

**CHICKASAW COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
**December 26, 2023**

The Board convened on Tuesday, December 26, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Jim Cook, Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley, Terry Johnson, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, EMA Director Jeff Bernatz, Custodian Dave Gorman, Joan Knoll, Kurt Knoll, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Chair of Board of Compensation Stephanie Mashek, Board of Compensation Michael Kennedy and Doreen Cook, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, EMS Brannon Anderson.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for December 26, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the meeting minutes from December 18, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comment: Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley made a statement that it would be cheaper and safer for the EMS crews to stay at the apartment verse renovating the EMS Building.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to appoint Joan Knoll to the Board of Health for a three-year term. Roll call: Ayes; Breitbach, Cerwinske, Suckow, Kuhn. Nay; Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to appoint Michael Pickar to the Conservation Board for a five-year term. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to appoint Steve Kuennen to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for a three-year term. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to appoint Diane Murphy to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for a three-year term. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to appoint Brad Ellison to the Fredericksburg Benefited Fire District for a three-year term. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed the Magistrate Appointing Commission has one opening, Civil Service Commission has one opening and City of New Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission has one opening.

Discussed Compensation Board recommendations for salaries of elected officials for FY 2024-2025.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature to Conservation Reserve Program Contract #11018D which expires September 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature to Conservation Reserve Program Contract #12130D which expires September 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to acknowledge purchase of the Dock at Airport Lake from Schwig Outdoors for \$19,534.53 per purchase policy. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss updating the Chickasaw County Hazard Mitigation Plan and if the county would pay half. No action taken.

Discussed the EMS Building project bids and Aaron Thompson from the Design Connection will update building plans and get back to the board.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Kuhn to appoint Kevin Geerts and Heather Jurgensen as additional Medical Examiner Investigators. Roll call. Aye; Breitbach, Kuhn. Nay; Suckow, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion failed.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to appoint Kevin Geerts as additional Medical Examiner Investigator. Roll call. Aye; Cerwinske, Suckow, Breitbach, Hackman, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve Storage Agreement with Toys for Tots to store extra toys at the Heritage Center for up to one year. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed hiring freeze.

Budget work session.

County Attorney, David Laudner

FY 24-25 Budget

Custodian, Dave Gorman

FY 24-25 Budgets for Community Services Building, Law Enforcement Building, Heritage Center, and LEMC (Law/Emergency Management Commission)

Treasurer, Matt Ysbrand

FY 24-25 Budget

Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to add \$180,000.00 to the EMS budget as part of the Amendment for renovations.

Committee Assignments

Supervisor Kuhn, December 21, INRCOG Regional Transit, INRCOG Board meeting, INRCOG Executive meeting.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:44 A.M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.



Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

ED-CHICKASAW CO. AUDITOR  
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