
FOR THE YEAR 2013
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
NOVEMBER 26, 2013

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Jeff Simonsen, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Dave Scott, Chad Brown, Hedgie Brandt, Dave Shanahan, Ryan Kolpin, and Lisa Langlitz 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 Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Spencer Yockey, Local 234 Union Representative, presented and explained proposed changes to contracts for Law Enforcement Center and Secondary Roads union employees. The County will make their opening proposals to the Local 234 Union on December 10th during their regular meeting.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented a utility permit and discussed flood damaged bridge projects with potential FEMA funding. Shanahan questioned if it would be more cost effective to close some bridges on low traffic roads and utilize FEMA funding for other projects.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 34 of Afton Township. Motion carried.

Hedgie Brandt, County Treasurer, requested tax abatement on six properties that were Court Ordered for transfer of ownership to the City of Cherokee.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Walker to approve \$27,512.60 of tax abatements for the following properties as presented: parcel #98-727483014 (\$95.00); #98-727480007 (\$1,067.00); #98-727482012 (\$1,483.00); #98-734127025 (\$4,220.34); #98-734227004 (\$4,000.12); #98-734209017 (\$16,647.14). Motion carried.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, presented graphs from the 2012/2013 Mental Health Annual Report that illustrated expenditure and client service trends.

The supervisors reviewed bills submitted by departments for payment.

Motion by Simonsen, 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.

Monthly fees associated with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) were discussed. The board considered potential options for funding the additional ACA fees including having the employees assume the entire monthly fee; the County absorbing 70% of the fees (which is the same percentage provided for employee health premiums); or adjusting employees' health insurance deductibles and office calls to offset additional fees incurred by the County.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to pass the monthly Affordable Care Act fees on to the employees until June 30, 2014 and to review the County's current health insurance plan benefits including partial self-funding of deductibles, office calls, and prescription coverage. Motion carried with Walker voting nay.

The board reviewed a Request for Proposal (RFP) document for services relating to Cherokee County's annual audit.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Walker to send Request for Proposals for Cherokee County audit services for three fiscal years ending June 30, 2016 to the following entities: Auditor of State; Hunzelman, Putzier & Co., PLC; King, Reinsch, Prosser & Co., LLC; and Williams & Co., PC. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor