
FOR THE YEAR 2011
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds, and Terry Graybill present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Steve Nelson and Brad Husman were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Simonsen; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Schmidt to approve the amended agenda to include consideration of a loan agreement between the County and the Sanitary Landfill Commission and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

John M. Loughlin, representing the Cherokee County Sanitary Landfill Commission, presented loan agreements to address bond payment schedules to be paid by the Commission.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Schmidt to approve Loan Agreements between Cherokee County (Lender) and the Cherokee County Sanitary Landfill and Recycling Center (Borrower) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 28E and 28F of the Code of Iowa for the purpose of refunding the County's \$2,775,000 Taxable General Obligation Notes and \$445,000 Tax Exempt General Obligation Notes with the Borrower agreeing to repay the loan and interest. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-nay, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried.

Ginger Walker, Conservation Director, requested funding to build eleven (11) RV camping sites in the Martin Area Park.

Schmidt asked for clarification of park usage by horse owners. Walker indicated that it does not work to have horses camping overnight and that would not be a goal of the Cherokee County Conservation Board. The supervisors requested that overnight camping for horses be considered to provide recreational opportunities for all types of persons.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, reviewed the Cherokee County Case Management Actual Cost Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The actual unit cost was \$21.30 which is higher than the projected cost. The County will receive payment for the additional unit costs on the 5352 units provided in 2010/2011.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, discussed the need to hire two additional truck drivers and requested permission to advertise with physical capacity testing to be a pre-employment requirement.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to authorize Human Resources to advertise two general labor/operator positions in the Secondary Roads Department with pre-employment physical capacity testing. Motion carried.

The supervisors reviewed State DNR regulations pertaining to construction of animal feeding buildings and read four (4) public comments received opposing a proposed 4800 head hog confinement project.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graybill to approve a Master Matrix scoring for Andrew Melontree "tree" #89, LLC in Section 21 of Marcus Township. Motion carried. The application and Master Matrix plan will be forwarded to the DNR for their consideration and final approval of the construction permit.

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC Director, and Chuck Sand requested an amendment to the current Sand Seed Service Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District including 75% tax rebate for ten (10) years on the new valuation created by the expansion project. Sand reported that the project is currently under construction and includes a 900,000 bushel grain complex with an expected value of \$2.5 million.

Simonsen asked about using tax abatement instead of a TIF which incurs legal costs and additional paperwork. Buschkamp reported that tax abatements have a 10 year schedule that starts out with an 80% rebate the first year and lowers the rebate each year to a final 20% payback in the 10th year. Buschkamp stated that Sand Seed would receive a greater amount of rebate with an annual 75% rebate through a 10 year TIF and advised the County to pass the legal costs on to the business requesting the financial package.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Prunty to approve a financial incentive package for Sand Seed Service including a 75% tax rebate for ten (10) years on improvements within the current TIF District. Minimum assessment requirements and maximum aggregate rebate payments are yet to be determined with legal fees to be paid by Sand Seed per the Cherokee Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) Director's suggestion. Motion carried.

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Buschkamp also requested approval of a proposed TIF District southeast of the City of Cherokee for the development of a rail spur by the Cherokee Industrial Corporation. Simonsen requested additional information regarding tax abatements versus TIF Districts and advised Buschkamp to gather input from the City of Cherokee since the area lies within two (2) miles of city limits. No action was taken.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Prunty to approve Resolution #2011-25 Approving Participation in the State of Iowa Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Tornado and Wind Damage Assistance Program for the County of Cherokee, Iowa. Roll call vote: Schmidt-aye, Graybill-aye, Prunty-aye, Leeds-aye, Simonsen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to approve payment of \$39,000 of Rural Betterment Funds for development of RV sites at the Martin Area Park. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor