

**COUNTY BOARD MINUTES  
AUGUST 3, 4 & 5, 2020**

The Board convened on Monday, August 3, 2020, at 9:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Geerts, Tilkes, Zoll, and Hackman in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. Courthouse is open to the public. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hackman. Present were Joan Knoll, Rick Holthaus, and Jeff Bernatz.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Geerts to approve agenda for August 3, & 4, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Tilkes to approve Board minutes for July 27, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public comment from Rick Holthaus.

Ray Armel present at 9:10 AM.

The Board discussed the Magistrate's Office Barrier/ Partitions. The claim in the amount of \$2,885.00 from Gossling Woodworking for the barriers/Partitions for the Magistrate's Office was paid by Christine Skilton. The Judicial System decided not to make any reimbursements at this time. Discussion followed.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Geerts to approve the reimbursement to Christine Skilton in the amount of \$2,885.00 for the Magistrate's Office Barrier/Partitions. Roll Call: Ayes: Tilkes, Geerts, Byrne, and Hackman. Nays: Zoll. Motion Carried.

Ray Armel met with the Board to discuss and review the WECS Agreement. Discussion followed.

Marty Hemann present at 9:20 AM.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Byrne to table until the next meeting so Land Use Administrator Ray Armel can review the revised agreement from the vendor. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ray Armel left at 9:39 AM.

Marty Hemann met with the Board to acknowledge the retirement of Deputy Sheriff and to discuss the hiring of Deputy Sheriff to fill vacancy.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Byrne to acknowledge the retirement of Jason Rosol as Deputy Sheriff effective August 14, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Hackman to start the hiring process for a full-time Deputy Sheriff to fill the vacancy. Discussion followed. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Marty Hemann left at 9:45 AM.

Shirley Troyna present at 9:50 AM.

Sue Breitbach present at 9:52 AM.

Lisa Welter, Dave Gorman, and Mark Huegel present at 9:55 AM.

Ray Armel present at 10:00 AM.

Update on the Coronavirus-Covid-19. Discussion followed. Lisa Welter and Jeff Bernatz will contact other agencies for additional information to assist residents (free consultation, obtain information, or need assistance) during the Coronavirus-Covid-19 pandemic.

Dave Gorman left at 10:05 AM.

Sue Breitbach left at 10:20 AM.

Shirley Troyna and Ray Armel left at 10:23 AM.

Lisa Welter and Mark Huegel left at 10:25 AM.

Update on the Radio Communications project.

The Board discussed the building/renovation project at 516 S. Linn. Mr. Geerts informed the Board that he has not heard from the Architect.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Byrne to table the discussion on the building/renovation project at 516 S. Linn. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Discussion on the office space located in the basement of the building.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Byrne to place three locks on the office space in the basement of the building. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed vacation carryover under Section 5.2 Vacations of the Chickasaw County Handbook. Discussion followed.

Motion by Zoll, Seconded by Tilkes to send a memo/letter to all department heads that vacation must be used by December 31, 2020 as per the Chickasaw County Handbook. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The Auditor will prepare the memo/letter for the Board to review as a reminder regarding vacations under 5.2 Vacations of the Chickasaw County Handbook.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for Bruce Lantzky-Chickasaw Farms LLC (ID#62444) located at 2241 Jasper Avenue, New Hampton, IA 50659.

Supervisor Zoll updated the Board on the Special Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Landfill meeting schedule on July 30, 2020.

Supervisor Tilkes updated the Board on the Iowa Workforce Development meeting held on July 30, 2020 and July 28, 2020 and the Northeast Iowa Community Action held on July 27, 2020.

Supervisor Hackman updated the Board on the Pathways & Cedar Valley Mental Health meeting held on July 27, 2020.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Byrne to adjourn at 10:41 A M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The Board convened on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at 9:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Geerts, Tilkes, Zoll, and Hackman in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. Courthouse is open to the public. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hackman. Present were Joan Knoll and Rick Holthaus.

Supervisor Geerts informed the Board that the Architect is reviewing the documents and will e-mail the Auditor's office an estimate to prepare the documents under Iowa Code Chapter 26.

Brian Moore present at 9:10 AM.

