

**CHICKASAW COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
**April 28, 2025**

The Board convened on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinske, Suckow and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Safety Coordinator Ranae Carey

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve the agenda for April 28, 2025 and the additional agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to approve the minutes for April 21, 2025 meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Hackman to abate the property tax at 311 Main Street, Nashua which is owned by the City of Nashua. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinske. Nays: Breitbach, Carter, Suckow, Hackman. Motion failed.

Discussed to have the County Attorney look into the 311 Main Street, Nashua which is owned by the City of Nashua.

Public Comment: Auditor Shekleton shared that Heartland was going to send a check for the remainder of what is due on the Heritage Center water damage. Supervisor Hackman shared he filled out a questionnaire for ISAC who want to do a 99-county tour. Open enrollment for County health insurance will be May 1, 2025 with Denise Ballard from IGHCP.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Carter to acknowledge the invoice from Kiesler Police Supply for \$21,276.39 which \$8,494.00 will be paid from the forfeiture fund and the remaining from Rifles/Body Armor and Police Supplies per purchase policy for the Sheriff Department. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to change the status of Dispatcher/Jailer Jamie Ekwall from fulltime to parttime on call. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to rescind the termination documents for Cassie Kilcher and direct the Auditor to do the paperwork for approval. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve suspension of Property tax for an individual per Iowa Code 427.9. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to direct the auditor to publish an ad for two vacancies on the Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs Commission (3-year term) in the official county newspapers and the county website to be filled by July 1, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge the Landfill Inspection Report for 2025 given by HLW Engineering Group. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the EMS Director Joel Knutson's employment contract with the changes of dates and the performance evaluation to read annually. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Cerwinske, Carter, Hackman. Abstained: Breitbach Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve hiring a Medical Examiner Investigator, Conrad Rosendahl, for an interim of six months then reevaluate the hiring, effective May 1, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

EMS updates by EMS Director Joel Knutson

Discussed Assessment Report for Chickasaw County from Troy Schultzen, ARM SR Risk & Safety Consultant, PC. For Heartland Insurance.

Motion Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to acknowledge the end of employment for the following individuals, effective June 1, 2025, due to FY25-26 budget constraints: Brenda Schnoebelen – Treasurer's Office, Holly Bailey – Public Health, Mistie Deere – Public Health, Julia Shekleton – Public Health. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Carter to approve one-month additional insurance per Permanent Layoff Notice and Severance Agreement for Holly Bailey – Public Health and Mistie Deere – Public Health. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge the Chickasaw County Board of Health offered laid off employees \$500.00 for each year of service as a severance package: Holly Bailey-\$2,500.00 and Mistie Deere-\$1,500.00 Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Carter to acknowledge the change in hours worked for by the Environmental Health Specialist, Derek Lechtenberg, going from full time (35 hours) to part time (30 hours), will not be eligible for any benefits such as paid vacation, paid holidays, or paid sick leave-see Chickasaw Co Handbook but is eligible for IPERS and group insurance due to FY25-26 budget constraints. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Carter to approve and authorize chair signature on Contract for Library Service Chickasaw County for FY25-26. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve special class B Retail Native Wine License for Old Bradford Pioneer Village Museum 12-month term expiration April 30, 2026. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Committee assignments

Supervisor Breitbach, April 23, Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Decatoratorization Board

Supervisor Carter, April 21, F-M-C Early Child of Iowa

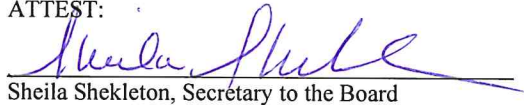
Supervisor Hackman, April 23, CSS

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 10:15 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.



Jacob Hackman, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board