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FOR THE YEAR 2013  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA  
OCTOBER 15, 2013

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The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 with Mark Leeds, Dennis Bush, Rick Mongan, Jeff Simonsen, and Ginger Walker present. Dan Whitney, *Chronicle Times*, represented the press. Ed Boger, Steve Reinert, Sara Lucas, Greg Zarr, Larry Walker, Jason Kline, Barb Staver, Brandon Billings, Dave Shanahan, Lisa Langlitz, Dave Scott, Dawn Miller, Ben Shuberg, and Nancy Nelson were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Simonsen, Mongan, Bush, Walker, Leeds; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Walker to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Bush, seconded by Mongan to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Dave Shanahan, County Engineer, presented utility permits and a federal aid agreement for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Walker to approve an underground utility permit for Cherokee County Solid Waste Commission in Section 36 of Cherokee Township and Section 1 of Pilot Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to approve an underground utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative between Sections 6 and 7 in Rock Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Bush to approve an underground utility permit for Mouser Digging & Pump between Sections 1 and 2 of Tilden Township. Motion carried.

Doug Phillips, Klass Law Firm, provided clarification of the County's Personnel Policy and union labor contracts that pertain to the transfer of an employee from one department to another. No action was taken as a result of the discussion.

Dawn Miller, County Recorder, presented a quarterly revenue report for consideration.

Motion by Mongan, seconded by Walker to approve a \$56,162 September 30, 2013 Recorder's Quarterly Revenue Report including \$23,246 of funds retained by the County. Motion carried.

Barb Staver, Sheriff's Department, presented a quarterly revenue report for consideration.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to approve a \$63,648 September 30, 2013 Sheriff's Quarterly Revenue Report including \$22,910 of funds retained by the County. Motion carried.

Ed Boger and Steve Reinert, Cherokee VFW, reported that the Veteran Rock Committee has located a larger rock and requested permission to begin concrete work to place the rock near the flagpole at the Courthouse or in the Law Enforcement Center parking lot. After discussion, the supervisors tabled the request for further research.

Nathan Anderson, Soil and Water Conservation District Chairman, requested funding to support a full time employee to assist with local projects and for support of a grant for conservation projects in the Mill Creek Watershed.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Bush to provide \$45,000 of Rural Betterment Funds to support a full time Cherokee County Soil and Water Conservation District employee for the purpose of providing assistance for landowners to implement soil and water conservation practices. Annual payments of \$15,000 will be provided over a three year time period beginning in October 2013. Motion carried with Walker abstaining.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director, provided an update on the progress of forming a new Mental Health Region with three other counties and expressed concern about decisions that must be made prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. The supervisors discussed having a State DHS representative visit with them about the regionalization of mental health services and to invite the other three counties to participate in a question and answer session.

Motion by Simonsen, seconded by Mongan to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter requesting Julie Jetter, DHS, to appear before the Cherokee County Board of Supervisors to discuss the mental health regionalization process and planning options. Motion carried.

Doug Tonnemacher, Pictometry, made an informative presentation of the benefits of purchasing aerial flyovers with digital data capabilities. Approximate costs for the recommended package are \$235,000 and include 3 flyovers two years apart with payments spread over a six year period. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Chairman Leeds adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Leeds, Chairman

Kris Glienke, Auditor