
FOR THE YEAR 2013
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MAY 21, 2013

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, and Jeff Simonsen present. Ginger Walker was absent. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist, Lisa Langlitz, Chad Brown, Ben Shuberg, Jeff Friedrichsen, and Dave Scott 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 Bush to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to open the public hearing for the proposed budget amendment to the County's 2012/2013 fiscal year budget. Roll call vote: Simonsen – aye, Mongan – aye, Bush – aye, Leeds – aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Leeds asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Bush and seconded by Simonsen to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Simonsen – aye, Mongan – aye, Bush – aye, Leeds – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to adopt the 2012/2013 fiscal year budget amendment with a \$27,000 increase in Conservation expenditures as published. Motion carried.

The Cherokee County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HazMit) was explained by Ben Shuberg, Emergency Management Coordinator, and SIMPCO representatives Dwight Lang, Kristi Quinn, and Sharon Burton. The county, cities, and schools all participate in one combined FEMA approved plan that qualifies each entity for federal assistance in the event of a natural disaster. Governmental entities who have adopted a FEMA approved HazMit Plan may also apply for federal grant funds to finance loss control projects such as tornado safe rooms or flood prevention plans. SIMPCO has prepared the Cherokee County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and sent it to Iowa Homeland Security for their endorsement. The next step is for the County to approve the plan and submit it to FEMA for final approval. The HazMit Plan is valid for five years from the time the County Board of Supervisors adopts it, however, each city and school in Cherokee County must also take action to approve the plan before their entity qualifies for FEMA programs under the plan.

Simonsen offered a motion to approve Resolution #2013-09 "Cherokee County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan" as prepared by SIMPCO. Bush requested clarification of responsibilities of the County Board of Supervisors as outlined in the plan. Lang and Quinn explained that the County acknowledges administrative and fiscal responsibility for many aspects in the event of natural disasters; however, the plan also indicates that the County cannot provide financial support in many situations without funding assistance from FEMA funds.

Bush seconded the motion to approve the Cherokee County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as prepared by SIMPCO. Roll call vote: Simonsen – aye, Mongan – aye, Bush – aye, Leeds – aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

The supervisors reviewed the Fiscal Year 2012 Cost Allocation Report which is prepared by Cost Advisory Services, Inc. of Adel, Iowa. The report determines the County's indirect costs incurred to support the local DHS office and the County's in-house Targeted Case Management program. The total expense for DHS services was calculated to be \$96,598 with approximately 33% (\$31,877) of the total expense to be reimbursed to Cherokee County from federal funds in Fiscal Year 2014. Total indirect costs for the County's in-house Targeted Case Management program were \$8,315 with reimbursement from federal Title 19 Medicaid funds.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve the Fiscal Year 2012 Certification of Cost Allocation Plan. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, reported on progress of the Washta bridge replacement project and recent equipment purchases. A new tar pot for crack filling was bought for \$44,695 and a new 2013 half ton four wheel drive pickup was purchased for the sign department for a base price of \$28,145 with running boards, box liner, mud flaps, and undercoating yet to be added. The current sign truck will be moved to the engineering department and an older truck will be used by the motor grader operators to move oil and supplies to outlying county sheds.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve a fireworks permit for Benjamin Joines, Quimby. Motion carried.

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The need for adding additional emergency plans for the courthouse was discussed. Fire and Tornado drills are performed annually but procedures for handling additional situations should be addressed. Shuberg will draft a preliminary security plan for the courthouse and will schedule a department meeting to review the plan.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor