
FOR THE YEAR 2012
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
FEBRUARY 28, 2012

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, and Jeff Simonsen present. Terry Holub, *Aurelia Star*, 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.

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, reported that three area counties are supporting a Regional Housing Trust Fund and asked for the supervisor's support through a resolution authorizing Cherokee County to join the partnership.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Leeds to approve Resolution #2012-02 "A Resolution to Recognize the West Central Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund, Inc." *WHEREAS, The County of Cherokee desires to partnership with the West Central Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund, Inc. to assist in addressing the unmet housing needs in the communities of Cherokee, Ida, Monona, and Plymouth Counties.* Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Schmidt-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, asked the supervisors to sign cards for three employees with March birthdays.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty 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.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, asked the chairman to sign the fronts of the contracts that were approved last week. A utility permit was presented along with a request to hire an additional full time engineering staff position.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve an underground utility permit for Peoples Telephone Company in Section 21 of Afton Township. Motion carried.

Shanahan listed the reasons why an additional position was needed including situations when the office is short staffed due to meetings. No action was taken concerning the request for an additional employee.

Nancy Nelson, Deputy Assessor, presented information about a tax exemption for impoundment structures that is applied to dams and land lying under the water levels. Applications are approved by the Cherokee County Soil and Water Conservation District and then filed with the County Assessor with final approval considered by the County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Simonsen to approve an application received from Laurence Boothby, Section 19 of Rock Township, for an Impoundment Structure Property Tax Exemption per Chapter 161A, Code of Iowa. Motion carried.

Leeds gave an informational update regarding the Cherokee County Solid Waste Commission's review of current contract rates and contributions from all nine Cherokee County members (all eight cities and the county).

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor