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FOR THE YEAR 2012  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
APRIL 24, 2012

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, and Jeff Simonsen present. Terry Holub, *Aurelia Star*, and Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Schmidt; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Dave Driggs, Courthouse Maintenance, provided information about the current mower equipment that was purchased in 1996 and reviewed several options available to upgrade the lawn and snow removal equipment. The supervisors asked Driggs to get a detailed bid for a garden tractor with attachments and to price a storage building.

Graybill asked Dave Scott, County Sheriff, to explain why a recent vehicle was purchased from a dealer outside of the county. Scott stated that a local dealer had been contacted numerous times about providing a bid and the dealer never followed through. Scott further explained that the vehicle that he purchased from Des Moines was \$6,000 cheaper than the last vehicle that was purchased through a local dealer.

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve two underground utility permits for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 4 of Sheridan Township and Section 21 of Liberty Township. Motion carried.

A resolution to transfer budget funds with the Engineer's DOT Budget was tabled until Shanahan meets with the County Attorney for drafting the document.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to appoint Steve Benson to fill a vacancy on the Cherokee County Board of Health. Motion carried.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Leeds to go into closed session for an employee evaluation and contract discussion as requested by Dave Shanahan per Iowa Code Section 21.5(i). Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Schmidt-aye. Motion carried and session was closed at 10:00 a.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:46 a.m.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to offer a 3 year contract ending June 30, 2015 to Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, with salaries of \$84,500 for 2012/2013, \$86,500 for 2013/2014, and \$88,500 for 2014/2015. Motion carried.

Jason Titcomb, Iowa Lakes RC&D Byway Committee member, requested \$375 of funding to assist with marketing the Glacial Trail Scenic Byway Loop through Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, and O'Brien Counties.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Simonsen to approve a \$375 Rural Betterment Fund payment for promoting tourism along the Glacial Trail Scenic Byway. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve Resolution #2012-06 to Appoint Jeff Simonsen as Siouxland Regional Housing Commissioner and Terry Graybill as Alternate to represent Cherokee County. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Schmidt-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve Resolution #2012-07 to Confirm Cherokee County's Appointment of Jeff Simonsen as Siouxland Regional Housing Commissioner. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Schmidt-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve the claims for payment as presented. Graybill voted nay as opposing payment of the Sheriff's vehicle claim. Motion carried. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor