
FOR THE YEAR 2013
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JULY 30, 2013

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, and Ginger Walker present. Jeff Simonsen was absent. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist, Neal Bunt, Brandon Billings, Joel Anderson, Paula Ellis, Dave Scott, Jeff Friedrichsen, Chad Brown, Dave Skou, Greg Zarr, Lindsay Bressler, and Hedgie Brandt were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Mongan, Bush, Walker, Leeds; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

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

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented a utility permit and wage authorizations for consideration.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve an overhead utility permit for MidAmerican Energy in Section 17 of Cherokee Township. Motion carried.

Shanahan gave an update on construction projects and ongoing meetings with FEMA for determining flood damage to the secondary road system.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Bush to approve a wage authorization for Brandon Billings to move from the Project/Construction Manager position (\$46,030) to Assistant Engineer (\$52,500) effective July 22, 2013. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve a wage authorization for Joel Anderson to move from the Engineering Aide (\$20.05) to Engineering Aide 2 (\$21.75) effective July 22, 2013. Motion carried.

Mongan moved to approve a one dollar wage increase from \$15.50 to \$16.50 for Paula Ellis, Engineer's Administrative Assistant and to table the additional 50 cent raise to \$17.00 that was requested by the County Engineer. The motion died for lack of a second.

Bush moved to table the wage authorization for further consideration since Ellis received a \$3.35 cent wage increase on April 1, 2013 and the standard non-union wage increase of 35 cents per hour on July 1, 2013.

No action was taken on the wage authorization for Ellis.

Jeff Friedrichsen, Chief Deputy, presented a wage authorization for consideration.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve a wage authorization for Kirsten Huebner (\$14.91) as part-time jailer effective July 31, 2013 and subject to the Law Enforcement Center's union contract. Motion carried.

Lindsay Bressler, GIS/IT Coordinator, and Greg Zarr, County Assessor, reported on the upcoming adjustment to agricultural property values to reflect non-crop acres and how an aerial flyover would benefit the County in determining land use of rural properties. Bressler presented quotes from Pictometry for three different flyover options including one flight for \$90,980; two flights for \$155,635; and three flights \$223,370. Another quote was received from Sidwell (\$53,000) that included one level of zoom with aerial images only. Bressler recommended the bid from Pictometry for three flights. The issue was tabled for further research and consideration.

Bressler requested permission to lease a new postage machine for the County's use and explained that the current company would forgive the balance of a lease agreement currently in place. After reviewing the information and pricing provided by Bressler, the board tabled the issue for further consideration.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m. The board then toured the E911 Communications Center with Dave Scott, Jeff Friedrichsen, and Dave Skou to see the recently updated phone system.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor