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FOR THE YEAR 2013  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
APRIL 23, 2013

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ginger Walker was absent. Gary Lundquist, Lisa Langlitz, and Chad Brown were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Mongan, Bush, Leeds; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Marlene Ebert, Jail Administrator, presented two wage authorizations that should have been adjusted upon the anniversary of the employees' hire dates.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve a step wage authorization from \$13.62 to \$14.06 for Darragh Denery, jailer, effective July 1, 2012 per the Law Enforcement Center Union Contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve a step wage authorization from \$21.75 to \$21.92 for Mike McGee, deputy, effective September 4, 2012 per the Law Enforcement Center Union Contract. Motion carried.

Paula Ellis, Engineer's Administrative Assistant, presented utility permits and construction plans for the board's consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve four underground utility permits for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 4 of Liberty Township, Section 10 of Pilot Township, Section 24 of Pitcher Township, and Sections 8 and 9 of Afton Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve plans for the C63 diamond grinding project #L-67-73-18. Motion carried.

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, reported on the Cherokee County Enterprise Zone Commission's recent approval of Cherokee Development, LLC's application to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for the purpose of building single family homes in the City of Cherokee. Buschkamp presented a resolution to expand the County's Enterprise Zone designation to coincide with the development application.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve Resolution #2013-08 "Petitioning the Iowa Economic Development Authority for Certification of an Expansion to Cherokee Enterprise Zone EZ-9 in Cherokee County from 5.38 acres to 8.50 acres". Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Leeds-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Rick Angell, Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield representative, presented the County's Health Insurance renewal which included a 9.96% increase in premiums. Bush asked if proposals from other health insurance companies had been considered. Angell reassured the supervisors that requests for proposals from four different insurance providers are routinely sought every two years to assure that the County rates for employee benefits are the most cost effective use of tax dollars.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen to accept the Wellmark Health Insurance Renewal including a 9.96% increase in premiums effective July 1, 2013. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan 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.

As a result of a recent public petition protesting the level of taxation in the County's 2013/2014 Certified Budget, the supervisors reviewed potential solutions to adjust the budget to meet the State Appeal Board's final decision. No action was taken pending further research of the procedures and deadlines of the appeal process.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

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

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor