
FOR THE YEAR 2007
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
APRIL 24, 2007

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 with Mark Leeds, Ron Wetherell, Dean Schmidt, Terry Graybill and Jeff Simonsen present. Ken Ross of the *Chronicle Times* was also present.

MSP Leeds, Schmidt to approve the amended agenda to include approving wage adjustment for Celeste Mohr and employment separation for Michelle Goebel, and the amended minutes of the previous meeting.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve the separation of employment of Michelle Goebel and the vacation and comp time payout.

MSP Schmidt, Graybill to approve salary step adjustment for Celeste Mohr as communications center operator from \$11.70 to \$12.20 effective May 10, 2007.

Andrew Paulsen refused the offer of mowing the Courthouse lawn for 2007-summer season. MSP Graybill, Schmidt to accept and approve the bid of Chaffin Woodworks, Inc. for mowing and trimming for \$100.00 per event.

Larry Clark, County Engineer discussed some general business concerning the gravel roads that hog confinements are on and the added maintenance required. More rock will need to be added to areas that were previously minimum maintenance roads due to the increased traffic. The right of way documents have been sent to 490th Street property owners for approval of appraisals for roadwork.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve funding request from the Aurelia Community Center for \$20,000.00 out of the Betterment Fund. One half of the payment authorized in the 2007 fiscal year and one half in the 2008 fiscal year.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve the claims as presented. A full listing can be seen in the Auditor's office.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director reported that she has gone to the Plains Area Mental Health offices to look at office space. MSP Leeds, Schmidt to authorize Graybill to negotiate with the PAMH director for renting office space in that building.

Langlitz also discussed an aging report from the DHS for disputed and over due billings for the County. She also reported that the Case Management caseload is to the point one person couldn't complete the requirements efficiently. Lynda Holmich the County's Case Manager has 32 clients at this time and the paper work has increased to the point another person needs to be hired either part time or share services with other counties and hire a full time person.

Diane Anderson, Consultant with DHS, presented the application for the FY08 Local Health Services Contract with the State of Iowa. This application will go to the BOH and be electronically submitted. The intent of the Supervisors will be to sub-contract with the CRMC for State reimbursed public health services. Dan Meloy, Attorney for CRMC and the County Attorney are asked to prepare a contract for public health services to be signed by the Supervisors, BOH and CRMC as soon as possible. Staffing these positions is a primary issue now since services will begin on July 1.

A letter from Northwest Iowa Community Empowerment was received stating that the Family Circles program was terminated as of May 1, 2007. The Cherokee Community Health and Home Care Services notified them on February 21, 2007. The Supervisors were unaware of the action and had planned that CRMC would continue with this service to the community. This is a grant of over \$80,000.00 awarded Cherokee County that will now be operated through the Empowerment Board using the current program staff of

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Shelley Goebel, Angie Scott and Cindy Hatch at a different location providing Healthy Families and Family Circle programs to Cherokee County. Mark Leeds is the Supervisors representative to the Empowerment Board and will express to them at their next meeting the lack of communications regarding the requirements for receiving this grant and actions taking place with out notification to the Supervisors.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:50 p.m. and will resume at 1:30 p.m. for an interview.

At 1:35 p.m. MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to go into closed session for an interview and at the request of the County Attorney applicant under IA Code 21.5(i).

2:30 p.m. MSP Graybill, Schmidt to return to regular session, no decision is made because of the closed session.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Ronald Wetherell, Chairman

Attest: _____
Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor