
FOR THE YEAR 2014
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
APRIL 15, 2014

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 with Rick Mongan, Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Jeff Simonsen, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Gary Lundquist, Lisa Langlitz, Lindsay Bressler, and Sandy O'Hearn 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 Walker, seconded by Mongan to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Bixenman Insurance representatives Rob Bixenman, Matt Susemihl, and Terri Brown provided an informative presentation including reasons why Bixenman Insurance should be Cherokee County's agent for property and casualty insurance. No action was taken as a result of the presentation.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented agreements with the Iowa DOT and the Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company for installation of crossing arms at two locations in Cherokee County. Estimated costs for the safety improvements are \$180,000 for each location. Federal funds will cover 90% of the cost and 10% will be provided by Cherokee County.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to authorize the Chairman to sign two agreements between the Iowa Department of Transportation, Cherokee County, and the Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company for construction and cost participation covering the installation of safety improvements at railroad crossings on L40 and L48. Motion carried.

Justin Pritts, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented three proposals to provide first aid supplies and CPR training for courthouse employees. Pritts also requested funding to conduct training for an active shooter situation in the courthouse. The three options included: A.) \$966 for emergency kits on both floors of courthouse and CPR training for employees B.) \$2313 for emergency kits, CPR training, and an additional Auto External Defibrillator (AED) for the lower level of courthouse C.) \$4313 for all the items plus an active shooter training session.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Simonsen to pursue scenario B. Motion carried. Active shooter training will be researched and considered at a later date.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, presented an amended 28E Agreement for the Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region which includes Cherokee, Plymouth, Sioux, and Woodbury Counties.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Simonsen to approve the Sioux Rivers Region 28E Agreement as amended. Motion carried with Bush voting nay.

Joyce Rasmus, Jamin-R Enterprises, requested approval of a temporary liquor license for the Creekfest event held annually in August. After discussion, the board tabled the request until Law Enforcement, the Department of Transportation, the County Engineer, Emergency Management, and Jamin-R have agreed on security and traffic procedures for the event.

The supervisors received a Notice of Decision from DHS regarding suspension of property taxes for a Cherokee County property owner under Iowa Code 427.9 "Property Tax Relief".

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve tax suspension on parcel #900133458003 per DHS approval. Motion carried.

Maintenance of the courthouse and building repair/improvement projects were discussed. A schedule of projects will be prepared to provide a long term plan for maintaining the Courthouse building and grounds.

Budget expenditures were reviewed to assess the need for a budget amendment during the current fiscal year ending June 30th. A proposed amendment will be considered for publication during the next board meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

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Attest: _____

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor