

**COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 11th & 12th, 2021**

The Board convened on Monday, January 11th, 2021, at 9:03 AM with all members present Byrne, Zoll, Kuhn, Holthaus, and Hackman in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holthaus. Present were Stephanie Mashek, and Terry Johnson, public. Call in Jeff Bernatz, Lisa Welter, and David Tilkes.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Hackman to approve agenda for January 11th & 12th, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Hackman to approve Board minutes for January 4th and 5th, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:05AM PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion made by Hackman, Seconded by Byrne at 9:19 AM to enter a PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF THE COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHICKASAW COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING RENOVATION AT 516 S. LINN AVENUE, NEW HAMPTON, IOWA. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motioned by Hackman, Seconded by Zoll at 9:40 AM to close public hearing. Roll Calls: Ayes: Hackman, Zoll, Holthaus, Byrne, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Martin Hemann present at 9:41 AM.

Sheriff Martin Hemann met with the board. The board received five sealed bids to sell the 2014 Dodge Charger. Chairman Holthaus opened the sealed bids. One bid received from J&D Mihm in the amount of \$890.00; One bid from Jeff Bragg in the amount of \$1,275.00; One bid from Joe Gray in the amount of \$2,200.12; One bid in the amount of \$1,268.00 from Yousef Dabbagh; One bid from Brett Patti in the amount of \$878.13;

Motioned by Hackman, Seconded by Zoll to accept the bid from Joe Gray in the amount of \$2,200.12 for 2014 Dodge Charger as per the recommendation of the County Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried. Sheriff Hemann will notify Mr. Gray.

Shirley Troyna present at 9:52 AM.

Dusty Rolando present at 9:54 AM.

James Cook present at 9:55 AM.

Mike Kennedy present at 9:58 AM.

Update from Lisa Welter, Board of Health Director, regarding COVID.

Bob Fenske, member of media, present at 10:01 AM.

Sue Breitbach and Ray Armell present at 10:02 AM.

10:15 AM met with James Cook for discussion of the Board of Health.

Mike Kennedy left at 10:21 AM.

Carson Egglund, Donna Kubesh, and Kathleen Davis present at 10:30 AM.

Carson Egglund provided update with the SVCS.

James Cook left at 10:36 AM.

Sheriff Hemann left at 10:36 AM.

Bob Fenske, member of media, left at 10:41 AM.

Carson Egglund, Donna Kubesh, and Kathleen Davis left at 10:45 AM.

Motioned by Hackman, Seconded by Byrne to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual report. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motioned by Hackman, Seconded by Byrne to add Stephanie Mashek and remove Joan Knoll to General Fund Account. Add Stephanie Mashek, Betty Franzen, Rose Lowe, Donna Geerts, and Laura Wickham to the Deferred Compensation Account and remove Joan Knoll. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motioned by Hackman, Seconded by Kuhn to approve the Resolution for Postponement of Tax Sale Under Iowa Code Chapter 446.7. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried. **RESOLUTION # 01-11-21-04 RESOLUTION FOR**

POSTPONEMENT OF TAX SALE UNDER IOWA CODE CHAPTER 446.7 WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency declaring a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency existed throughout the entire state of Iowa due to the global pandemic referred to as COVID-19. **WHEREAS**, between April 24, 2020 and July 24, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued Public Health Proclamations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic which suspended the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code Section 446.7: and **WHEREAS**, Iowa Code Section 446.7 requires the Chickasaw County Treasurer's Office to offer for public sale all parcels on which taxes are delinquent on the third Monday in June annually; and **WHEREAS**, Iowa Code Section 446.7 requires that if for good cause the tax sale cannot be held on the third Monday in June, the treasurer may designate a different date in June for the sale; and **WHEREAS**, as a result of the Public Health Proclamations suspending the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code Section 446.7, the Chickasaw County Treasurer was unable to hold a tax sale at any time in June of 2020; and **WHEREAS**, the Public Health Proclamation suspending the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code Section 446.7 expired on July 31, 2020; and **WHEREAS**, Iowa Code Section 446.28 requires the Chickasaw County Treasurer to hold the tax sale on the third Monday of the next succeeding month in which the required notice can be given if the tax sale is not able to be held in June; and **WHEREAS**, as of August 21, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Public Health Proclamation finding that a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency continues to exist throughout the State of Iowa and will remain in effect through at least September 20, 2020, and **WHEREAS**, the Chickasaw County Treasurer has found good cause to delay the tax sale due to financial distress to Chickasaw County residents due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows: In conjunction with the Chickasaw County Treasurer's Office, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors finds that good cause exists to delay the Chickasaw County Tax Sale to February 2021 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to sending out the required notices for the February tax sale, the Chickasaw County Treasurer shall reevaluate its good cause determination and inform the Board of Supervisors of its findings. Nothing in this Resolution shall be interpreted to relieve delinquent property tax owners of the responsibility to pay the delinquent taxes, penalties, fees and interest that were due and accrue as otherwise provided by law, nor will this provision affect other legal processes that may be available to collect these delinquent taxes, penalties, fees and interest. Nothing in this Resolution shall be interpreted to prevent the Chickasaw County Treasurer from offering any property with delinquent taxes for sale upon the next available tax sale date. CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: /ss/Rick Holthaus, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors 01/11/2021 RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL: /ss/ Sue Breitbach, Chickasaw County Treasurer 01/11/2021

