
FOR THE YEAR 2011
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JUNE 7, 2011

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, and Mark Leeds present. Terry Graybill was absent. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Jeff Bowen, Bud Clow, Tammy Carlson, Hedgie Brandt, Ken Slater, and Scott Stevenson were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Schmidt, 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.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Leeds to Ratify, Confirm and Approve Publication of Notice of Public Hearing for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$2,008,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011 and to open a Public Hearing for consideration of the proposed action. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Simonsen declared the Public Hearing to be open for the purpose of taking action on the matter of entering into a Loan Agreement and on the issuance of not to exceed \$2,008,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011, of the County, the proceeds of which will be used to provide funds to pay costs of refunding outstanding general obligation indebtedness of the County. Simonsen asked for written or oral comments from the public.

One written comment received from Ginger Walker, citizen of Cherokee County, was reviewed and considered by the supervisors.

Tammy Carlson, rural property owner, inquired if the County Supervisors will be asking for due diligence from the Landfill Commission to address long term financial planning.

Jeff Bowen, City of Aurelia's representative on the Landfill Commission, stated that the landfill cannot continue to be run in the same manner as has been in the past. Bowen requested a joint meeting with the County, Cities, and Landfill Commission to draft a finance plan and address the current contracts with surrounding counties that allows them to bring in their garbage at a cheaper cost than what is being paid by Cherokee County citizens.

Simonsen agreed that there are issues that need to be addressed and assured the attendees that the supervisors fully intend to follow up with these mutual concerns.

Bowen asked who is in charge of marketing the pellets and suggested that a "what if" plan needs to be created to address the possibility of never selling any pellets.

Hearing no further comments, a motion was offered by Prunty and seconded by Schmidt to close the Public Hearing at 9:10 a.m. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Schmidt to approve RESOLUTION #2011-05 INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE AUTHORIZATION FOR A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,008,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2011.

Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to reappoint Jean Howard as Veteran Affairs Commissioner with a three (3) year term ending June 30, 2014. Motion carried.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Leeds to Ratify, Confirm and Approve Publication of Notice of Public Hearing for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$450,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011.

Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m., Chairman Simonsen declared the Public Hearing to be open for the purpose of taking action on the matter of entering into a Loan Agreement and on the issuance of not to exceed \$450,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011, of the County, the proceeds of which will be used to provide funds to pay costs of works and facilities useful for the collection, treatment and disposal of solid waste. Simonsen asked for written or oral comments from the public.

Scott Stevenson, Ruan Securities, explained the goal of refinancing is to allow the Landfill to make the bond payments on their own without it becoming a burden to the taxpayers of Cherokee County.

Jeff Bowen questioned the logic of issuing a 20 year bond for a landfill cell that has a life expectancy of two (2) to three (3) years. The bond has a call option after eight (8) years at which time the bond can be paid in full.

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Ken Slater, Landfill Financial Advisor, added that the new cell in question currently has a two and one half (2 ½) year life expectancy, however, that time frame can be increased to eight (8) to twelve (12) years if pellet production can begin.

Tammy Carlson asked how much more life does the entire landfill site have available.

Slater reported that initially it was rated for 125 years but now that the Landfill is contracted to take garbage from Buena Vista, Ida, and Plymouth Counties; the total life expectancy is 65 or 75 years.

Carlson asked if there are any contracts currently in place to purchase pellets.

Slater indicated there is a two (2) year contract with Poet of Sioux Falls to take pellets whenever the Landfill can start producing them again.

Hearing no further comments, a motion was offered by Schmidt and seconded by Leeds to close the Public Hearing at 9:20 a.m. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve RESOLUTION #2011-06 INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE AUTHORIZATION FOR A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2011.

Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, reviewed the Targeted Case Management Projected Cost Report for fiscal year 2011/2012 reflecting a \$32.85 reimbursable unit rate. Langlitz expressed concern over the possibility of a state government shutdown on July 1st and the resulting financial impact to her budget.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented wage authorizations and a construction contract for consideration.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Schmidt to approve a change of status for Paula Ellis, Receptionist, from part time to full time with no change in the current \$9.00 wage. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve wage authorizations for three (3) Seasonal Mower/Stop Box Painter positions including: Curtis Ege (\$11.00 per hour), Corey Ege (\$11.00 per hour), and Roger Hultman (\$14.00 per hour). Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Leeds to approve a contract with Graves Construction for Bridge Project #L-58-B-11--73-18. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve Resolution #2011-07 Inter-fund Operating Transfer of \$712,500 from Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Road Fund. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to appoint Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, as Cherokee County Weed Commissioner effective July 1, 2011. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor