

CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
December 18, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, and Hackman 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, Chickasaw County Cemetery Commission Dale Liddle, Judy Liddle & Diane Murphy, Doreen Cook, Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley, Terry Johnson, Stanton Electric Chuck Stanton, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Darren Steinlage Construction Darren Steinlage, Assessor Raymond Armel, EMA Director Jeff Bernatz, Custodian Dave Gorman, Engineer Roman Lensing

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for December 18, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from December 11, 2023 with changes. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comment: Doreen Cook asking about new hires and response time. Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley asking about 28E Agreement with the cities and the EMS bills.

Discussed the EMS Building project bids.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the part-time hire Samantha Streeter as a Paramedic for EMS at the wage of \$22.99 starting December 18, 2023. Roll call: Ayes; Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski, Kuhn. Nay; Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the part-time hire Cally Mueller as an EMT for EMS at the wage of \$15.66 starting December 18, 2023. Roll call: Ayes; Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski, Kuhn. Nay; Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve EMS Supply Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2024. Roll call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Discussed Chickasaw County Cemetery Commission FY24-25 Budget Request.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Family Farm Tax Credit Applications; 45 New Family Farm Tax Credit Applications and 46 Family Farm Tax Credit Removals Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Homestead Tax Credit Applications; 169 New Homestead Tax Credit Applications, 194 Homestead Tax Credit Removals, 1,049 Homestead Exemption Applications, and 6 Homestead Exemption Application Denials Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the removal of 22 Homestead Tax Credit that no longer qualify due to ruling by the Department of Revenue. and to authorize chair's signature Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve Military Exemption Applications, 26 New Military Exemption Applications, 42 Military Exemption Removals, and 1 Military Exemption Application Denials. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the purchase of a trailer per the Purchase Policy for \$12,745.00 from New Hampton Auto Body and Trailer Sales. Roll call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads Engineer Roman Lensing gave department updates.

Discuss updating the Chickasaw County Hazard Mitigation Plan with EMA Director Jeff Bernatz and tabled until next week to do some research.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to proceed with repair of the twenty-two window sills for the Community Service Building not to exceed \$5,000.00. Roll call: Ayes; Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, Kuhn. Abstained: Hackman. Motion carried

Discussed storing extra toys for one year for Toys for Tots at the Heritage Center.

Discussed updates on city water hookup.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to adopt RESOLUTION #12-18-23-85 CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and WHEREAS, only

counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CHICKASAW COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3). ADOPTED on this 18th DAY of DECEMBER, 2023. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Aye; Breitbach, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve employee vacation carryover, Andrea Kime, 19.5 hours to be used by January 31, 2024. Roll call: Ayes; Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske, Hackman, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Budget work session.

Supervisor Hackman left at 11:20 AM

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve prior bills \$5,191.13. Roll call: Ayes; Cerwinske, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Absent; Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to approve claim in the amount of \$113,051.55. Roll call: Ayes; Cerwinske, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Absent; Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve payroll checks dated December 15, 2023. Roll call: Ayes; Cerwinske, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Absent; Hackman. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments

Supervisor Suckow, Northeast Iowa RC&D, Turkey River Watershed, December 14.

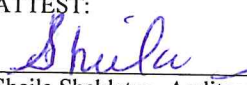
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:40 A.M. Roll call: Ayes; Cerwinske, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Absent; Hackman. Motion carried.



Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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