
**FOR THE YEAR 2007
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE, IOWA
MAY 29, 2007**

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 with Ron Wetherell, Terry Graybill, Mark Leeds, Dean Schmidt and Jeff Simonsen. Ken Ross of the Chronicle Times was here from the press.

MSP Leeds, Graybill to approve the amended agenda and minutes of previous two meetings.

Supervisors reviewed the Cool Water, Inc. confinement application for Section 1 of Marcus Twp. Clark went with the DNR to go over the Master Matrix for compliance. MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to approve the Cool Water, Inc. Matrix as presented.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director met to go over the Projected Case Management report and cost analysis. MSP Graybill, Schmidt to approve the projected Case Management Cost Analysis. The legislative changes in county legal settlement and residency and the costs and services provided to clients were discussed. It was determined that at budget review for the 2007/2008 fiscal year, that the ½ day reinstatement at CCWS was included in the new budget and these services will resume for the clients that were at reduced services.

Supervisors approved of Langlitz registering and attending a Mental Health Conference on rural topics in Kansas City in August.

Kim Rupp, Nurse Administrator was asked to comment on a form letter received from the Iowa Department of Public Health regarding year-end general conditions with contract. She assured the Supervisors that all contractual terms and conditions are being complied with. One of the conditions of the contracts is that there is a \$1,000.00 incentive bonus if all conditions are met in a timely manner. Rupp asked the Supervisors if they would want to pay for extra months services for the reporting program to submit Medicare and Medicaid billings. Rupp can submit a claim for this additional months service on the next claim day. The Public Health Department has two contracts for cell phones with Verizon at this time, one cell phone is being repaired and the County will keep both numbers.

Larry Clark, County Engineer, presented a farm lease for County owned land due to the changes in "G" Ave. MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to approve a lease with Kenny Schlenger for the 3.2 acre tract for one year at \$100.00 per acre.

Wages for Larry Walker, Marty Jenness and Janet Cedar for the new fiscal year were discussed. MSP Schmidt, Simonsen to give the same increase, of 3.5%, as the secondary roads union contract for the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

A conference call from Robert Epps of CMS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service in Kansas City to visit with the Supervisors regarding the recent sale and transfer of the County's Medicare and National Provider Number by the Board of Health Chairman, Dr. Gary. He stated elected officials shall make all policy decisions regarding Medicare numbers. All copies of the CMS 855 are to be kept in the office of the provider, and are public information. He will report this matter to the Inspector General to see if any law has been violated. There may not be any law broken, however this situation has never come before that office and will need to be looked into. Assistant County Attorney Jay Tiernan will start an investigation at the County Attorney level regarding the Supervisors request from the BOH and Public Health Office for copies of the bill of sale and the CMS 855A submitted to change ownership (CHOW).

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Ken File came before the Supervisors to comment on the county road that leads to the Catholic Cemetery. He asked the County to apply dust control past the Country Club to the Cemetery as a temporary fix to the problem if the City and County couldn't get the road paved in the near future. File was advised to visit with Cherokee City Council about dust control for the City portion of the street.

Dee Keith, City Council member from Aurelia requested a burning variance. MSP Simonsen, Graybill to approve Chairman Wetherell sign an agreement with the City of Aurelia and the DNR to conduct a controlled burn at 5432 Highway 7, on July 13 and July 27, 2007 of the rubble from the Community Center that is to be demolished.

A letter from Dan Myer regarding the Care Facts program for reporting Medicare charges was discussed. The Supervisors continued their offer to sell the County's interest in the Care Facts program until Friday, June 1, 2007 at the close of business day. The Supervisors have no interest in selling or transferring the Cherokee County Community Services Home Care agency Medicare number to his new Careage Home Care business.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Ronald Wetherell, Chairman

Attest: _____
Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor