

COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
March 22, 2021

The Board convened on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 8:30 AM with members present Byrne, Zoll, Holthaus, and Hackman in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. Kuhn absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holthaus. Present were Stephanie Mashek, Auditor, Chuck Stanton, and Jeff Bernatz.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the agenda for March 22, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Hackman, Holthaus, and Zoll. Kuhn absent. Motion carried.

Kuhn present at 8:31 AM.

8:35 AM No Public Comment

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve minutes for March 15, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Hemann present at 8:36 AM.

8:40 AM Jeff Bernatz provided an update on the Radio Communication Tower Project.

Shirley Hoffman and Dixie Zeien present at 8:55 AM.

Bob Fenske, member of media, present at 9:00 AM.

Laurie and Dan Carolan present at 9:00 AM.

Stanton and Hemann left at 9:01 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to hire West Plains Engineer out of Cedar Rapids for the upgrade to the electrical service at the Sheriff's Office and authorizes Chairperson to sign agreement with West Plains Engineer as part of the emergency communications project and Series 2020 bond proceeds. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to direct the County Attorney to provide a written opinion, public hearing notice, bids, and documents for the Emergency Public Safety Communication Project. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to direct the County Attorney to review the land lock issue with the City of Nashua and the land owned by Franke's located in Nashua. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Lisa Welter, Tina Britt, Shirley Troyna, Sue Breitbach, Sheriff Hemann, Dusty Rolando, Ray Armel and Brian Moore present at 9:15 AM.

9:15 AM Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to enter the Public Hearing at 9:15 AM for the FY 2021-2022 County Budget. Roll Call: Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion carried.

No written comments.

Chickasaw County property owners Dan Carolan, Laurie Carolan, and Dixie Zeien spoke at the Public Hearing.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to close the Public Hearing at 9:37 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Kuhn to approve the Resolution for the Adoption of the FY 2021-2022 County Budget with Resolution number 03-22-21-14. Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Nays-Hackman and Zoll. Motion carried.

Welter and Britt, left at 9:55 AM.

L. Carolan, D. Carolan, Breitbach, Troyna and Armel left at 10:00 AM.

10:00 AM Sheriff Hemann provided a Department and Union Contract update.

Hemann left at 10:29 AM.

Fenske, member of media, left at 10:30 AM.

10:30 AM Dusty Rolando provided update on Road Department activities.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to acknowledged the appointment of William Zubrod III for the Maintenance Superintendent/Drainage foreman position effective April 1, 2021 with a starting wage of \$28.54 per the recommendation of County Engineer. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the Dust Control Policy. CHICKASAW COUNTY DUST CONTROL POLICY Whereas Chickasaw County does not provide dust control services on any county road, citizens and landowners are, however, allowed to apply dust control materials by permit from the Chickasaw County Engineer's Office on any road at their own expense. The only materials approved for use on the roads are calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, crude glycerin and lignin sulfonate. All products must be approved dust control suppressants with appropriate documentation. USED MOTOR OIL IS NOT AN APPROVED MATERIAL and shall not be applied to county road surfaces. Upon receipt of a dust control permit the county will blade and shape the indicated site prior to dust control placement-to provide for a smooth road surface. After the dust control material has been applied, the county will refrain from blading/graveling the treated area unless, IN THE OPINION OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER, it has become rough as to constitute a hazard to traffic. The owner shall maintain the treated area and repair any roughness that may develop. The county shall not be liable for the cost of any new application made necessary by such blading. Whereas the county needs to maintain gravels across Chickasaw County, any traffic as a result of normal spot rock and frost boil patchwork is considered normal operations during the course of the year. Whereas the county places contract rock once a year on various gravel roads across Chickasaw County. Contract rock is considered to be extra ordinary travel on Chickasaw County Roads. The contractor placing contract rock will be responsible for maintaining fugitive dust at locations considered to be the main traveled haul roads from the quarry as designated by Chickasaw County Engineer during the time of contract rock. The contractor may utilize any of the approved materials listed above or water trucks may be used during hauling times. These designated main haul roads may vary from year to year. Once contract rock is completed the landowner is again permitted to apply dust control materials on any road at their own expense. Whereas the landowner wanting to place dust control prior to contract rock hauling does so at the landowner's own risk. Any costs associated with re-application of dust control materials after contract hauling is done, shall be at the landowner's expense. This policy is valid for the time period of May 1 to October 15. Before or after this time period the county will routinely maintain the rock surface by blading. This policy adopted on this 22nd day of March 2021. Roll Call: Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn on the renewal of the Adopt A Highway permit for the North Washington Volunteer Fire Department to remove litter along V18 from 155th Street south to 180th Street and authorize Chairperson's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

11:30 AM Brian Moore County Conservation Department Update

Bernatz left at 11:50 AM.

Rolando left at 11:52 AM.

Hoffman and Zeien left at 12:15 PM.

Zoll left at 12:19 PM for FMC Landfill claims and Certificates of Deposits.

Recessed at 12:19 PM.

Reconvened at 12:26 PM.

Members present Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Stephanie Mashek, Auditor, Chickasaw County Attorney Jennifer Schwickerath and Chickasaw County Assistant Attorney Joseph Gray.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to enter a closed session beginning at 12:31 PM on March 22, 2021 with Chickasaw County Attorney Jennifer L. Schwickerath and Assistant Chickasaw County Attorney Joseph E. Gray pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) "[t]o 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." Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to end closed session at 12:52 PM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to agree to the Plaintiff's fact sheet for pending litigation and authorize Chairpersons signature. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the Chickasaw County Credit Card Policy and authorize Chairperson's signature. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion carried.

Ray Armel present at 1:20 PM.

Discussed terms of an agreement between Chickasaw County and Ambulance Service Provider regarding Radio Communication equipment. No action taken.

Discussed Benefited Fire District Board bond amount which shall be paid by the Districts of the Trustees. No action taken.

Discussed bond amount for Auditor's office. No action taken.

Discuss County owned office equipment and furniture. No action taken.

Schwickerath and Gray left at 1:25 PM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve two eligible individuals for the suspension of Property Taxes for Chickasaw County residents per DHS' recommendation. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion carried.

Dave Gorman present at 1:30 PM.

Discussed the LEMC Renovation Project located at 516 S. Linn Ave., New Hampton. No action taken.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to publish an ad in both county newspapers to collect bids using the spec sheet provided by the County Engineer's office for concrete work on the North side of the Courthouse for one week publication with a due date of April 16, 2021 to the Auditor's office by 4:00 PM. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Hackman, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion carried.

Lisa Welter present at 1:56 PM.

Shirley Troyna present at 2:01 PM.

Dusty Rolando present at 2:02 PM.

Discuss Human Resources consulting services and/or Union negotiations- renew Human Resource consulting services with Ahlers & Cooney or request for proposals for Human Resources consulting services and/or Union negotiations. No discussion or action taken.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to remove and discard the existing dishwasher at the Heritage Home with lessor Prairie View Management. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion carried.

2:15 PM Lisa Welter COVID update.

Gorman left at 2:15 PM.

Troyna, Welter and Rolando left at 2:21 PM.

Discuss optional Tyler Tech software purchase to provide electronic access for Chickasaw County Employees for payroll purposes. No discussion or action taken.

Committee Assignment Updates.

Hackman left at 2:40 PM.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 2:42 PM. Roll Call: Ayes- Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Zoll and Hackman absent. Motion carried.

Rick Holthaus, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Stephanie Mashek, Auditor