

**CHICKASAW COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

The Board convened on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 9:00 AM with all the members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn present in the Board Room on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kuhn. Also present were Deputy Auditor Donna Geerts, David Tilkes, Terry Johnson, and County Attorney David Laudner.

Motion by Zoll, second by Byrne to approve agenda for February 14, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Bob Fenske from the media present at 9:03 AM.

Motion by Byrne, second by Breitbach to approve the minutes from February 7, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Sheriff Martin Hemann present at 9:10 AM.

Pioneer Cemetery Commission Members Wally Boehmer and Dale Liddle present at 9:14 AM. Discussion on housing 3 County Pioneer Cemetery trailers. Consensus of the Board to house the trailers at 516 S Linn Avenue-LEMC Building.

Jeff Bernatz arrived at 9:15 AM.

Liddle and Boehmer left at 9:20 AM.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to approve to pay the invoice from 20/20 FX in the amount of \$3,116.18. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve Class C Liquor License for Jerico Jo's. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to approve Class C Liquor License for The New Hampton Golf & Country Club. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Lisa Welter & Penny Andorf arrived at 9:24 AM

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve the hiring of Tonya Liddell-Tiedt as a part-time on call dispatcher at the rate of \$17.54 per hour per union contract effective February 24, 2022, per recommendation of Sheriff Hemann. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hemann left at 9:30 AM.

Custodian Dave Gorman present at 9:30 AM to discuss vent system in Public Health server room at Community Services Building. Consensus of the Board to go with a thermostatic vent/electric exhaust fan. Gorman will proceed with maintenance project.

Gorman left at 9:38 AM.

Environmental Health Director Andorf gave department update.

Public Health Director Welter gave department update.

Roman Lensing arrived at 9:55 AM.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to acknowledge the hiring of Amy Koch as a full time homecare aide at the rate of \$12.54 per hour effective February 22, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to acknowledge the resignation of Jean Leichtman as a part time on call nurse effective February 8, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hackman stated representatives from Safe Tech Solutions will be in the county on March 21 and 22, 2022, gathering information on different entity needs for the county ambulance assessment. They want to hear by written comments or interviews from city and county officials, service director, community groups, county departments, and health care facilities. Further discussion of who to contact with written comments or set up an interview will follow.

Johnson, Andorf and Welter left at 10:09 AM

Bernatz left at 10:10 AM.

Terry Johnson present at 10:11 AM.

County Engineer gave department update. Discussed insurance values on county garage property. Consensus of the Board to go with \$100,000 on contents in Cold Storage Building. Reviewed and discussed 2022 Construction Map. Reviewed Secondary Roads' policies, revisions will be made and Resolutions adopted next meeting.

Bernatz present at 10:37 AM.

Lensing left at 10:40 AM.

EMA Director Jeff Bernatz discussed installing bigger cabinets in rescue bay at Community Services Building. Consensus of the Board to have Bernatz remove the existing cabinets and replace with bigger cabinets with Dave Gorman's help.

VA Administrator Mellissa Bierman and VA Commissioners Katy Kuehn and Dean Speicher present at 10:50 AM.

Claims reviewed. Hackman questioned why so many claims paid with Prior Bill Resolution. Attorney suggested having this discussion at quarterly department head meeting.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve claim in the amount of \$180.00. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve claim in the amount of \$2,818.93. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve claim in the amount of \$2,910.16. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrne, second by Breitbach to approve claims in the amount of \$289,595.95. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Joan Knoll present at 11:01 AM

VA Commission Chair discussed VA Administrator's duties, services provided, and wage comparison with other counties.

Shirley Troyna arrived 11:06 AM.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to acknowledge the pay increase for VA Administrator Mellissa Bierman to a non-exempt salary of \$42,240.00 working 40 hours a week effective February 14, 2022, approved by VA Commission. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

VA Department will discuss FY 21/22 Budget Amendment.

VA Administrator Bierman gave department update.

Kuehn, Speicher, Bierman and Troyna left at 11:32 AM.

Discussion on lease agreement with PrairieView Management-DBA Inspiring Lives.

Tilkes left at 12:10 PM.

Consensus of the Board to revise lease agreement and charge Inspiring Lives \$2,000.00 a month for building rent. Consensus of the Board to have County Attorney speak with Laura Peyton/Inspiring Lives regarding lease proposal.

Fenske left at 12:13 PM.

Bernatz left at 12:16 PM.

Chairperson Kuhn declared a recess at 12:16 PM.

The Board convened at 12:32 PM with all Board Members present Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Also present were Geerts, Knoll, Laudiner, and Johnson. Auditor Stephanie Mashek joined via phone.

Discussion on FY 20/21 Annual Financial Report. Auditor Mashek will review the Annual Financial Report and present to Board at a later date. Public Hearing date for FY 22/23 County Budget will be set at a later date.

Assessor Ray Armel present at 12:49 PM.

Budget Work Session.

Armel left at 1:25 PM.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll, to allocate \$80,000.00 from Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) County Betterment share to pay for Ambulance Services FY 22/23 budget. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mashek left at 1:45 PM.

Motion by Byrne, second by Breitbach to allocate \$750,000.00 of America Rescue Plan Act Funds to Capital Projects Fund FY 22/23 budget. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn. Nays: Zoll. Motion carried.

Knoll left at 2:00 PM.

Motion by Zoll, second by Hackman to decrease Sheriff's department budget by \$50,000.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Zoll, Hackman. Nays: Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn. Motion failed.

Kuhn called Sheriff Hemann to come to meeting to discuss department budget.

Committee Assignment Updates:

Zoll signed claims at Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Landfill on February 7, 2022.

Zoll attended the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Landfill Executive Board meeting on February 8, 2022.

Breitbach attended the Pathways Behavioral Services meeting on February 8, 2022.

Sheriff Hemann present at 2:25 PM.

Discussion on Sheriff's budget. Motion by Byrne, second by Hackman to decrease Sheriff's department budget by \$10,000.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Zoll, Hackman, Breitbach. Byrne, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Hemann left at 2:42 PM.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to decrease Board of Supervisors' department budget by \$5,100.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach. Byrne, Kuhn. Nays: Zoll. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Breitbach to adjourn at 2:48 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisor

ATTEST:

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Donna Geerts, Deputy Auditor