

**CHICKASAW COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2022**

The Board convened on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 9:00 AM with all members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Attorney David Laudner, and Bob Fenske, member of media.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Hackman to approve the agenda with the removal of Lisa Welter at 10:15 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Breitbach to approve the minutes for March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:05 AM Laudner made a public comment regarding the DOT issues with property located in Nashua. Laudner also made comment on the 422D.6 for emergency medical services trust fund.

Sheriff Martin Hemann present at 9:12 AM.

Ray Armel present at 9:15 AM.

9:15 AM Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to enter into the public hearing for the FY22-23 County Budget at 9:15 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Hackman made a comment on how healthy the ending fund balances are and to consider reducing the max tax levy.

Discussion on the ending fund balance and how the American Rescue Plan Act funds have impacted the budget.

Armel stated that the ending unrestricted ending fund balance should, ideally, be at 25% of the total expenditures and it is currently below that.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to close the public hearing at 9:23 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Zoll, Breitbach, Hackman, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 03-14-22-21 APPROVING ADOPTION OF THE FY 2022-2023 COUNTY BUDGET. The Board of Supervisors does hereby approve and adopt the FY 2022-2023 County Budget at the public hearing on March 14, 2022. PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022. The Vote hereof being as follows: Roll Call: Ayes: /ss/ Byrne, Breitbach, Zoll, and Kuhn. Nays: /ss/ Hackman. Motion Carried. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson to the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Auditor.

Jim Ashley present at 9:25 AM.

Ashley stated that Jendro's rates now have a fuel surcharge, and the board should monitor those additional fees. Chair Kuhn stated that if Ashley would like to speak, he can make a public comment at 9:05 AM or request to be on the agenda.

Discussed boardroom live streaming.

Armel left at 9:28 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to allow for the expenditure of live streaming fees of \$72.00 a year for You Tube account for live streaming of board meetings. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:30 AM Sheriff Martin Hemann provided a department update.

Ashley left at 9:39 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to enter into closed session to avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as current or proposed investigations or inspection or auditing techniques or schedules, which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(g). Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Zoll, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Nays- Hackman at 9:42 AM. Motion Carried.

Fenske left at 9:42 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Breitbach to exit closed session at 10:07 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Breitbach, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Bob Fenske, member of media, present at 10:07 AM.

Discussion on the rate of \$59.50 per hour for Law Enforcement services and the timing of negotiating the contract since governing bodies are certifying their budgets. Hackman stated the rate should be increased to \$65 per hour to include the additional cost of dispatching services due to Nashua utilizing the Sheriff's dispatch center as their answering service line.

Consensus of the board is to offer two options including 240 hours of Law Enforcement services to the City of Nashua at the rate of \$59.50 without dispatching services or 200 hour of Law Enforcement services to the City of Nashua at the rate of \$71.40 without dispatching services.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to acknowledge the hiring of a part-time on call dispatcher/jailer, Tamie Pries at the hourly rate of \$17.24, effective date to be determined. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Hemann left at 10:33 AM.

Committee Assignment Update:

Hackman provided an update on the feasibility study for the ambulance service. A meeting will be held on March 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM with Safetech to provide information to the public and allow for public comment with a 2 minute allowance per public person.

Sue Breitbach present at 10:37 AM.

10:40 AM Treasurer Sue Breitbach discussed the suspension of property taxes and provided a department update.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the suspension of property taxes for two individuals. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Committee Assignment Update:

Zoll signed claims for the FMC on March 7, 2022 and attended a board meeting on March 10, 2022.

Sue Breitbach left at 11:00 AM.

Discussion on Heartland Insurance values on county owned property.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve claims in the amount of \$2,097.24. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$67,072.77. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to approve claims in the amount of \$2,250.68. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Discussion on future agenda items.

Laudner re-visited the Law Enforcement contract with the City of Nashua. He suggested that the rate should be \$70.00 per hour for a 200-hour contract.

Consensus of the board is to provide the option to the City of Nashua to be \$70.00 per hour for a 200-hour contract instead of the previous consensus.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 11:07 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board