
FOR THE YEAR 2011
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
FEBRUARY 15, 2011

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds, and Terry Graybill present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Guests included LeRoy Jenness, Mark Patterson, Marian McNabb, Claudia Brown, Dave Brown, Richard Waterbury, and Joe Draper. 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 agenda and corrected minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, discussed the status of the newly developed Personnel Department Office in the lower level of the courthouse.

Ginger Walker, Conservation Director, expressed concern that her 2011/2012 budget would not qualify for REAP funds and potential grants. By state law, the county must provide a 22 cent tax levy for conservation purposes. As recreational facilities expand and bring in additional outside revenues, the county must increase conservation expenditures to comply with the required local tax support formula. The board consensus was to provide the required tax support in order to qualify for REAP funding and potential grants. Walker and the County Auditor were advised to monitor expenses and revenues throughout the year to determine if a budget amendment will be necessary to maintain REAP funding.

Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, recommended the board accept the terms of a Deed Transfer Agreement as written by the City of Cherokee.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve a Deed Transfer Agreement between Cherokee County and the City of Cherokee with the parties agreeing to the following terms:

1. The County shall transfer title of the property to the City described as: *Lot 14, Block 12, New Cherokee Addition (239 W. Maple St.)*.
2. The City shall vacate and transfer title to the County for an alley described as: *Alley running East and West and 20 feet in width, which divides Block 40 of the Fifth Addition to New Cherokee. The City of Cherokee retains an easement for the purpose of repairing, modifying, installing, or in any way caring for city utilities on or under the above described property as well as the right of ingress & egress for the same purpose.*
3. The County shall pay the City a sum of \$25,000.00 for improvements necessary at 239 West Maple to retrofit building to meet the needs of the Police Department on or before the execution of this agreement.

Motion carried. The Agreement and Warranty Deed were signed by the Chairman.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve Resolution #2011-02 “Resolution of Desire to Lease Property” *WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for Cherokee County, Iowa, desire to lease real property located in Section 20 of Spring Township for a three (3) year term. Final number of tillable acres for the 2011 crop season yet to be determined.*

Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted. Notice will be published in the County’s official newspapers with a Public Hearing for Lease of Real Estate set for March 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors accepted a framed copy of the 1934 U.S. Constitution to be displayed in the Cherokee County Courthouse. The print was presented by VFW Post 2253 & Auxiliary, American Legion Post 230 & Auxiliary Unit 230, and Northwest Iowa Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 888 in honor of Veterans and all who serve our Country - Past, Present and Future.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Leeds to appoint Kevin Parcel as Willow Township Clerk. Motion carried.

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Bob Hart, County Assessor, reviewed 2011 agland valuations and reported on a recent vehicle purchase for his office.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to approve the 2011/2012 Proposed Budget and to set a public hearing for 9:00 a.m. on March 8, 2011. The proposed budget includes anticipated revenues of \$13,451,314 and expenditures of \$13,352,688. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor