
FOR THE YEAR 2007
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
FEBRUARY 6, 2007

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 with Terry Graybill, Ron Wetherell, Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen and Dean Schmidt. Mike Leckband of the *Chronicle Times* was present from the press.

MSP Graybill, Schmidt to approve the agenda and minutes of previous meeting.

Don Fiser and Barry Goettsch members of the county Emergency Services Board met to discuss the services and budget needs for the next fiscal year. An increase of \$2,000.00 is requested to increase the county allocation to \$10,000.00 for training of EMT's and continuing education for the county fire departments to meet state regulations. The EMS board will be advertising for citizens interested in becoming EMT's and classes will be offered on a regular basis so everyone will know when to apply for training.

MSP Simonsen, Leeds to allow the County Attorney to sell an older typewriter and computer that are no longer being used in that office.

Larry Clark, County Engineer and Ray Mullins, Zoning Commission Chairman met to recommend re-zoning property to the Supervisors. Gary Grotjohn of Little Sioux Corn Processors (LSCP) explained the new expansion would increase the production of ethanol to about 100 million gallons a year and add 10 to 15 more employees. MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve re-zoning 36.31 acres south of the railroad track and 8.25 acre tract west of the present site for lengthening the rail siding from agriculture to heavy industrial in Section 2 of Amherst Twp.

Joining the meeting at 10:00 a.m were; Barry Goettsch, Don Fiser, Connie Mohn, Duane Mummert, Timothy Perrin, Lila Saxby, Mavis Stoner, Dennis Husman, Marilyn Peck, Janet Sullivan, Lynn Iverson, Colleen Cunningham, Kenneth and Nancy Jones, Robert Torry, Kim Rupp, Liz White, Shelly Allen, Harold Glover, William Cook, Dave Appleby, David Enderlin, Rosalie Allen, Roberta Klingborg and others. Discussion regarding the exploratory committee to compare services for the Public Health Department brought many comments from the audience. A scheduled meeting did not take place last Friday Feb. 2; so another meeting of the Board of Health representatives and Cherokee Regional Medical Center representatives will take place. The Supervisors have asked the Board of Health and Cherokee Regional to look over all services that may currently be duplicated. It is the intent of the Supervisors to serve the residents of Cherokee County with all health services required by law, that includes mental health, indigent and children services. Supervisors are looking at the best use of taxpayer dollars for county health services.

Barry Goettsch and Connie Mohn of the Cherokee Regional Medical Center presented their proposal of public health services provided to Cherokee County residents with a 28 E agreement for a term of 5 years. This agreement will include an annual contribution from Cherokee County in the amount of \$45,000.00, as well as an annual adjustment to this based on the Consumer Price Index. It is the trend for counties in the State of Iowa to move public health services to hospitals. Connie Mohn thanked the Supervisors for the opportunity to look at these services and make this report, the CRMC already contributes over \$400,000.00 to residents that do not have the ability to pay full price for services and would look forward to working with the County for public health services.

Shelly Allen read a statement in appreciation and support of the County Public Health services she receives each day.

Questions regarding the residency of Board of Health members was brought up and addressed by County Attorney Jamie Bowers. Dr. Gary claims residency in South Dakota and

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Dale Sleezer, Jr. lives in Buena Vista County and not residents of Cherokee County according to IA Code Chapters 137 and 69 the controlling statutory law. The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors may, upon its own motion, take steps to fill the vacant positions. Will Cook, Attorney for Dr. Gary made the observation, he did not believe that chapter 69 of the IA Code addressed the residency issue of the Board of Health membership. Supervisors asked if there were suggestions of names of citizens to be named to the Board of Health. MSP Graybill, Schmidt to appoint Dr. Tim Rice to fill a vacancy, until December 31, 2009 and Dr. Bruce Hiller to fill a vacancy, term ending December 31, 2008.

Veteran Affairs Commissioner's Joe Draper and Jim Warrender and Dana Evans VA Director met to discuss relocation of the VA office. MSP Simonsen, Leeds to relocate to an office in the Northwest Realty building on Main Street. Rent will be \$420.00 a month including utilities excepting phone and Internet services. The office with a 4th Street entrance is available now and will be moved into shortly. This will provide varied hours for visits with the VA Director on weekends and evenings.

Meeting was recessed at 1:00 p.m. to reconvene at 2:15 p.m.

Supervisors continued at 2:15 p.m. to review the proposed department budgets for the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Ronald Wetherell, Chairman

Attest:

Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor