

**COUNTY BOARD MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2019**

The Board convened on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 9:00 AM with all the members present: Byrne, Tilkes, Zoll, Geerts, and Hackman. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hackman. Also present were Mark Zaccone and Ray Armel.

Motion by Zoll, Seconded by Geerts to approve agenda for November 18 & 19, 2019. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Zoll to approve Board minutes for November 11-13,2019. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Geerts to acknowledge the change of status for Randi Brandt from part-time homemaker aide to full time homemaker aide effective November 12, 2019. Roll Call: Ayes: Tilkes, Geerts, Byrne, and Hackman. Nays: Zoll. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Geerts to acknowledge the change of status for Kayla Klatt from part-time homemaker aide to full time homemaker aide effective November 12, 2019. Roll Call: Ayes: Byrne, Geerts, Tilkes, and Hackman. Nays: Zoll. Motion Carried.

Public Comment from Mark Zaccone with Invenergy LLC. Mr. Zaccone gave an update on the wind energy project. The project started in fall of 2015, collecting data from towers in 2016, working with landowners for lease agreements, and Assessor's office for a potential wind and energy ordinance according to the Iowa Code. Mr. Zaccone informed the Board that data is still being collected from the towers. Mr. Zaccone will continue to update the Board.

Jennifer Schwickerath present at 9:10 AM.

Shirley Troyna present at 9:13 AM.

Dusten Rolando present at 9:15 AM.

Ray Armel and Mark Zaccone left at 9:15 AM.

Attorney Carlton Salmons met with the Board via phone conference to discuss the ATV-UTV ordinance. Mr. Salmons referenced to Iowa Code Section 323 and 321. Discussion followed. The County Attorney will revise the draft ATV-UTV ordinance, send a copy to Heartland Insurance Risk Pool Attorney Carlton Salmons to review and to the Board after all revisions are made for their review.

Shirley Troyna, Dusten Rolando, and Steve Geerts left at 9:27 AM.

Attorney Carlton Salmons requested the Board to go into closed session.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Byrne to enter into closed session as per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (c ) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation at 9:28AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Tilkes, Byrne, Zoll, and Hackman. Absent: Geerts. Motion Carried. Present were Jennifer Schwickerath, Tim Zoll, Jason Byrne, David Tilkes, Jacob Hackman, and Joan Knoll.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Zoll to exit closed session at 10:00 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Tilkes, Zoll, Byrne, and Hackman. Absent: Geerts. Motion Carried.

Steve Geerts and Penny Andorf present at 10:00 AM.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Zoll to authorize the County Attorney Jennifer Schwickerath and Board of Supervisors Jacob Hackman to negotiate with opposing counsel in the litigation matter. Roll Call: Ayes: Tilkes, Zoll, Byrne, and Hackman. Abstain: Geerts. Motion Carried.

Dusten Rolando and Marty Hemann present at 10:12 AM.

Environmental Health Administrator Penny Andorf met with the Board to discuss a county-wide nuisance ordinance. Ms. Andorf presented to the Board a draft nuisance ordinance (sample taken from Cerro Gordo County) for the Board to review. Penny Andorf informed the Board that the Board of Health received a signed petition from the Jerico area regarding a building that was dangerous or unsafe condition. The Board of Health sent the property owner a letter under the guidelines of Iowa Code Section 657A, due to Chickasaw County does not have zoning. Penny Andorf will inform the Board of Health and continue to follow Iowa Code Chapter 657A.

Jennifer Schwickerath left at 11:07 AM.

Dusten Rolando and Marty Hemann left at 11:18 AM.

Penny Andorf met with the Board to review the FY 2020-21 Environmental Health budget.

Penny Andorf left at 11:30 AM.

County Engineer Dusten Rolando met with the Board to discuss road department activities.

Supervisor Geerts gave the Board an update on the Upper Wapsi Watershed meeting held on November 14, 2019 and Veterans Affairs meeting held on November 13, 2019.

The Board proceeded to canvass the City/School Election held on November 5, 2019 for the New Hampton, Nashua-Plainfield, and Turkey Valley School. The Auditor is the controlling counties for these schools.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Tilkes to approve the canvass of City/School held on November 5, 2019 controlling county for the New Hampton, Nashua-Plainfield, and Turkey Valley Schools and authorize Auditor to certify results to the State and record in permanent Election Register. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Zoll, Seconded by Byrne to recess at 12:25 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Vice-Chairman Zoll reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM with the following members present Byrne, Tilkes, and Zoll. Absent: Hackman and Geerts attending a building committee meeting at the Community Services Building.

Trisha Wilkens and Karen Henry present at 12:55 AM.

Executive Director Trisha Wilkins met with the Board to present FY 2020-21 budget funding requests for the Northeast Iowa Community Action and the programs that the Northeast Iowa Community Action offers to residents. Discussion followed. The request for \$35,306.00 was received and placed on file for consideration within the total context of the FY 2020-21 County Budget.

Trisha Wilkins met with the Board to review the FY 2020-21 Chickasaw County General Relief budget.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Tilkes to adjourn at 1:46 PM. Roll Call: Ayes: Byrne, Tilkes, and Zoll. Absent: Geerts and Hackman. Motion Carried.

The Board convened on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at 9:00 AM with all the members present: Byrne, Tilkes, Zoll, Geerts, and Hackman. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hackman.

Supervisors Geerts and Hackman gave the Board an update on the Building Committee held on November 18, 2019. Present were Jennifer Schwickerath, Dave Gorman, Steve Geerts, Jacob Hackman, and representatives from Accord Architecture. The committee reviewed the sketches and made some revisions.

Jason Speltz and Theresa Rasmussen present at 9:08 AM.

Chickasaw County Tourism Director Jason Speltz met with the Board to discuss the purchase of a copier. Two quotes were presented to the Board. One quote from Advanced Systems Inc. in the amount of \$3,619.00 and one quote from Riley's Inc. in the amount of \$4,100.00. Discussion followed. The funding will be disbursed from the City of New Hampton Hotel/Motel tax.

Motion by Zoll to accept the quote from Advanced Systems Inc. in the amount of \$3,619.00 to purchase a copier. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Byrne to accept the quote from Riley's Inc. in the amount of \$4,100.00 to purchase a copier. Roll Call: Ayes: Geerts, Byrne, Tilkes, and Hackman. Nays: Zoll. Motion Carried.

Jason Speltz met with the Board to review the FY 2020-21 Chickasaw County Tourism budget.

Jason Speltz and Theresa Rasmussen left at 9:31 AM.

Ray Armel present at 9:33 AM.

Assessor Ray Armel met with the Board for review and approval of 2019 Family Farm Credit Applications. Individuals are eligible to receive the credit if the appropriate designated person is actively engaging in farming of an eligible tract of land during the fiscal year in which the application is filed, with the 2001 Iowa legislature having changed the filing of this credit to a one-time filing. The eligibility requirements for the Family Farm Tax Credit are listed in Iowa Administrative Code Section 701-80.11.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Byrne to approve and authorize Chairman Signature for the twenty-one (21) 2019 Family Farm Credit Applications and disapprove twenty-three (23) 2019 Family Farm Credit Application as per the recommendation of the County Assessor. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Budget Worksession.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Byrne to adjourn at 10:28 A M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Jacob Hackman, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Joan E. Knoll, Auditor