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FOR THE YEAR 2011  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
JANUARY 25, 2011

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 25, 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 Prunty to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, presented the General Relief and Mental Health budgets.

The Cherokee County Library Association was represented by Linda Sones. Mary Jo Ruppert, Jomi Anderson, Shirley Perrett, Connie Sorbe, Maxine Shea, Shelley Steffen, Ruby Wych, Shannon Trapp, and Lois Alquist were in attendance to represent their respective libraries. Sones gave an informative presentation and concluded by inviting the supervisors to visit the local county libraries to see what is happening in the communities.

Rod Ogren, Marcus Fair, reviewed the 2010 financial report. The 2011 Marcus Fair will be August 11 - 14 with extra events planned for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

DHS Regional Managers, Matt Madsen and Tom Bouska presented figures on service dollars received by Cherokee County residents and reviewed their budget request for 2011/2012. The state removed the full time DHS office in Cherokee, however the county is still responsible to provide office space and supplies for state DHS employees. Office space has been created for the DHS employees in the old Veteran Affairs Office in the lower level of the courthouse.

Gary Stephenson, Fort Dodge, showed an example of a framed 1934 Constitution of The United States lithograph that he promotes for display in county courthouses across Iowa. Stephenson works with local governments to dedicate these prints to the local veterans.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve purchase of a \$625 framed and matted lithograph of the 1934 Constitution with funds being paid from the Rural Betterment Fund. Motion carried.

Jason Titcomb, Cherokee County Soil and Water Conservation District, reviewed 2010 projects and funding of an office position that is shared with Buena Vista County.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt 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.

Marcus Fire Department representatives Steve Kunzweiler, Tom Leavitt, Paul Wilkens, and Dennis Brady requested funding assistance for a \$67,000 Quick Attack Vehicle. Kunzweiler presented facts to support the need for quicker response times and the versatility of such a vehicle in all emergency situations.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve a \$25,000 payment from the Rural Betterment Fund to the Marcus Fire Department for the purchase of a Quick Attack Vehicle. Motion carried.

Kunzweiler gave an update on the Marcus Ambulance Service and discussed a 10 year vehicle replacement plan. As a new ambulance is put into service, the old vehicle is retrofitted to become the equipment truck and also serves as a reserve additional ambulance when needed for an additional 10 years.

The supervisors will take all funding requests under consideration as they continue to review 2011/2012 budgets.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor