
FOR THE YEAR 2010
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
MAY 25, 2010

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 with Larry Prunty, Dean Schmidt, Jeff Simonsen, Terry Graybill, and Mark Leeds present. Mike Leckband, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes - Schmidt, Graybill, Prunty, Simonsen, Leeds; Nays - none; Abstentions - none.

Motion by Graybill, seconded by Schmidt to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

The first reading of the RAGBRAI Ordinance #2010-01 was considered. No written or verbal comments were received from the public.

Motion by Leeds, seconded by Graybill to approve the 1st reading of the RAGBRAI Ordinance #2010-01 as published. Motion carried.

Motion by Prunty, seconded by Schmidt to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings and to adopt the RAGBRAI Ordinance #2010-01 "*AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REPLACE IN ITS ENTIRETY ORDINANCE NO. 2002-01 ENTITLED SALE OF FOOD AND OTHER MERCHANDISE DURING RAGBRAI.*" *BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Cherokee County, Iowa: The purpose of this ordinance is to assist county officials to control the public health and safety issues created by the sale of food and other merchandise during the Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) as it travels through Cherokee County on July 25, 2010.* Motion carried and ordinance adopted with all members voting aye.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, discussed the Washta bridge. Shanahan will contact the Washta City Council and is requesting estimates from three design firms.

Sheriff Dave Scott and Larry Walker, Roads Superintendent, joined the meeting.

Sheriff Scott questioned why the supervisors are discussing time clocks.

Graybill stated that it is a matter of accountability to the tax payer.

Scott insisted that it is the job of the department head to supervise their staff and went on to say "I can track each vehicle with a GPS system and know exactly where my guys are at all times. A time clock system is not necessary. If you think there is a lot of time wasted in my department, then you need to get rid of me because I'm not doing my job."

Walker assured the supervisors that he does not have people that come to work late and if he did have a situation and didn't take care of it, then it would be his problem to answer for.

Schmidt noted that he is concerned about employees who may be working 15 minutes extra in a day and worries that it may be a long term legal problem if the employees are not getting paid for it.

Scott asked how the supervisors proposed to manage all the different county offices and different working shifts.

Graybill advised that he would put biometric time clocks in every county office and vehicle.

Scott responded that "The people of Cherokee County elected me as sheriff and it's my job to take care of my department."

No action was taken in regards to a time clock system.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Leeds to approve the county claims for payment. Motion carried with Graybill voting nay. Graybill went on record as being opposed to the approval of payment of several pairs of safety glasses for secondary roads employees due to the fact that the glasses do not comply with agreed upon standards and the purchases were made by members of the union negotiating team who are fully aware that these glasses will not be compliant after June 30th. The union contract beginning July 1st specifies a minimum lens size with permanently attached side shields for all secondary roads employees. Graybill stated "The county is paying nearly \$300 per guy for glasses that they will only be able to wear for personal use when a \$10 pair of goggles would do a better job of protecting their eyes. Who's being accountable to the tax payer for that?"

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A complete listing of the claims is available for review in the Auditor's office and online. There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m. All board agendas and minutes are available online at www.cherokeecountyiowa.com

Attest: _____

Jeff Simonsen, Chairman

Kris Glienke, County Auditor