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FOR THE YEAR 2012  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
FEBRUARY 7, 2012

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 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 Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dave Scott and Chief Deputy Jeff Friedrichsen asked for confirmation that they were approved to hire an additional deputy and reviewed their 2012/2013 budget request. The hiring of an additional deputy was confirmed for a July 1, 2012 start date. The supervisors had requested a total budget amount of \$1,280,000 (6.7% increase) which is a \$60,000 cut from the Sheriff's original request. Scott reported that the budget can be brought down by \$42,000 with a bare minimum budget total of \$1,300,263 (8.4% increase). A total bottom line was approved for the Sheriff at \$1,300,000 for the 2012/2013 year.

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, reviewed the Cherokee Area Economic Development's 2011 Project List with highlights of the top ten business accomplishments of the year.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented bids let through the IDOT office for two box culvert projects funded through federal bridge replacement dollars combined with Farm to Market and Local Funds.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Simonsen to approve a \$267,425.79 bid from Gus Construction from Casey, Iowa for Project #BROS-CO18(64)--5F-18 on C66 and J Avenue in Willow Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve a \$177,977.75 bid from Gus Construction for Project # BROS-CO18(63)--8J-18 on 640<sup>th</sup> Street between M and N Avenues in Silver Township. Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, requested an additional \$208,000 for the 2012/2013 budget due to additional Medicaid funding being shifted from the state to the county. The county will now be paying 40% of Medicaid services provided to Cherokee County clients. The total budget for county provided mental health services will increase 17.52% with a \$1,615,906 total expected for 2012/2013.

Chad Brown, Conservation Director, proposed a budget plan that provides basic funding to cover essential services for the Conservation Department along with an annual review of project needs. Brown asked for a budgeting system that would provide additional county funding as needed to comply with a 22 cent levy requirement for REAP funding. The supervisors requested a base budget of \$320,000 with an annual evaluation of the need for a budget amendment to fund projects. Brown presented a 2012/2013 budget proposal of \$314,530 for 2012/2013 and asked that the supervisors make a firm commitment to a budget amendment of \$25,000 for projects to be completed before June 30, 2012.

Brown discussed two playground projects including one at the Silver Sioux Recreation Area that will involve donations, grants, county funding and volunteer labor. The second project would be a playground and family style restroom/shower facility to provide services to visitors at the Martin Area. Brown stated that the Conservation Board has funds available in their REAP and Land Acquisition Funds that will be used for the Martin Area project and requested a budget amendment in 2011/2012 to provide \$25,000 of county general funds to finance the improvement. The supervisors were supportive of Brown's proposal and thanked him for designing projects that would enhance the public's experience when they visit the parks in Cherokee County.

Review of county budgets, tax requirements, and estimated ending cash balances continued.

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

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Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor