

**COUNTY BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7 & 8, 2020**

The Courthouse and offices were closed-Labor Day Holiday, on September 7, 2020.

The Board convened on Tuesday, September 8, 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, Jeff Bernatz, Terry Johnson, Attorney Aaron Murphy, Rick Holthaus, Jim Cook, Cindy Shoemaker, and Toni Friedrich. Also electronically was Doreen Cook and HR Consultant Ann Smisek.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Tilkes to approve agenda for September 7 & 8, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Tilkes to approve Board minutes for August 31, 2020 & September 1, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public comment from Jeff Bernatz regarding Rescue Squad Rise N Shine Breakfast on September 13, 2020.

The Board discussed a barrier/partition for the Veterans Affairs Office. No quotes were received. It was the consensus of the Board not to take any action currently due the hiring of a Veteran's Affairs Director.

The Board reviewed the Proclamation-National Suicide Awareness Month.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Tilkes to authorize Chairman Signature on the September 2020 National Suicide Awareness Month Proclamation. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The Board reviewed the Resolution for the ISAC-Covid 19 Grant.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Zoll to approve Resolution No. 09-08-20-68. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 09-08-20-68 RESOLUTION REQUESTING**

**REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19 GOVERNMENT RELIEF FUND**

A resolution by Chickasaw County to request reimbursement for eligible costs relate to the COVID-19 public health emergency from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund. **WHEREAS** THE United States Congress approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide economic relief related to the COVID-19 pandemic. **WHEREAS** Governor Kim Reynolds allocated \$125 million of the State of Iowa's CARES Act funding to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency. **WHEREAS**, local government funding reimbursement may only be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were not accounted for in the current fiscal year county budget, were incurred during the time period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 and have not been reimbursed from other sources. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Chickasaw County requests reimbursement of \$14,548.69 in eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Chickasaw County affirms that the above requests for reimbursement follow all formal published Federal and State of Iowa guidance on how the funds should be spent, and understand if the reimbursements are misrepresented, the local government will be liable for any applicable penalty and interest. **HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisor for Chickasaw County on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020. /ss/ Jacob Hackman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Joan E. Knoll, Auditor

Update on the State Audit Report. Supervisor Hackman informed the Board that he received an e-mail from the State Auditor's Office. The State Auditor's Office indicated that they will be coming to Chickasaw County in the next two weeks to do the audit.

Update on the Building/Renovation Project at 516 South Linn Avenue, New Hampton, Iowa. Supervisor Geerts informed the Board that the Architect would like to review the design and verify the measurements sometime this week at the 516 South Linn Avenue location.

Sue Breitbach present at 9:19 AM.

Sue Breitbach met with the Board to acknowledge the hiring of a full-time driver's license, auto, and tax clerk. Discussion followed.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Byrne to acknowledge the hiring of Alison McDonald as full-time driver's license/Auto/Tax Clerk at the hourly rate of \$15.25 per hour effective September 14, 2020 as per the recommendation of the Treasurer. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Sue Breitbach left at 9:24 AM.

Lisa Welter, Marty Hemann, and a member from the media present at 9:25 AM.

The Board review the appointment of Board of Health Member: Possible Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (i) "to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Discussion followed.

Rick Holthaus, Jeff Bernatz, Lisa Welter, Marty Hemann, and a member from the media left at 9:44 AM. Also, electronically Doreen Cook left the meeting.

Motion by Zoll, Seconded by Byrne to enter closed session at 9:44 A.M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried. Present were Cindy Shoemaker, Terry Johnson, Jim Cook, Toni Friedrich, and Attorney Aaron Murphy. Also electronically was HR Consultant Ann Smisek.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Zoll, Seconded by Tilkes to exit closed session at 10:22 A.M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Rick Holthaus, Jeff Bernatz, Lisa Welter, Martin Hemann, and a member from the media present at 10:24 AM. Also electronically was Doreen Cook.

Motion by Zoll, Seconded by Tilkes, to remove Terry Johnson from the Board of Health effective September 8, 2020. Roll Call: Ayes: Zoll, Tilkes, and Hackman. Nays: Geerts and Byrne. Motion Carried.

Attorney Aaron Murphy left at 10:28 AM.

Jim Cook, Cindy Shoemaker, Toni Friedrich, and Lisa Welter left at 10:30 AM.

Sheriff Marty Hemann met with the Board to acknowledge the resignation of a Deputy Sheriff.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Byrne to acknowledge the resignation of Brandon M. French as Deputy Sheriff effective September 3, 2020 as per the recommendation of the Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hemann discussed with the Board the hiring of a full-time Deputy Sheriff to fill the vacancy as per the recommendation of the Sheriff. Discussion followed.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Tilkes to start the hiring process for a full-time deputy sheriff to fill the vacancy. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hemann also discussed with the Board to acknowledge the hiring of a deputy sheriff.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Byrne to acknowledge the hiring of Matt Blaess as Deputy Sheriff as per union contract effective September 17, 2020 and as per the recommendation of the Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Marty Hemann left at 10:40 AM.

Update on the Radio Communication Project.

Supervisor Hackman updated the Board on the Conservation Board meeting held on September 2, 2020.

Supervisor Tilkes updated the Board on the Iowa Workforce Development meeting held on September 3, 2020.

Supervisor Geerts updated the Board on the Northeast Iowa Response Group meeting held on September 3, 2020.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office Stapleton Township Summary Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for FY 2019-2020.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office New Hampton Rural Township Summary Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for FY 2019-2020.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Geerts to adjourn at 10:55 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