

**CHICKASAW COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES  
January 2, 2025**

The Board convened on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 9:03 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinski and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Donna Geerts, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Bob Fenske, member of media, and Sheriff Ryan Shawver.

Cerwinski requested nominations for Chairperson for calendar year 2025.  
Breitbach nominates Cerwinski for Chair.  
Suckow nominates Hackman for Chair.  
Cerwinski nominates Hackman for Chair.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to cease nominations for Chairperson.  
Roll Call:  
Breitbach voted Cerwinski.  
Carter voted Cerwinski.  
Suckow voted Hackman.  
Hackman voted Hackman.  
Cerwinski voted Hackman.  
Motion carried. Jacob Hackman will be Chairperson for calendar year 2025.

Hackman requested nominations for Vice-Chairperson for calendar year 2025.  
Suckow nominates Cerwinski for Vice-Chair.  
Breitbach nominates Breitbach for Vice-Chair.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to cease nominations for Vice-Chairperson.  
Roll Call:  
Breitbach voted Breitbach.  
Carter voted Breitbach.  
Cerwinski voted Cerwinski.  
Suckow voted Cerwinski.  
Hackman voted Cerwinski.  
Motion carried. Scott Cerwinski will be Vice-Chairperson for calendar year 2025.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the agenda for January 2, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from December 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to approve Chickasaw County Sheriff's mileage rate (\$.70) and civil fees notice for services.  
Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve and authorize the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Chairperson Jacob Hackman to sign and represent the Chickasaw Board of Supervisors with the Farm Service Agency. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

Chairperson Hackman, per policy, made the following 2025 committee appointments:

COMMITTEE	APPOINTED	ALTERNATE
911 Service Board	Issac Carter	Scott Cerwinski
Emergency Management Commission	Jacob Hackman	Issac Carter
Eastern Iowa Tourism Association	Liz Zweibohmer	Steve Breitbach
First Judicial District Department of Correctional Services	Steve Breitbach	Travis Suckow
Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Decatoratorization Board	Steve Breitbach	Jacob Hackman
Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw County Landfill	Scott Cerwinski	Steve Breitbach
F-M-C Community Empowerment Board/ F-M-C Early Child of Iowa	Issac Carter	Travis Suckow
County Social Services	Jacob Hackman	Travis Suckow
Heartland Insurance Risk Pool 28-E Agreement Representative	Scott Cerwinski	Auditor
Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan Board (IGHCP) Representative	Travis Suckow	Issac Carter

INRCOG Regional Transit	Scott Cerwinski	Travis Suckow
INRCOG TEA 23	Scott Cerwinski	Travis Suckow
Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments	Scott Cerwinski	Travis Suckow
Iowa Northland Regional Housing Council	Scott Cerwinski	Travis Suckow
Iowa Northland Regional Housing Authority	Scott Cerwinski	Travis Suckow
Juvenile Detention First and Second Judicial District 28-E Agreement	Travis Suckow	Jacob Hackman
Northeast Iowa Community Action Program	Steve Breitbach	Issac Carter
Pathways & Cedar Valley Mental Health	Issac Carter	Travis Suckow
Resource Enhancement and Protection	Steve Breitbach	Scott Cerwinski
Turkey River Watershed Project	Travis Suckow	Steve Breitbach
Cedar River Watershed Project	Scott Cerwinski	Issac Carter
Upper Wapsipinicon River Watershed Project	Steve Breitbach	Jacob Hackman
Northeast Iowa Resource, Conservation & Development	Travis Suckow	Issac Carter
Cedar Valley Resource, Conservation & Development	Issac Carter	Steve Breitbach
Northeast Iowa Response Group	Scott Cerwinski	Jeff Bernatz
Workforce Development	Travis Suckow	Steve Breitbach
Courthouse Security Committee	Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson
Hotel-Motel Committee	Issac Carter	Jacob Hackman
Emergency Food & Shelter	Jacob Hackman	Scott Cerwinski
Cedar Lake Improvement Council	Scott Cerwinski & Travis Suckow	

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION NO. 01-02-25-01 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 2025. /ss/ Jacob Hackman, Chairman, Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinski. /ss/Attest: Donna Geerts, Deputy Auditor.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to temporarily designate the New Hampton Tribune and Nashua Reporter as the official county newspapers. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. After discussion, motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach, to direct Auditor to send a letter to the newspapers, who desired to be selected as an official county newspaper, requesting additional information of yearly subscribers living within Chickasaw County. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to set regular Board of Supervisors' 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.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to set the mileage reimbursement at 70 cents/mile (\$.70) and to set per diem meal reimbursements not to exceed the \$50.00 per day for outside Chickasaw County limits with the procurement of a detailed receipt. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to set the Precinct Election Official (PEO) wage at \$15.00/hr and mileage rate at 70 cents/mile (\$.70). Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to appoint Roman Lensing as County Engineer. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to place the Eminent Domain Compensation Commission list on file at the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office and letters will be sent to appointed residents. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to designate Karen Henry with Northeast Iowa Community Action as General Relief Director per 28E Agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:  
Hackman-CSS email

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to adjourn at 9:50 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

  
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Jacob Hackman, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
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Donna Geerts, Secretary to the Board

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