Brian Moore met with the Board for a departmental update.

Brian Moore left at 9:40 AM.

Ray Armel present at 9:49 AM.

Mr. Armel informed the Board that he has been in contact with the vendor (CWEC) to revise and update the Agreement regarding Chickasaw Wind Project in Chickasaw County. Mr. Armel informed the Board that County Attorney's Office and Engineer is reviewing a road use agreement and the County Attorney Office is also reviewing a decommissioning agreement. Mr. Armel is scheduling a meeting with the vendor, County Attorney's Office, Engineer, and Land Use Administrator, and Board of Supervisors to approve all three agreements. Mr. Armel also informed the Board that he is scheduling a Planning Commission meeting within the next two weeks to review a proposed WECS Ordinance and then the Planning Commission will send a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Armel left at 9:57 AM.

The Board reviewed the claims.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Tilkes to approve claims in the amount of \$1,758,089.40. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for Gary Gorman (ID #57703) located at 2448 180<sup>th</sup> Street, New Hampton, IA 50659.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for Terry & Steve Schulz-Weidler Site (ID #66436) located at 2469 Quinlan Avenue, New Hampton, IA 50659.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for Mike Klassen (ID #59679) located at 2130 Exeter Avenue, Ionia, IA 50645.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for Roger Treloar (ID #57710) located at 3061 300<sup>th</sup> Street, Sumner, IA 50674.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Geerts to adjourn at 10:08 A M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The Board convened on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 1:00 PM with all members present Byrne, Geerts, Tilkes, Zoll, and Hackman in the Courtroom located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. Courthouse is open to the public. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hackman. Present were Joan Knoll, David J. Geerts, Derek Day, Jeff Bernatz, Scott Cerwinske, Ted Geerts, Doreen Cook, Ryan Shawver, Zach Nosbisch, Karen Clemens, Jeremy McGrath, Bob Fenske, Martin Hemann,

Ray Armel, Carl Salmons, Matt Kuhn, and Jim Ashley. Also, electronically from the public was Rick Holthaus.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Tilkes to approve agenda for August 5, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Carl Salmons met with the Board to discuss a potential resolution to the ambulance dispute. Mr. Salmons reviewed with the Board the amended draft of the intergovernmental agreement for ambulance services in Chickasaw County, formed under Iowa Code Chapter under Iowa Code Chapter 28E (2019) as prepared by Attorney Carlton Salmons and Chickasaw County Attorney Jennifer Schwickerath. The Board discussed sections 6A and 7C of the agreement. Section 6A addresses the population percentages resulting in the cost liability and voting percentages of each unit of the Ambulance Council.

The Board also discussed 7C of the agreement was regarding the Ambulance Council shall meet at least 4 times per year and more often if necessary to carry out its business and the Chair may call a special meeting upon at least 5 days prior notice. Discussion followed.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Zoll to approve the 60/40 percentages under 6 A and the Ambulance Council shall meet at least 4 times per year and more often if necessary to carry out its business and the Chair may call a special meeting upon at least 5 days prior notice under 7C of the amended and recast intergovernmental agreement for Ambulance Services in Chickasaw County, formed under Iowa Code Chapter 28E (2019). Roll Call: Ayes: Byrne, Zoll, Tilkes, Geerts, and Hackman. Motion Carried.

The County Attorney's Office will send the renewed and amended recast intergovernmental agreement for Ambulance Services in Chickasaw County, formed under Iowa Code Chapter 28E (2019) (Draft Only) to all the Cities for their review.

Mr. Salmons addressed Iowa Code Chapter 422D. After reviewing the letter from the City of New Hampton dated August 4, 2020 to request the Board of Supervisor exercise the authority granted to it under Iowa Code Chapter 422D and seek voter approval of taxes to be used for emergency medical services, and the council concluded that the taxes should be a combination of local option income surtax (1% or any lesser amount) and property tax. The City of New Hampton also would like this ballot question to be placed on the General Election Ballot, Mr. Salmons recommendation to the Board of Supervisor that the ballot issue not be on the General Election in November 2020.

Mr. Salmons also addressed the consideration of potential mediation with no action taken at this time.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Tilkes to adjourn at 2:00 PM. 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