

**CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
February 2, 2026**

The Board convened on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 9:00 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, County Attorney David Laudner, Bob Steenson, member of media, Engineer Roman Lensing, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Terry Johnson, EMA Director Jeff Bernatz

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

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the minutes for January 26, 2026. Roll call. All-Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to approve alcohol ownership update for New Hampton Golf & Country Club. Roll call. All-Ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to adopt Resolution No. 02-02-26-09. Resolution for a County to Award Contract & Delegate Contract Signing in Doc Express. Award contract to Taylor Construction, Inc. for \$1,058,994.66 and authorize Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing to sign contract on the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors' behalf. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026. /ss/ Jacob Hackman, Chairman, Ayes; Suckow, Cerwinski, Breitbach, Carter, Hackman. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov>

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Carter to adopt Resolution No. 02-02-26-10. Resolution for a County to Award Contract & Delegate Contract Signing in Doc Express. Award contract to Peterson Contractors Inc. for \$597,709.75 and authorize Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing to sign contract on the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors' behalf. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026. /ss/ Jacob Hackman, Chairman, Ayes; Breitbach, Carter, Suckow, Cerwinski, Hackman. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov>

Secondary Road's update provided by Engineer Roman Lensing.

EMA Director Jeff Bernatz
Discuss FY26-27 budget request

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to give \$65,172.00 to the Emergency Management for a FY26-27 budget allocation pending public hearing for FY26-27 county budget. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow. Nays: Carter, Hackman. Motion carried.

Discussion over EMA Director working with EMS Department.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to acknowledge position change for Nichole Ackerson from Civil Clerk to dispatcher going from \$28.58/hr. to \$28.12/hr. for the Sheriff's department effective January 19, 2026. Roll call. All-Ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss potential pay increase for Cathy Knutson as she is now taking on all of the duties associated with the Civil Clerk along with her Chief Dispatching duties for the Sheriff's department. Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to consider \$1.00 raise and discuss with Human Resource Attorney about considering a Memorandum of Understanding.

Sheriff department updates provided by Sheriff Shawver.

Discuss budget amendment no. 3 for fiscal year 2025-2026

Budget work session

Committee Assignments

Supervisor Breitbach, January 26, NE IA Community Action. January 30, First Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Board
Supervisor Hackman, January 29, Supervisors Meeting

Supervisor Suckow, January 29, Supervisors Meeting

Supervisor Cerwinski, January 29, Supervisors Meeting

Supervisor Carter, January 26, Pathways and Hotel-Motel Committee. January 28, 911 Service Board and Emergency Management Commission

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to adjourn at 11:16 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.


Jacob Hackman, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

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CLERK-CHICKASAW CO. AUDITOR

ATTEST:


Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board