
**FOR THE YEAR 2008
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
JANUARY 29, 2008**

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 with Ron Wetherell, Jeff Simonsen, Dean Schmidt, Mark Leeds and Terry Graybill. Ken Ross of the Chronicle Times, Bob Donahoo and Deputy Auditor Kris Glienke were also present.

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

Don Fiser, Keith Willis, and Aimee Barritt of the Cherokee County Emergency Management Services Board met to discuss funding for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. EMS Board was asking for the same amount of \$10,000.00 to help support all of County Fire Departments with instruction and training classes. There is a constant information and recruitment campaign for volunteers for EMT training and firemen to each of the 8 County departments.

Rod Ogren representing the Marcus Fair is one of 18 volunteers that work with the fair each year. The Marcus Fair is a not for profit organization and considered a junior livestock show, this has allowed young people to show their animals for over a 70 year history. The County support helps maintain and improve buildings and grounds and Ogren requested continued allocation from the Supervisors.

Patrick Schmitz, Director of Plains Area Mental Health with Board member Gladys Mortenson and Community Services Director Lisa Langlitz discussed some of the major mental health funding issues that the County and Mental Health Centers are facing. PAMH is requesting a 4% increase for fee for services provided County citizens working with Langlitz to make sure that county dollars are spent wisely. Some services may have to be put on a waiting list because of future budget shortfalls.

MSP Wetherell, Leeds to approve the temporary transfer, until a budget amendment is necessary, of \$5000.00 from Non Department Public Health Services (Dept. 99) to Public Health (Dept. 23), both being in Service Area 03000.

MSP Wetherell, Leeds to approve Pati Konwinski as full time jailer effective January 18, 2008 at \$11.90 hour.

MSP Graybill, Schmidt to approve Pam Wetherell as Part-Time regular Jailer effective January 28, 2008 at \$11.90 per hour.

Brian Nelson representing the Marcus Historical Society that was organized in 2006. A building has been purchased to house the society and the volunteers are renovating it. They are requesting funds to help defray costs of \$2,500.00 for fixing the basement so it can be used. The Supervisors will support the Historical Society with a yearly appropriation as is funded for the Aurelia Historical and Grand Meadow Historical at \$1000.00 a year paid quarterly in September, December, March and June.

Tom Rutter, Miller Mac Insurance, met to discuss the bond for all county employees and insurance coverage if there was loss of business in any of the departments. County has \$100,000.00 per incident to replace office equipment, files etc. An additional \$210.00 per year per \$100,000.00 to increase the coverage. The new bonding company would like to see each office prepare "Standard Office Procedures" policy for segregation of duties involving writing of checks and transfers in the County Treasurer's office.

MSP Schmidt, Graybill to set publication date of Wednesday, February 6, 2008 for a budget amendment to the 2007/2008 fiscal year budget.

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At 11:50 a.m. meeting was recessed for lunch.

1:30 p.m. Meeting resumed with further review of the 2008/2009 proposed budgets by each County department. The Supervisors confirmed their letter to departments that if an employee was not a member of a union or bargaining unit the hourly wage increase would be 40 cents an hour for full time and part time employees.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Attest: _____
Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor