
FOR THE YEAR 2013
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
DECEMBER 10, 2013

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Jeff Simonsen, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Dena Dungan, Patrick Schmitz, RoxAnn Smith, and Mike Reynolds were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Mongan, Bush, Walker, Leeds; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Walker to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, discussed the possibility of re-locating her department to the Cherokee Mental Health Institute. Langlitz stated that office space is available with a substantial savings in monthly rental fees. No action was taken.

Langlitz reported that the original 28E Agreement drafted for the Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region had been updated by Woodbury County to address their desire to maintain individual funds in each county instead of in a combined regional fund. Counties have until July 1, 2014 to start operating as a unified region with one fiscal agent and Chief Executive Officer. Each member county has representation on the Region's Governing Board which is responsible for all financial and policy decisions required in providing mandated core services to mental health clients; however, the Governing Board cannot legally take action until the 28E Agreement is adopted by all of its members. No action was taken regarding the 28E Agreement to allow for further consideration.

RoxAnn Smith, Jackson Recovery, reviewed educational programs and upcoming training events provided to all residents of Cherokee County at no cost. Smith reported that educational efforts have been focused on students in the school setting, however, service groups are encouraged to contact Jackson Recovery for presentations about available services.

Mike Reynolds, Synergy Center, gave an informative review of services and potential expansion of programs provided at the Cherokee location.

Julie Schulenberg, Executive Director for Centers Against Abuse & Sexual Assault (CAASA), reviewed the growing numbers of abuse cases and reported that 903 new clients were served in a nine county region during the last fiscal year. Schulenberg requested continued financial support of \$6,000 from Cherokee County during the 2014/2015 fiscal year. The supervisors will consider the request during the regular budget process.

The supervisors reviewed bills turned in by county departments.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen 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.

Chairman Leeds presented Cherokee County's initial proposals for the Secondary Roads and Sheriff's Department contracts to Spencer Yockey, Operating Engineers Local 234 Representative.

Bush presented an updated draft of the Cherokee County Personnel Policy with the inclusion of policies adopted by prior Boards of Supervisors. The supervisors will continue to review and revise a draft of the Personnel Policy in an effort to bring the document up to date with current laws.

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

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor