

CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
January 2, 2026

The Board convened on Friday, January 2, 2026, 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 Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, and Sheriff Ryan Shawver.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve agenda for January 2, 2026. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Auditor Shekleton requested nominations for Chairperson for calendar year 2026.

Suckow nominates Hackman for Chair.

Cerwinski nominates Hackman for Chair.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to cease nominations for Chairperson. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Breitbach Nay.

Carter voted Hackman.

Suckow voted Hackman.

Hackman voted Hackman.

Cerwinski voted Hackman.

Consensus Jacob Hackman will be Chairperson for calendar year 2026.

Auditor Shekleton requested nominations for Vice-Chairperson for calendar year 2026.

Hackman nominates Cerwinski for Vice-Chair.

Suckow nominates Cerwinski for Vice-Chair.

Breitbach nominates Carter for Vice-Chair.

Carter nominates Breitbach for Vice-Chair.

Cerwinski nominates Cerwinski for Vice-Chair.

Roll Call:

Breitbach voted Carter.

Carter voted Breitbach.

Cerwinski voted Cerwinski.

Suckow voted Cerwinski.

Hackman voted Cerwinski.

Consensus Scott Cerwinski will be Vice-Chairperson for calendar year 2026.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to approve Chickasaw County Sheriff's mileage rate (\$.725) and civil fees notice for services. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Approve and authorize chairperson to sign documents with Farm Service Agency on the behalf of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors. No action because Supervisor Hackman is still Chairperson

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 2026 committee appointments and they are on file.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION NO. 01-02-26-01 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 2026. /ss/ Jacob Hackman, Chairman, Ayes; Hackman, Cerwinski, Suckow, Breitbach, Carter. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION # 01-02-26-02 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, 2026 and January 31, 2027 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). PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January 2026. /ss/ Jacob Hackman, Chairman, Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinski. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Carter to designate the New Hampton Tribune and Nashua Reporter as the official county newspapers. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach 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 Carter to set the mileage reimbursement at 72.5 cents/mile (\$.725) 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 and being outside county for more than four hours. 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 72.5 cents/mile (\$.725). 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 Breitbach to appoint Keith Elenz as Veterans Affairs Administrator. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.


Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski 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: Ayes Suckow, Cerwinski, Breitbach, Hackman. Abstained: Carter Motion carried.

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

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

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

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 8:33 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.



Jacob Hackman, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board