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FOR THE YEAR 2007  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
JANUARY 9, 2007

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Mark Leeds, Jeff Simonsen, Terry Graybill and Ron Wetherell, Dean Schmidt was absent on Tuesday, January 9, 2007. Mike Leckband of the *Chronicle Times* from the press was also present.

MSP Simonsen, Leeds to approve the amended agenda to include deputy appointment by County Recorder and County Recorder's quarterly report and minutes of the previous meeting.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve the Resolution #2007 – 01 for the County Master Matrix Construction Evaluation Resolution relating of the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure. The full document text can be seen in the County Auditor's office.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to approve the appointment of Rosewitha Brandt Deputy in the Treasurer's office, and Linda Ruschmann Deputy in the County Recorder's office.

MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve the Treasurer's semi annual report.

MSP Graybill, Simonsen to approve the County Recorder's quarterly report.

MSP Leeds, Graybill to approve the claims as presented. Full list of claims can be seen the County Auditor' office.

Ruby Wych, Shirley Perrett, Martha Hueser, Linda Roseen, Maxine Shea, Mary Jo Rupert, Jomi Anderson, and Beth Rupp representing the Cherokee County Library Association members addressed the Supervisors about the increasing costs of operating the Libraries in the County. As in all businesses expenses for utilities, subscriptions, DVD's, CD's, books and equipment have gone up sharply. Computer use in all of the County Libraries has increased and certain services will not be renewed if additional funding is not obtained. Supervisors will take their request under advisement at budget time.

MSP Leeds, Simonsen to approve Resolution #2007 – 02 for "Bid and Quote Thresholds for Iowa Cities ad Counties" projects. \$100,000.00 for vertical infrastructures (buildings) and \$75,000.00 for horizontal construction (bridges).

Aimee Barritt, Environmental Health Director suggested a 28E agreement with O'Brien County for environmental health services in that county for about 10 hours a week. Supervisors suggested at least \$20,000.00 a year for these services but are reluctant to add more county employees when budgets are very tight now. No decision was made.

MSP Simonsen, Leeds to go into closed session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss strategy regarding wage and benefits for union talks. Roll call vote, Graybill aye, Leeds aye, Simonsen aye, Wetherell aye.

MSP Leeds, Graybill to go out of closed session at 10:50 a.m. Roll call vote, Graybill aye, Leeds aye, Simonsen aye, and Wetherell aye. No decisions or motions because of the closed session.

11:00 a.m. Wetherell left the meeting. Simonsen chaired the rest of the meeting.

Mark Buschkamp, Mike Hunter and Mark Hecox CAEDC Board Members gave an update of projects and accomplishments for the 2006-year. Funding is still a major problem for the group and would like meet with the Supervisors for a joint planning and strategy meeting on Tuesday, February 27 at 1:00 p.m. at Cherokee State Bank meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Ron Wetherell, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor