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FOR THE YEAR 2013  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
JUNE 28, 2013

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, and Ginger Walker present. Jeff Simonsen was absent. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Mongan, Bush, Walker, Leeds; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Walker to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Hedgie Brandt, County Treasurer, requested permission to remove seven parcels from the County's Tax Roll and to abate property taxes due on those properties. The County received a Court Order to transfer ownership of seven properties to the City of Cherokee, however, there were no provisions requiring the City to assume responsibility for the delinquent taxes on those properties.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve tax abatement on the following parcels: 224 East Willow Street (#980727479012); 918 West Cherry Street (#980727351016); 211 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street (#980734126032); 228 East Willow Street (#980727479013); 217 West Elm Street (#980734207002); 222 East Willow Street (#980727479011); 741 West Main Street (#980734104002). Motion carried.

The supervisors reviewed bills turned in by county departments.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan 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.

The supervisors discussed the pros and cons of appropriating budget authority of departmental expenses at 100% versus 50% or 90% as a possible way to control spending. Iowa Code Section 331.434(6) provides authority for the Board of Supervisors to appropriate spending authority of county departments, however, the Board cannot reduce a department's budget more than 10% or \$5,000 (whichever is greater), without a public hearing.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Leeds to appropriate the 2013/2014 fiscal year budget at 100% for all departments. Motion carried.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Mongan to authorize the chairman to sign a letter of support for a 2013 USDA Rural Business Opportunity Grant application by Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Organization (SIMPCO) requesting funds for the Community Economic Enhancement through Beautification and Planning Development Program. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 1:50 a.m.

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

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor