

CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
August 28, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, Cerwinske, and Breitbach (phone) present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Engineer Roman Lensing, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Deputy Sheriff Zach Nosbisch, Terry Johnson, Alta Vista Mayor Kevin Crooks, North Washington Mayor David Geerts, Ionia Mayor Randy Taylor, Lawler Councilman Kurt Croell, Bridget Edson, Veterans Affairs Commissions Chair Katy Kuehn, Tim Zoll, Doug Strike, EMA/911 Director Jeff Bernatz, Farm Bureau Samantha Wagner, Arnie Boge, Custodian Dave Gorman, EMS Director Joel Knutson

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for August 28, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the meeting minutes from August 21, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Cerwinske, Kuhn. Abstained: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Public comment: North Washington, Ionia, Lawler, Alta Vista would like to be put on the agenda so the board can vote and possible approve \$50,000.00 budget request from ARPA fund.

Bridget Edson wanted to let everyone know that the Chickasaw County Rescue Squad is having its Annual Breakfast on September 10 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Chickasaw Event Center.

Discussion with Veterans Affairs Commission Chair Katy Kuehn about department and carport updates.

Discussion with Engineer Roman Lensing about Secondary Road updates.

Discussion with Sheriff Ryan Shawver about proposed jail holding facility/Sheriff's office remodel project.

Discussion with Sheriff Ryan Shawver about Samuels Group service agreement beginning January 2024.

10:34 A.M. opened Exempt Session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) – Collective Bargaining Strategy Session

10:54 A.M. closed Exempt Session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) – Collective Bargaining Strategy Session

Motion by Breitbach to approve memo of understanding between Chickasaw County, Iowa and Teamsters Local Union No, 238-Sheriff's Office Bargaining Unit and authorize Chairperson's signature. Motion Failed due to not having a second.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve payment of \$375.00 to G.T. Murphy, Abstracter and \$890.96 to Stanton Electric LLC for cord reels to be taken from ARPA funds for EMS building. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Discussion about temporary living quarters for EMS and office for Joel Knutson.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to appoint Dr. Lucas Brickman to Medical Examiner Physician for Chickasaw County effective September 1, 2023 pending Dr. Jack Kline's resignation. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Discussion of Medical Examiner investigator positions for Chickasaw County.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to enter CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 11:28 A.M. Roll Call Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinske, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to leave CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 12:04 P.M. Roll Call Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Cerwinske, Kuhn. Motion carried.

No action taken out of closed sessions.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to direct the auditor to sign Engagement letter with Piper Sandler to work with Chickasaw County with public safety, road improvements, and other capital projects. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the resignation of Laura Wickham, Real Estate/Election Deputy, from Auditor's Office effective September 1, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Discussed bids for sign at Heritage Center. Limitless: Inside sign \$75.00 Outside sign \$700.00
On Track Signs: Inside sign \$127.50 Outside sign \$1,000.00

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to accept Limitless' bid for the inside sign \$75.00 and the outside sign \$700.00 for the Heritage Center. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to waive the 3rd reading, approve the ORDINANCE NO I-3 AN ORDINANCE READOPTING THE EXISTING CHICKASAW COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES and direct the auditor to publish it in the Nashua Reporter September 1, 2023 and New Hampton Tribune August 31, 2023. Roll Call Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve application for fireworks permit September 2 or 3, 2023 at 2074 Panora Ave, New Hampton, IA. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve invoice from Tyler Technologies, annual contract fees- property tax mgt for \$39,900.00 to be paid out of data processing. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve invoice from Tyler Technologies, annual software/maintenance contract fees- \$24,333.26 to be paid out of data processing. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.


Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve prior bills \$1,328.41. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve bills of \$1,035,559.78. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded Suckow to approve payroll check dated August 25, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

No committee assignments.

Motion by Cerwinski seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 12:18 P.M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.



Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Sheila Shekleton, Auditor