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
DECEMBER 27, 2011

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds, and Terry Graybill present. Terry Holub, *Aurelia Star*, represented the press. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Simonsen; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

Ray Mullins and Brian Freed, Larrabee Fire Association, reported on the need for additional water supply for protecting properties within the city and rural areas. Mullins reported that the Fire Association is looking at replacing their current 1973 tanker with a 1999 model. Jeff Friedrichsen, Fire Chief, has priced out a new tank and fittings with the total cost for the truck and new tank being \$81,723. Freed requested \$40,000 of support from the county with the balance to be covered by grants and fundraisers.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve a \$40,000 payment from the Rural Betterment Fund for the Larrabee Fire Association's tanker project. Motion carried.

Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, requested tentative approval of an agreement with O'Brien County for sharing an employee to do collections. Cherokee County currently has a full time employee doing collections and this agreement would share the wages, benefits, and office costs for collections in both counties.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to give tentative approval of a sharing agreement with O'Brien County for collections through the County Attorney's office. Motion carried.

Jim Nielsen and Arlene Hollenbeck represented the Marcus Historical Society and provided information about a proposed Marcus Fair Village including a building for the Historical Society and relocation of the current church facility. Nielsen thanked the supervisors for their past support and requested additional financial assistance for this project. The request will be taken under consideration during the budget process.

Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, provided copies of wage authorizations approved by the Cherokee County Conservation Board at their December meeting. Emmett Kohn was hired as a full time technician with a \$13.00 per hour wage. Kohn successfully completed a Physical Capacity Profile test prior to employment per the County's Personnel Policy. Chad Brown was promoted from the technician position to Conservation Director with an annual salary of \$48,732. Petersen reported that the county has not been involved in the Conservation Board's hiring process, but it was mentioned that they may also be looking at hiring a full time naturalist.

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

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, reviewed documents pertaining to compliance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act as it applies to public contracts. Shanahan will contact the county attorney for guidance on the subject.

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

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor