
FOR THE YEAR 2013
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Friday, September 13, 2013 with Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Barb Staver, Lindsay Bressler, Dave Shanahan, Dawn Miller, Lisa Langlitz, Hedgie Brandt, Greg Zarr, and Chad Brown 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 Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Jill Titcomb, Elections Assistant, reviewed the September 10, 2013 School Election results.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to certify the canvass of school election results as follows:

Cherokee County Election Turnout of 5.60% with 450 of 8030 registered voters casting a ballot.

Aurelia Community School – Director at Large (vote for two)

Jennifer Kaskey – 40 votes

Myron Radke – 40 votes

Cherokee Community School – Director at Large (vote for two)

Jim Haselhoff – 130 votes

Calvin Carver – 121 votes

Scattering of write ins – 3 votes

Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn School – Director District #1 (vote for one)

Danae Dreckman – 250 votes

Scattering of write ins – 3 votes

Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn School – Director District #2 (vote for one)

Jeff Goth – 263 votes

Scattering of write ins – 2 votes

Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn School – Director District #3 (vote for one)

Nancy Hohbach – 205 votes

Scattering of write ins – 9 votes

Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn School – Director at Large (vote for one)

Luke Olson – 216 votes

Kathy Jochims – 59 votes

Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn School Public Measure for Revenue Purpose Statement

YES, for the question – 224 votes

NO, against the question – 32 votes

Northwest Iowa Community College – Director District #4 (vote for one)

Steve Loshman – 228 votes

Northwest Iowa Community College Public Measure for Facilities Levy

YES, for the question – 199 votes

NO, against the question – 54 votes

Western Iowa Tech Community College – Director District #2 (vote for one)

Michael D. Hunter – 128 votes

Bent Koppie – 28 votes

Motion carried. Official Canvass and Certificates of Election will be forwarded to the schools.

Health Insurance representatives Ben Van Engelenhoven, Jaci Van Wechel, and Rick Angell provided information about deadlines and regulations of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that will impact Cherokee County and its employees on January 1, 2014. The County is compliant and current with all requirements, however, numerous monthly fees for health coverage can be expected with the new regulations.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, discussed construction projects and presented utility permits for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Sections 14 and 23 of Afton Township. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve an overhead utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Sections 2 and 3 of Grand Meadow Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Walker to approve an underground utility permit for CML Telephone under 510th Street and along O Avenue in Cherokee Township. Motion carried.

Shanahan reported that the Washta bridge project is nearing completion and is expected to reopen to the public in the next couple of weeks.

Hanna DeGroot, Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) representative, reviewed legislative priorities and participated in a discussion session with department managers to address issues impacting Cherokee County. DeGroot encouraged Cherokee County Supervisors and employees to stay in contact with their legislators and ISAC leaders as a means to have their voices heard.

Joyce Rasmus, Jamin'-R Enterprises, gave an overview of activities during the recent Creekfest event. Rasmus reported that they have followed up with area property owners about noise issues and have been working with local law enforcement agencies to make improvements for next year.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush 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.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Walker to approve an updated Business Associate Agreement for HIPAA compliance of public health services provided by Cherokee Regional Medical Center (CRMC). Motion carried.

Mark Cozine, Cherokee Aviation Authority Attorney, requested tax abatement on two properties purchased by the Authority in April 2012. Buildings and trees were removed from the properties to comply with FAA regulations for the Runway Protection Zone of the airport. Cozine stated that the Aviation Authority is a political subdivision of the City of Cherokee and therefore is eligible for property tax exempt status, however, the timing of the property purchase resulted in a one year delay in the tax exemption being granted by the County Assessor.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve a \$10,264 tax abatement for 2012 taxes payable in 2013/2014 on two parcels currently owned by the Cherokee Aviation Authority as follows: Tax Receipt #13905 (\$140.00) on parcel #0734328007 located at 812 Spring Lake Drive in Cherokee and Tax Receipt #13906 (\$10,124.00) on parcel #0734401028 located at 324 Lake Street in Cherokee. Motion carried. The County Auditor will notify the County Treasurer to correct her books accordingly.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

All board agendas and minutes are available online at www.cherokeecountyiowa.com.

Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor