
FOR THE YEAR 2013
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
FEBRUARY 5, 2013

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, Rick Mongan, Dennis Bush, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Lindsay Bressler, Greg Zarr, Chad Brown, Dave Skou, Ryan Kolpin, Dave Shanahan, and Kristi Petersen 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 Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer and Weed Commissioner, presented an annual notice for destruction of noxious weeds in Cherokee County.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve Resolution #2013-03 “Notice for Destruction of Noxious Weeds”. Roll call vote: Simonsen-aye, Mongan-aye, Bush-aye, Walker-aye, Leeds-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

The Cherokee County Library Association was represented by Mary Jo Ruppert, Sherri Stevenson, Linda Sones, Marty Warrender, Shirley Perrett, Jane Zupp, Marilyn Prunty, Karen Eggers, Shannon Trapp, Martha Hueser, and Maxine Shea. Ruppert presented an informative overview of services provided by local libraries and reported that requests for more computer related services have increased greatly since technology has become an important part of our daily lives. The supervisors expressed appreciation for the dedication of county libraries to provide services that are so critical in local communities. The supervisors will consider their annual contribution to local libraries during the budget process.

Brian Freed and Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, reviewed the Cherokee Area Economic Development’s 2012 Annual Report with area business highlights and future goals of the organization.

Dennis Brady and Paul Wilkens, Marcus Fire Department, requested continued financial support of \$12,000 for the Marcus Ambulance service and provided details of the Marcus Fire Department’s annual activities with 135 responses and 3819 total on-duty hours for their 26 member unit. The supervisors will consider funding during the budget process.

Jason Cople, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 234 Representative, presented two contract proposals to the Board of Supervisors to initiate the negotiating process for the Cherokee County Secondary Roads employees and Cherokee County Law Enforcement Center employees. The supervisors will meet with their legal representative to draft their contract proposal and will present it to the union at a later date.

The recommended 2013/2014 compensation schedule for elective county officers received from the County Compensation Board was as follows: Attorney - \$1,750 increase to \$88,250; Auditor - \$1,750 increase to \$51,500; Recorder – \$1,750 increase to \$51,500; Sheriff - \$2,500 increase to \$65,500; Treasurer - \$1,750 increase to \$51,500; Supervisors - \$1,000 increase to \$22,500 with a stipend of \$1,000 for the Chairman. Consensus of the Board was to accept the salary recommendations as presented except for the Supervisors which will receive no raise and remain at a \$21,500 annual salary. The supervisors will officially act upon the recommendation during the budget hearing.

Funding of the recently created GIS Department was discussed. The County Assessor had taxed in the 2012/2013 year for all the expenses of GIS services including a full time employee. The Assessor requested that the GIS services be removed from his department and a new department was created under the supervisor’s management. All of the expenses for the GIS department were transferred to the County’s General Fund in 2012/2013 through a budget amendment with no expenses paid from the Assessor’s Fund. Bush questioned if the County’s General Fund could be reimbursed for the GIS expenses from the Assessor’s Fund where the taxes were originally collected for that purpose. Bush suggested that an agreement be made to receive payment from the Assessor’s Fund for the portion of the GIS services provided directly to the Assessor’s Office. Lindsay Bressler, GIS Coordinator, was asked to provide a breakdown of her time spent on GIS services. No decisions were made.

Chairman Leeds recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m. The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m. with continued review of budget requests for the 2013/2014 year. A letter was sent to all department heads requesting a 2% reduction of all budget requests. The supervisors have made adjustments to the budgets under their control and have shifted funding sources where possible to address projected shortages in the General Fund.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

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Mark Leeds, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor