
FOR THE YEAR 2009
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MAY 19, 2009

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, with Jeff Simonsen, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Larry Prunty, and Terry Graybill present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Simonsen; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

County Officers' Meeting was held with departmental updates given by Recorder Dawn Jones Coombs, Community Services Director Lisa Langlitz, Treasurer Hedgie Brandt, Sheriff Dave Scott, Engineer Dave Shanahan, and Auditor Kris Glienke.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, presented the FY10 Projected Case Management Cost Report.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to authorize the chairman to sign the FY10 Projected Case Management Cost Report. Motion carried.

Don Faber, Three Rivers Benefit Corp., and Hank Hayes reviewed the Wellmark/Blue Cross & Blue Shield health insurance renewal which reflects a 12.93% premium increase effective July 1, 2009 with no change to deductibles or coverage.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve the FY2009/2010 health insurance renewal as presented. Motion carried.

Meeting was recessed at 9:50 a.m. to allow the supervisors to attend a SCORE recognition coffee for American Natural Soy. Meeting resumed at 10:40 a.m.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve a wage authorization for Pam Wetherell, full-time jailer, per bargaining unit contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Prunty to approve a wage authorization for William Robinson, part-time dispatcher, per bargaining unit contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Schmidt to approve release of a \$11,085.95 forgivable emergency housing loan for Jerry Lindberg on property at 121 Colony Drive in Cherokee, Iowa. Motion carried.

Fireworks Display permits for the rural areas will be available in the County Auditor's office and online but must be approved by the County Board of Supervisors per Iowa Code.

Sheriff Scott, Chief Friedrichsen, and Jail Committee members Ron Wetherell, Barry Goettsch, and Chuck Clark arrived at 10:50 a.m.

Architect Rick Emswiler presented a revised cost estimate for the proposed jail project and advised that total costs, including a 10% contingency, should fall well within a \$3.5 million bond level.

Meeting was recessed at 12:10 p.m. for lunch. Meeting resumed at 1:25 p.m.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented one utility permit and construction project.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to approve ESFM-CO18(54)--5S-18 contract and contractor's bond with Knife River, Sioux City, including \$500,000 of federal stimulus monies for an overlay project on M25. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve an underground permit for Iowa Regional Water in Section 28 of Spring Twp for the Martin Area project. Motion carried.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Leeds to go into closed session as requested by David Shanahan, County Engineer, per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i) *"To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session."* Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried.

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Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to go out of closed session. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to offer a 3 year employment contract to David Shanahan as Cherokee County Engineer/Zoning Administrator with a \$1,500 annual raise beginning July 1, 2009. Engineer's salary will be \$79,500 for FY10, \$81,000 for FY11, and \$82,500 for FY12. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.
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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor