
FOR THE YEAR 2012
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MARCH 13, 2012

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds, Terry Graybill, and Jeff Simonsen present. Terry Holub, *Aurelia Star*, and Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Simonsen, Graybill, Prunty, Leeds, Schmidt; Nays - none; Abstentions - none.

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

Ben Schuberg, Emergency Management Director, expressed concern that SIMPCO has not completed the county's Hazard Mitigation plan that they have been working on for several years. County entities cannot apply for FEMA funding for projects until the plan is finished and approved. The supervisors advised Schuberg to contact Jane Gilbert or Dwight Lang, SIMPCO Directors, to express the county's desire to get this project completed as soon as possible and if SIMPCO cannot provide a satisfactory outcome, then the county will contract with a private business to complete the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Approval of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for April 2010 wind damage was tabled until SIMPCO provides information on completion of current projects. Schuberg advised that he is not aware of any Cherokee County property owners that qualify for the grant and recommended that the supervisors decline the funding so that it can be redistributed to communities that are in need.

Schuberg reviewed the County's RAGBRAI Ordinance and will confer with the County Attorney regarding minor updates.

Lindsay Bressler, GIS/IT Coordinator, presented information on the GPS Readjustment Project and requested approval of a quote for services.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve a \$25,468 quote from Dan Corbin, Inc. of Cedar Falls, Iowa to provide updated horizontal correction coordinates for the county's GPS system. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, and Larry Walker, Roads Superintendent, presented quotes for two new trucks. Quotes received for two trucks and one trade in were: Sheehan Mack, Sioux Falls (\$181,998.00); O'Halloran International, Cherokee (\$182,516.50); Rees Mack, Sioux Falls (\$193,554.38); and Peterbuilt, Sioux City (\$203,304.00).

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve a total purchase price of \$182,516.50 for two International trucks from O'Halloran, Cherokee with each truck costing \$101,706.75 minus a \$20,897 trade in value for a 1999 truck. Motion carried.

Shanahan discussed the Washta Bridge project, DOT budget, and long term plans for construction projects.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Simonsen to approve four compensation estimates for temporary easement and/or land purchase for Right-of-Way within the Washta Bridge Project #SBFRM-CO18(62)--5D-18 including Tim and Janelle Schlenger (\$560.48), Larry and Randy Walker (\$357.64), Lyle and Debra Paulsen (\$165.39), and Ronald and Raymond Flewelling with Jamie Dewitt as tenant (\$1,481.42). Motion carried.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Leeds to approve the Secondary Roads 2012/2013 DOT Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Leeds to approve the Secondary Roads 5 Year Road Construction Plan as presented. Motion carried.

The current cash rent farm lease with Doug Stowater for tillable acres at the Larrabee Gravel Pit in Spring Township was discussed. The lease includes a provision stating "the tillable acres may be reduced from year to year based upon the amount of gravel Cherokee County may excavate from the premises" and that "the yearly agreed lease payment will be reduced to compensate the loss in tillable acres". Walker and Shanahan confirmed that the county has not stripped any additional land and does not intend to do so this coming year so the terms of the rental lease will remain the same. Ryan Kolpin, County Attorney, will draft a notice to the renter verifying the tillable acres and total rent due on May 1st per the three year lease agreement.

Kristi Petersen, Human Resources Director, gave an update on open county positions and the hiring process for each department.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, was unable to attend the meeting so Simonsen presented information regarding an updated Northwest Iowa Contracting Consortium 28E Agreement amongst 11 member

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counties in Northwest Iowa. The updated agreement allows Dickinson and Emmet Counties to join the consortium with the purpose of the 28E Agreement.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Graybill to approve the Northwest Iowa contracting consortium 28E Agreement between Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Sioux, and Woodbury Counties. *WHEREAS, it is the desire of these member counties to contract with providers of mental health, mental retardation and developmental disabilities services as a single entity in order to save county and provider resources, establish a consistent rate setting process, and have a consistent provider contract review process.* Motion carried.

The supervisors reviewed 2010/2011 audit materials including financial statements prepared by Hunzelman, Putzier & Co, PLC. The County's independent auditing firm provided recommendations addressing areas of deficiencies in internal controls and the supervisors reviewed responses indicating corrective measures.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Leeds to approve the 2010/2011 Audit Draft and responses to internal control recommendations as suggested by Hunzelman, Putzier & Co, PLC. Motion carried.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Simonsen 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.

There being no further business, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

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Attest: _____

Dean Schmidt, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor