

**CHICKASAW COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 22, 2022**

The Board convened on Monday, August 22, 2022, at 9:00 am Members Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Board Member Breitbach absent. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Deputy Auditor Donna Geerts, Attorney David Laudner, Sheila Shekleton, Terry Johnson, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Darlene Schwickerath, Kathy Shekleton, Mark Kipp, and Bob Fenske, member of the media.

Motion by Byrne, second by Hackman to approve the agenda for August 22, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn. Nays-None. Absent-Breitbach. Motion carried.

Assessor Ray Armel was present at 9:01 am.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve the meeting minutes from August 15, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn. Nays-None. Absent-Breitbach. Motion carried.

Jeremy McGrath present at 9:02 am.

No public comment.

Discussion on new tower site in Nashua. Acquisition is the next step and County Attorney will work on purchase agreement.

Judge Christine Skilton was present at 9:06 am to administer the Oath of Office to Sheila Shekleton as County Auditor. Skilton left at 9:08 am.

Kuhn attended Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments meetings on August 18 & 19, 2022.

Discussion on radio transfer agreements. 911 Coordinator Bernatz should have all the agreements this week. The radios have been taken off the county insurance. Insurance coverage for radios in the Secondary Roads Department will be transferred to their department so insurance is paid out of the Secondary Roads budget.

Bids for the sale of the property at 2275 S Linn Ave, New Hampton, Iowa, known as the former Heritage Building, were opened. Sealed bids were as follows: Dale Reicks- BID A-purchase of the entire parcel of real property "as is" with no restrictions—Bid Amount-\$300,000.00 and BID B-purchase of the entire parcel of real property "as is" with Chickasaws County retaining use of the detached machine shed for storage and as easement to access the same for a period of 12 months—Bid Amount-\$288,000.00 and the second bid opened from Chip and Darlene Schwickerath-\$200,025.00 for Parcel 2022-37 Section 24-95-13 as is, including all existing buildings and contents and allow county to rent the building that stores the rescue squad equipment for \$500.00/month for a minimum of 6 months but not to exceed 12 months. Bidders did not raise their bid after opened. Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to reject all bids received for parcel of real property located at 2275 South Linn Avenue, New Hampton, Iowa. Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn. Nays-None. Absent-Breitbach. Motion carried.

Kipp left at 9:27 am.

Discussion on naming the county ambulance service. Consensus to name it "Chickasaw County EMS". Kuhn will check with Secretary of State on approval of business name. Reviewed job description for EMS Director and discussed salary range of director. Job description will be sent to Human Resource Consultant Ahlers & Cooney for approval.

Sheriff Marty Hemann present at 9:35 am.

Armel, McGrath, Johnson, Bernatz, Schwickerath, Kathy Shekleton and Fenske left at 9:52 am.

At 9:54 am Mike Galloway-Ahlers & Cooney P.C. present via phone and Board of Supervisors Kuhn, Byrne, Hackman, and Zoll entered exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) – Collective Bargaining Strategy Session. Board Member Breitbach absent. Also present were Sheriff Hemann, Auditor Shekleton, Deputy Auditor Geerts, and Attorney Laudner. At 10:32 am, Board of Supervisors exited exempt session.

Chair reconvened at 10:32 am with Board Members Byrne, Zoll, Hackman, and Kuhn. Breitbach absent. Also present were Deputy Auditor Geerts, Auditor Shekleton, Attorney Laudner, EMA/911 Coordinator Bernatz, Kathy Shekleton, Terry Johnson, Darlene Schwickerath, Jeremy McGrath, and Bob Fenske, member of the media present.

Treasurer Sue Breitbach present at 10:33 am.

Assessor Armel present at 10:34 am.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to enter Agreement for Assignment of Chickasaw County Tax Sale Certificate #22-0101 and authorize Chairman's signature. Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn. Nays-None. Absent-Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to review and approve the amended Certification of Abstract of Taxes and Tax List for 2021 Tax Assessment-Collectible FY 22/23. Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn. Nays-None. Absent-Breitbach. Motion carried.

Sue Breitbach and Ray Armel left at 10:43 am.

Discussion on prices for new vehicles and equipment/items offered for sale by Jeremy McGrath.

Schwickerath left at 10:52 am.

Discussion on purchase agreement from Northeast Iowa EMS, Inc. (Seller) and Chickasaw County. Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to consider purchase agreement Northeast Iowa EMS, Inc to sell transfer and assign to Chickasaw County all of the personal property owned and used by Northeast Iowa EMS, Inc to provide ambulance service in Chickasaw County, Iowa for \$1,100,000.00. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Zoll. Nays-Byrne, Kuhn. Absent-Breitbach. Motion failed.

Kuhn will contact SafeTech to see if they can give County an estimate of value of inventory of the Chickasaw Ambulance Service/Northeast Iowa EMS, Inc by August 29, 2022.

Discussion on appointing Dr. Brinkman as Medical Director for Chickasaw County EMS. Byrne will contact Brinkman to get his rate of pay for this service.

No interest at this time from the Board of Supervisors to fund Sumner Daycare and Learning Center.

Engineer Roman Lensing present at 11:47 am.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve the reclassification of position and wage change of current Secondary Roads Employee William Riley from General Mechanic (\$27.10/hr.) to Equipment Operator (\$25.05/hr.), effective August 22, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn. Nays-None. Absent-Breitbach. Motion carried.

Lensing left at 11:55 am.

Discussed future agenda items.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to adjourn at 12:00 pm. Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn. Nays-None. Absent-Breitbach. Motion carried.

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Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Donna Geerts, Deputy Auditor