
FOR THE YEAR 2008
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE, IOWA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2008

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 with Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, Mark Leeds, Ron Wetherell, and Terry Graybill present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press.

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

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, discussed truck needs and the effect on the budget.

MSP Wetherell, Graybill to approve Resolution #2008-9 authorizing a \$567,000 inter-fund operating transfer from Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Road Fund.

Quarterly county officer meeting was held. Kris Glienke, County Auditor, reported that her office has completed the 2008 taxable property valuations for use in the upcoming budget year and budget worksheets have been sent to county departments to begin the 2009/10 budget process. Hasler/Claritus has offered a January 1st contract for a shape based postage system to replace the current Pitney Bowes unit. Ginger Walker, Conservation Director, reported that her crew is utilizing the slower winter months to rebuild signs, complete small repairs, and make plans for spring projects. 2009 marks the 50th anniversary of the Cherokee County Conservation Board and several special events are being planned. Lisa Langlitz, Community Services, reported that there is a high demand for mental health services this time of year. Langlitz is working on the 3 year strategic plan and rate negotiations with providers have been completed. Aimee Barritt, Environmental Health/EMS, has been working with the National Guard and public health on a preparedness exercise called "Vigilant Guard". Barritt has scheduled classes for severe weather spotters and first responders. Hedgie Brandt, County Treasurer, reported increased renewals by the public to avoid the upcoming increase in state vehicle registration fees. Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, contacted the railroad to study markings at crossings.

Rick Emswiler, Emswiler Architect Firm from Missouri Valley, met with the supervisors and sheriff to discuss jail needs and possible designs.

Meeting recessed at 10:50 a.m. to visit the jail. Resumed meeting at 11:25 a.m. for further discussion.

John Meis, Professional Surveying Services – Cherokee office, appeared to discuss topographical survey and utility locator needs.

Emswiler advised that he would like to receive input from the sheriff as to the specific needs before any designs are begun.

MSP Graybill, Schmidt to approve the Northwest Iowa Contracting Consortium 28E agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kris Glienke, County Auditor