Shirley Troyna and Sue Breitbach left at 11:07 AM.

Motioned by Hackman, Seconded by Zoll to approve Title VI Nondiscrimination Agreement Policy Statement between IDOT and Chickasaw County and Standard DOT Title VI Assurances as per the recommendation of Chickasaw County Title VI Coordinator. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dusty Rolando left at 11:53 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Kuhn to provide two weeks to accept applications for the Board of Health beginning January 11, 2021 to January 25, 2021 by 4:30 PM. Roll Call: Ayes: Byrne, Kuhn, Holthaus Nays: Hackman and Zoll. Motion Carried. Advertising for the Board of Health position will be published in the local papers and the Chickasaw County website.

Infectious Disease Action Plan. No action taken.

Motioned by Hackman, Seconded by Byrne to appoint Northeast Iowa Community Action as the General Relief Director. Roll Call: Ayes: Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Zoll to appoint Kuhn to the Hotel/Motel Committee. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Byrne to adjourn at 12:07 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion Carried.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021-BOARDROOM LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE

The Board convened on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021, at 9:01 AM with all members present Byrne, Zoll, Kuhn, Holthaus, and Hackman in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holthaus. Present were Stephanie Mashek, Terry Johnson, Chuck Stanton, from Stanton Electric, and Duane Svoboda Align Architects. Call in Jeff Bernatz, Lisa Welter, and David Tilkes.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded Byrne to remove Rod Frederich and Victoria Ship from the Eminent Domain list. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Zoll to appoint James Cook to the Board of Health for a three-year term effective immediately under Iowa Code Section 137.105 (1)g. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman and Zoll Nays: Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Motion Failed.

The Board received four sealed bids for the Sealed Proposals/Bids for the construction of the Chickasaw County Office Building Renovation at 516 S. Linn Avenue, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairman Holthaus opened the sealed bids. One bid from Cresco Building Services in the amount of \$170,553; One bid from Henkel Construction Co. in the amount of \$204,900; One bid from L&C Builders in the amount of \$229,200; One bid from Matt Construction in the amount of \$156,000. Bids were provided to the county's architect, Duane Svobada of Align Architecture for review.

Update on the Radio Communication Project.

Holthaus left at 9:45 AM.

Budget Work Session

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Byrne at 10:00 AM to recess until 11:15 AM. Call: Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Hackman. Holthaus absent. Motion Carried.

Vice-Chair Kuhn convened the meeting at 11:17 AM. Ayes: Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Hackman. Holthaus absent.

Shirley Troyna and Ray Armel present at 11:15 AM.

Motioned by Hackman, Seconded by Byrne to allow Vice Chair Kuhn to sign the Representation Letter to the State Auditor's office dated January 12, 2021. Ayes: Zoll, Hackman, Byrne, and Kuhn. Holthaus absent. Motion Carried.

Sue Breitbach present at 11:20 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Byrne to adjourn at 11:23 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Kuhn, Hackman, Byrne, and Zoll. Holthaus absent. Motion Carried.

Rick Holthaus, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Stephanie Mashek, Auditor