

**CHICKASAW COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
**March 16, 2026**

The Board convened on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Carter, Suckow, 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 Fenske, member of media, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Engineer Roman Lensing, Assessor Raymond Armel, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Terry Johnson, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand,

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the agenda for March 16, 2026. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the minutes for March 9, 2026. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Cerwinski, seconded by Carter to approve the minutes for March 10, 2026. Roll call. Ayes: Cerwinski, Carter, Breitbach, Suckow. Abstained: Hackman. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Discussed ISAC Conference with County Officials.

Opened RFPs for new ambulance: North Central Emergency Vehicles, \$329,765.00 less trade in \$33,000.00 equals \$296,765.00. Legacy Emergency Vehicles, \$270,814.00 less trade in (33,500.00) equals \$237,314.00. Feld Fire, \$259,227.00, this price includes a trade in.

EMS Director Joel Knutson will review and recommend which quote to go with at a future meeting.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to adopt Resolution 03-16-26-16 ESTABLISHMENT OF 90 DAY BLANKET EMBARGO WHEREAS, under the provisions of Sections 321.236(8), 321.255 and Chapter 321.471 to 321.473 of the Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors may establish a road embargo on the Secondary Road System, and WHEREAS, inclement weather is producing a condition where heavy loading is extremely detrimental to the Secondary Road System. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors that the County Engineer be authorized to order any of the Secondary Roads closed to vehicles in excess of five (5) tons axle weight, wherever he deems it necessary and for the period of time deemed expedient (not to exceed 90 days), by erecting signs in accordance with Section 321.472. Implements of husbandry are exempt from this resolution per Section 321.1 of the Code of Iowa. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer may grant permits of exemption upon a showing that there is a need to move to market farm produce of a type subject to rapid spoilage, or loss of value or to move any farm feeds or fuel for home heating purposes. Adopted this 16th day of March, 2026. /ss/ Jacob Hackman, Chairman, Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, 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>

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to add additional staff to Secondary Roads during the summer. Must be eighteen and have valid driver license. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Department updates provide by Engineer Roman Lensing.

Discussed and conducted annual employment performance evaluation and consensus of the Board of Supervisors to give a four percent raise to the Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve the new language in the County Confidentiality Statement, direct the auditor to email them to the department heads and have them back by March 30, 2026. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to approve and authorize chair's signature for Drive Thru Services in the amount of \$17.30 times per capita of 227 for Alta Vista for FY26-27. Roll call. Ayes: Cerwinski, Breitbach, Carter, Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve Class C Retail Alcohol License Application for Plum Creek Golf Course Association for an eight-month period effective date April 1, 2026. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

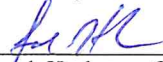
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the 4% Alternate Health Care Plan for FY26-27 and leave the budgeted 6% on the FY26-27 budgets. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.


Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Carter to direct the County Attorney to draft a resolution to have only one deputy in an elected official's office. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to budget for 4% wage increase for the Veteran's Service Administrator's wage.

No committee assignments.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:43 AM. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

  
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Jacob Hackman, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

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Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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