

**COUNTY BOARD MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2020**

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

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Zoll to approve agenda for November 9 & 10, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Hackman to approve Board minutes for November 2, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Geerts to acknowledge the retirement of Janet Hauser as Homemaker Aide effective January 4, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

No Public comment.

Update on the Radio Communication Project.

Dusten Rolando present at 9:15 AM.

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

The Board discuss letters for department heads general letter and budget requests letter for the next work session. The Board discussed the Health Insurance, wages and when the budget worksheet to be completed and returned to the Auditor's Office. It was the consensus of the Board to have the department heads increase the Health Insurance line item by 10%, wages for non-union employees 1.5 %, and have the budget worksheets turned into the Auditor's Office on or before December 18, 2020. Also, the Board will send letters to the budget requests organizations also.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Tilkes to send out letters to department heads, and elected officials with the information to prepare their FY 2021-2022 budgets and to have the budgets turned into the Auditor's Office by December 18, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Sue Breitbach present at 9:30 AM.

Sue Breitbach met with the Board to discuss vacation carryover for an employee.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Byrne to approve Brenda Schnoebelen's request for 35 hours of vacation carryover, and the vacation carryover must be used by June 30, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes: Geerts and Byrne. Nays: Tilkes, Zoll, and Hackman. Motion failed.

More discussion.

Motion by Zoll, Seconded by Tilkes to approve Brenda Schnoebelen's request for 35 hours of vacation carryover and the vacation carryover must be used by January 31, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Sue Breitbach left at 9:50 AM

Jim Cook present at 10:00 AM.

Motion by Zoll, Seconded by Tilkes to recess at 10:05 AM until 10:28 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Matt Kuhn and Dusten Rolando left at 10:07 AM.

Lisa Welter present at 10:22 AM.

Jennifer Schwickerath present at 10:28 AM.

Attorney Kent Gummert with Lederer Weston Craig, PLC and Carlton Salmons with Heartland Insurance Risk Pool met with the Board via phone conference for a litigation update.

Rick Holthaus left at 10:32 AM.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Zoll to enter closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (c) at 10:33 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried. Present were Supervisors Tilkes, Zoll, Byrne, Geerts, and Hackman, Joan Knoll, Jennifer Schwickerath, Lisa Welter, James Cook, and via phone conference Attorney Carlton Salmons, and Attorney Kent Gummert.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Tilkes to exit closed session at 11:06 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Rick Holthaus present at 11:07 AM.

Motion by Zoll, Seconded by Tilkes to agree with counsel's advice regarding pending litigation. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Zoll updated the Board on the Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Landfill meeting held on November 2, 2020.

Supervisor Tilkes updated the Board on the Iowa Workforce Development meeting held on November 5, 2020.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Byrne to adjourn at 11:08 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The Board convened on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 9:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Zoll, Tilkes, Geerts, and Hackman in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hackman. Present were Joan Knoll, Rick Holthaus, and via phone conference Doreen Cook.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Geerts to approve additional agenda item for November 10, 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The Board reviewed the claims.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Zoll to approve claims in the amount of \$104,885.48. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The Board proceeded to canvass the General Election held on November 3, 2020.

Lisa Welter and Ray Armel present at 10:55 AM.

Shirley Troyna and Sue Breitbach present at 10:58 AM.

John Murray present at 10:59 AM.

Update on the Coronavirus-Covid 19.

Lisa Welter left at 11:28 AM.

Ray Armel, Shirley Troyna, Sue Breitbach, and John Murray left at 11:32 AM.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Tilkes to approve the canvass of the General Election held November 3, 2020 and authorize Auditor to certify results to the State and record in permanent Election Register. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Byrne to adjourn at 12:26 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