

CHICKASAW COUNTY
August 2nd, 2021

The Board convened on Monday, August 2nd, 2021, at 9:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Zoll, Holthaus, Hackman and Kuhn in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holthaus. Present was Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Ray Armel, and Terry Johnson.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the agenda for August 2nd, 2021 with the deletion of the 12:00 PM appointment. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the board minutes from July 26th, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:05 AM No Public Comment

9:06 AM Ray Armel discussed the minor subdivision for Richard A. Grandy Estate.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve minor subdivision for Richard A. Grandy Estate with RESOLUTION 08-02-21-41 Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. RESOLUTION 08-02-21-41 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: PARCEL 2021-41 AND 2021-42 IN THE NW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 32, PARCEL 2021-43 IN THE SW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 32, 2021-44 IN THE NE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 31, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 2nd DAY of August, 2021 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of PARCEL 2021-41 AND 2021-42 IN THE NW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 32, PARCEL 2021-43 IN THE SW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 32, 2021-44 IN THE NE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 31, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA Was presented. WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of PARCEL 2021-41 AND 2021-42 IN THE NW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 32, PARCEL 2021-43 IN THE SW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 32, 2021-44 IN THE NE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 31, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA Has now been considered and should be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 2nd DAY of AUGUST, 2021. /ss/ Richard Holthaus Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Chickasaw County Auditor.

Armel left at 9:18 AM.

Gorman left at 9:18 AM.

9:30 AM Discussion on the Matrix for Rosewood Facility ID 60643 application

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the Matrix for Rosewood Facility ID 60643 application. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Dave Gorman present at 9:45 AM.

Gorman discussed the claim from Angel Electric in the amount of \$60 at the LEMC located at 516 S. Linn New Hampton.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$267.90. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve claims in the amount of \$69.04. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$137,189.40. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Gorman left at 10:15 AM.

Committee Assignment Update:

Hackman has a Chickasaw County Ambulance Council meeting on August 3, 2021. Item on the agenda is to discuss a county owned ambulance however, the county supervisors has not been presented or discussed a county owned ambulance.

Hackman provided an update on CSS and notified the board of the Chris Hoffman's retirement party taking place on August 18th at 11:30-1:30 PM at 3362 University Ave. Waterloo. IA.

Zoll went to the FMC landfill on July 26th, 2021.

Byrne attended the Work Force Development meeting on July 29th, 2021.

Jennifer Schwickerath present at 10:18 AM.

Committee Assignment Update continued:

Holthaus attended Northeast Iowa Community Action meeting via zoom on July 26th, 2021.

Mike Kennedy present at 10:20 AM.

Chairperson recessed at 10:22 AM.

Reconvened at 10:30 AM.: Jennifer Schwickerath, Nathaniel Schwickerath, Mike Kennedy, Terry Johnson, Marty Hemann, and Kelly Lepstra, a member of media.

Ann Smisek present via phone at 10:34 AM.

10:34 AM Jennifer Schwickerath, Nathaniel Schwickerath, and Ann Smisek from Ahlers Cooney to discuss options for the vacancy of the County Attorney's Office.

Schwickerath provided an update since the posting of the vacancy. She received a phone call from an individual that currently works as an assistant attorney but did not want to have his name or place of work to be disclosed. Schwickerath discussed the start date in August would not be feasible for either Nathaniel Schwickerath or the other interested applicant.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Byrne to enter into closed session at 10:43 AM. to include Board Secretary Stephanie Mashek, Nathaniel Schwickerath, Martin Hemann, and Ann Smisek (via phone) to be authorized to be present. Roll Call: Ayes- Kuhn, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Jennifer Schwickerath entered into the closed session by the boards request at 11:30 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to end closed session at 11:52 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Hackman, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Terry Johnsonn, Kelly Lepstra, a member of media, and Denise Ballard present at 11:52 AM.

Discussion on the fees from the Anderson Law Firm. County Attorney Schwickerath will request clarification on the fees.

Shirley Troyna present at 11:56 AM.

Hemann left at 11:57 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to direct the Chickasaw County Attorney to draft an agreement with the Anderson Law Firm to provide legal services to Chickasaw County until the vacancy or 90 days from vacancy. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Smisek left at 12:05 PM.

Nathaniel Schwickerath and Kennedy left at 12:09 PM.

Discussion on the Deerfield Wildlife Area Easement Agreement for Conservation and Recreational Access and Authorize Chair's Signature on Easement Agreement. Jennifer Schwickerath will forward the easement to the Auditor.

Ray Armel, Dusty Rolando, and John Murray present at 12:10 AM.

Kelly Lepstra and Schwickerath left at 12:10 PM.

Hackman left at 12:11 AM.

Hackman present at 12:13 AM.

12:15 AM Denise Ballard from Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan discussed the county's health insurance policy.

Ballard presented a packet containing information regarding our claims and current health insurance policy. Ballard stated that Wellmark is in control of the delivery of their products and not Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan. Ballard invited Wellmark to join in the discussion as they would be not be biased and can provide us with the rules when switching plans within Wellmark. Ballard said she create a trust in order to cater to entities wanting to not have coverage with Wellmark since they stipulate that entities need to not have coverage with their health care company for one year prior to returning to Wellmark. Ballard does not control this trust any more but she can refer the board to that representative if the board wants to venture that way. Ballard expressed her concerns if the board chooses to go away from a Trust coverage plan. Chickasaw County is one of the best counties with a low loss ratio. Byrne stated that he heard that United Healthcare is not a preferred health insurance provider. Ballard said from a consumer side she has not experienced anything negative but from the provider side it is not desirable. Holthaus stated he had been approached by several department heads about their concerns about changing their health insurance provider. Ballard stated that she felt the county going to a self funded option was not a good idea for our county employees as the size of the group was too small. Kuhn asked if Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan has

tiered plans. Ballard said it may be computed, however Wellmark will still charge you a total annual premium regardless if there are tiers or not. Hackman asked why groups have left Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan and Ballard responded an example of Hancock county was an anomaly. Zoll stated that the balance of the EBS accounts and how it is helped. Ballard said that more people involved within the plan is needed and encouraged family plans to help mitigate the risk.

Donna Geerts present at 1:26PM.

Ballard will run a four tier rates. Byrne stated that all this would do is increase the family plan and Ballard confirmed this.

Johnson left at 1:38 PM.

Geerts left at 1:40 PM.

Discussion on the percentage of change for family and single plans. Discussion on making the county employees aware of the administration costs and cost sharing of insurance premiums. Ballard will look into the ACA regulations on employers offsetting the cost for single plans that is required by law. Ray Armel asked Ballard if a committee would be beneficial to discuss health insurance coverage and costs. Ballard works with other counties that have committees and encouraged Chickasaw County to follow suit.

Mike Kennedy present at 2:02 PM.

Troyna, Ballard, Armel, Rolando, and Murray left at 2:05 PM.

Holthaus asked that input go through the Auditor and the Auditor will work with Ballard. Byrne stated that attracting employees for longevity is desirable.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve the Deerfield Wildlife Area Easement Agreement for Conservation and Recreational Access and Authorize Chair's Signature on Easement Agreement with Carolyn Nelson. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 2:12 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Richard Holthaus, Chairperson
Board of Supervisor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Mashek, Secretary of the Board