

CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
January 2, 2024

The Board convened on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 9:04 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski and Hackman 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 Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Bob Fenske, member of media, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Engineer Roman Lensing, Assessor Raymond Armel, Custodian Dave Gorman

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for January 2, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from December 26, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

No Public Comment.

Kuhn requested nominations for Chair for calendar year 2024.

Breitbach nominates Cerwinski to be Chair.

Cerwinski nominates Breitbach to be Chair.

Hackman nominates Kuhn to be Chair.

Kuhn nominates Suckow to be Chair.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to cease nominations. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Breitbach voted for Cerwinski

Suckow voted for Cerwinski

Cerwinski voted for Breitbach

Hackman voted for Suckow

Kuhn voted for Cerwinski

Scott Cerwinski will be Chair for calendar year 2024.

Cerwinski requested nominations for Vice-Chair for calendar year 2024.

Kuhn nominates Breitbach for Vice-Chair.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Cerwinski to cease nominations. No roll call.

Roll Call:

Breitbach voted for Breitbach

Suckow voted for Breitbach

Kuhn voted for Breitbach

Cerwinski voted for Breitbach

Hackman voted no.

Steve Breitbach will be Vice-Chair for calendar year 2024.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to appoint Roman Lensing as county engineer. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve and authorize the chairperson to represent the Chickasaw Board of Supervisors with Farm Service Agency. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to keep the same assignments as 2023 with two exceptions Scott Cerwinski will be appointed to Courthouse Security Committee and Steve Breitbach will be appointed to First Judicial District Department of Correctional Services. Roll call: Ayes; Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Nays; Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to appoint the custodians of the following buildings in compliance with the Code of Iowa: Courthouse, Auditor under the direction of the Supervisors. Community Services Building: Supervisors and Auditor. Law Enforcement Buildings: Supervisors and Sheriff. Heritage Center: Supervisors. LEMC: Supervisors. Twin Ponds Nature Center: Chickasaw Conservation Director, EMS Building: Supervisors. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to designate the New Hampton Tribune and Nashua Reporter as the County's official newspaper. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to set regular Supervisor meetings every Monday to convene at 9:00 AM in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Courthouse. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads Engineer Roman Lensing gave department updates.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve RESOLUTION 01-02-24-02 WHEREAS, unforeseen weather conditions do frequently damage the Chickasaw County Secondary Roads, thereby creating situations that are hazardous to the traveling public, and WHEREAS, damages arising from accidents and other actions by others, create hazardous conditions on the Secondary Roads that can result in damage or injury to the traveling public, and WHEREAS, the above actions may occur anytime, day or night, it is therefore, determined to be in the best interests of the COUNTY and the traveling public that certain individuals be given the responsibility of being available on a 24-hour basis so that immediate response can be made to accomplish temporary repair or installation of warning devices as to inform the traveling public of the conditions. Persons so designated shall be authorized to take vehicles, communications, and other equipment to their residences during times other than normal working hours. Vehicles and other equipment are to be used for official purposes only. Motion carried and Resolution adopted this 2nd day of January, 2024. /ss/ Scott Cerwinske, Chairman, Aye; Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske. Nay; Hackman./ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to Set mileage rate and fee schedule for services of civil papers for the Sheriff Department. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Approve 6% wage increase for the EMS Department was tabled for future BOS meeting to gather more information.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve to RESOLUTION NO. 01-02-24-01 PRIOR PAYMENT OF BILLS WHEREAS, at certain times it is necessary to pay bills prior to an official Board of Supervisors meeting in order to allow for the efficient operation of county government. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, that the County Auditor is authorized to issue warrants when said Board is not in session for the following purposes provided for in Iowa Code Section 331.506(3) and that all bills paid pursuant to this resolution shall be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors at the first meeting following such payments. 1. For the fixed charges including, but not limited to, freight, express, postage, utilities, telephone service or contractual services previously approved by the Board of Supervisors, after a bill is filed with the Auditor. 2. For salaries, payrolls and payroll taxes if the compensation has been fixed or approved by the Board of Supervisors, under whose direction or supervision the compensation is earned. PASSED AND APPROVED this 2ND day of January 2024. /ss/ Scott Cerwinske, Chairman, Aye; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to set the mileage reimbursement at the 2024 IRS rate (67) cents. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to set meal reimbursements not to exceed the \$30 per day for outside Chickasaw County limits with the procurement of a detailed receipt. Roll Call: Ayes- Kuhn, Breitbach, Cerwinske. Nays: Suckow, Hackman. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to appoint Keith Elenz as Veterans Affairs Administrator. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to place Eminent Domain Compensation commission list on file at the Chickasaw County Auditor's office. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to appoint Chad Humpal as Weed Commissioner. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Kuhn to appoint Chad Humpal as Landfill Manager. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to appoint Joel Knutson, Jeff Bernatz, Kevin Geerts, and India Watson as the Medical Examiner Investigators. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to designate Karen Henry with Northeast Iowa Community Action as General Relief Director. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge the resignation of Jenny Kime, Public Health, effective January 5, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve voiding check for \$526.29 to Rapid Printers on claim listing for December 18, 2023 and amend to approve \$389.98 to Rapid Printers. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve prior bills in the amount of \$2,827.52. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve payroll checks dated December 29, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve claims in the amount of \$47,602.70. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to proceed with repair of the twenty-two window sills for the Community Services Building not to exceed \$7,500.00. Roll call: Ayes; Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske. Abstained: Hackman. Motion carried

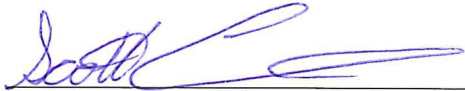
Discussed setting public hearing for Budget Amendment 2 FY23-24.

Budget Work Session

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Supervisor Kuhn Courthouse Security Committee, December 27, 2023.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 11:21 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.



Scott Cerwinske, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:



Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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