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FOR THE YEAR 2011  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
AUGUST 23, 2011

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, and Terry Graybill present. Mark Leeds was absent. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Ken Slater and Tammy Carlson were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Simonsen; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

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

Cherokee County Temporary Redistricting Commission Members Gil Bremicker, Ken Ogren, and Lynn Winterhof presented the 2010 Census Boundaries Map for County Supervisor Districts. The Commission drew Cherokee County Supervisor Districts based on Iowa Code Chapter 42.4 standards that require a 2414 ideal district population figure with a maximum allowable population variation of 24 persons per district and a total district population variance of 1.05%.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve the 2010 Census Boundaries for Cherokee County Supervisor Districts as presented by the Temporary Redistricting Commission. Motion carried. The adopted plan must now be submitted to the Iowa Secretary of State's Office for final approval.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to approve the "Supervisor District Population Certification" with an Average Population Variation of 8 (24 maximum) and a District Size Variation of 1.013% (1.05% maximum) along with the "Precinct Population Certification" reporting a 1724.57 average precinct population (3500 maximum). Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill 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.

Ben Shuberg, Emergency Management Director, discussed the Iowa Department of Economic Development's recent issuance of financial assistance for uninsured property owners with tornado damage incurred in April 2011. Shuberg indicated there would not be any Cherokee County residents who would qualify with the stringent guidelines of the grant program but he would contact the state and SIMPCO to verify.

Shuberg also reported that he has purchased three handheld digital radios so that he could monitor emergency calls and recommended that two of the supervisors start to carry radios so that they could be aware of what was going on in the county. There was no discussion or action taken by the board as a result of this recommendation.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Graybill to open a public hearing for the purpose of taking action on the matter of the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$2,800,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011A, in order to provide funds to pay costs of refunding the outstanding indebtedness of the County, an essential county purpose. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Simonsen declared the Public Hearing to be open and asked for written or oral comments from the public.

Tammy Carlson, rural property owner, inquired if the County Supervisors had received a cash flow from the Landfill Commission to verify its ability to finance the bond payments.

Ken Slater, representative of the Landfill Commission, stated that the landfill has recently updated its cash flow report and it appears that after all bills are paid, there will be excess revenues of \$257,000 at the end of the year. Slater indicated the landfill plans to renegotiate with surrounding counties as their contracts are due and will implement a stair step of increased charges. Ida County's contract ends next year while there are two years left on Plymouth and Buena Vista County contracts.

Hearing no further comments and having received no written objections, a motion was offered by Schmidt and seconded by Prunty to close the Public Hearing at 9:37 a.m. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to approve RESOLUTION #2011-18 INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,800,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2011A.

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Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-nay, Prunty-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented one utility permit and bids received for local bridge repairs.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve an overhead utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative along W Avenue in Diamond Township. Motion carried.

Shanahan presented a summary of bids received for three bridge repairs as follows: Dixon (\$130,408), Graves (\$144,156), Christensen Brothers (\$149,440)

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to award a \$130,408 contract to Dixon Construction for repair of three bridges including L-3-B-11 in Rock Township, L-4-B-11 in Grand Meadow Township, and L-5-B-11 in Pilot Township. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

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Kris Glienke, County Auditor