

**CHICKASAW COUNTY**  
**August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

The Board convened on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, at 9:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Holthaus, Hackman, Zoll 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. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek and Terry Johnson.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Byrne to approve the agenda for August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve the minutes for August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the minutes for August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dave Gorman present at 9:09 AM.

Ray Armel present at 9:10 AM.

9:10 AM Ray Armel discussed the 2021 Homestead Tax Credits and 2021 Military Exemptions.

Hackman posed the question regarding the new law on the redaction of names. Armel stated that the redaction of name is through the online system and does not address names on paper filing.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Hackman to approve the 2021 Homestead Tax Credits including disabled Veterans Homestead tax credits with the recommendation by the County Assessor. Roll Call: Ayes- Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the 2021 Military Exemptions with the recommendation by the County Assessor. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Armel left at 9:20 AM.

9:20 AM Dave Gorman provided a department update. Discussion on the walnut tree located on the south side of the LEMC building located at 516 S. Linn. Gorman is still waiting for bids for the removal of the tree. Consensus is to obtain bids for the removal of both trees including grinding stumps. Discussion on the value of the walnut tree trunk.

Discussion on the courthouse drinking water. The water quality has been decreasing due to the old plumbing. Hackman asked if filtering the water is going to help and transition to what the school has done with water bottle fillers. Gorman said he had looked into a filtering the system 4 or 5 years ago. The feedback he had received at the time was either going to be very costly due to the water main being too large. The water softener on the boiler is doing its job.

Joan Knoll present at 9:34 AM.

Dusty Rolando present at 9:35 AM.

Continued discussion on the quality of water. The consensus of the board is to allow Gorman to look into what avenues can be taken to resolve this issue.

Gorman discussed the insurance guidelines for contractors for the lawn mowing and snow removal. Judy Funk from Heartland provided the guidelines for contractor insurance coverage. Gorman stated that the new signs are installed at the LEMC building. They continue to work on small projects at that building. Discussion on office furniture that is no longer being used and will be up for bid in the future.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to publish notice for office items up for bid. View items on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with bids being due September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4:00 PM at the Auditor's office. Bids will be opened on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:15 AM. Publication in the official county papers on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, respectively, and the county website. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Hackman asked if the window was still leaking in the garage on the south wall. Gorman stated that water continues to come through and had caulked it however, it did not help. Hackman asked if the window treatments were installed yet. Gorman stated that Dungey's was in and installed them.

Holthaus asked Rolando about the mud jacking of the courthouse sidewalks and caulking the seams. Gorman stated that the section of the west side heading south is lower than the rest. Kuhn stated that he felt the east side heading south is settling as well. Kuhn did not feel that it was too drastic. Rolando stated that the project could be between \$4,000 to \$5,000. Holthaus stated the bid, with itemized amounts, received back on May 3, 2021. Holthaus stated that sealing needs to be complete prior to winter.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve the mud jacking of the sidewalk located on the west side of the courthouse building and sealing all areas that need to be addressed. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Zoll, Hackman, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Gorman and Rolando left at 10:10 AM.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Byrne to approve the release of liability and indemnification agreement between Chickasaw County, Iowa & Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation regarding food distribution and authorize chairperson's signature. Roll Call: Ayes- Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Nays- Hackman. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the 28E Agreement with Cedar Valley Friends of the Family and Chickasaw County and authorize chairperson's signature, file with the County Recorder, and Secretary of State's office. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Zoll, Byrne, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Gary Oldenburger present at 10:20 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve RESOLUTION 08-23-21-45. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried. **RESOLUTION 08-23-21-45 WHEREAS**, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family's mission is to provide safe shelter, confidential services, and housing assistance to individuals in crisis due to homelessness, domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Cedar Valley Friends of the Family envisions a future where everyone has a home. **WHEREAS**, Chickasaw County wishes to assist Cedar Valley Friends of the Family in providing safe shelter and case management services to survivors of violence from Chickasaw County through a funding commitment of \$2,000 for FY22. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Chickasaw County approves and authorizes the Chair to sign the attached Letter of Agreement between Chickasaw County, Iowa, and Cedar Valley Friends of the Family to provide safe shelter and case management to survivors of violence from Chickasaw County. /ss/ Richard Holthaus, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Auditor.

Chairperson recessed at 10:25 AM.

The board reconvened at 10:30 AM with all members present Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll, and Holthaus. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Ann Smisek, Gary Oldenburger, Terry Johnson, and Joan Knoll.

Johnson and Knoll left at 10:30 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) “[t]o 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.” at 10:30 AM and allow Ann Smisek, HR Attorney from Ahlers Cooney, to be present. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Hackman to end the closed session at 11:33 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

No action taken.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Zoll to adjourn at 11:34 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Richard Holthaus, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisor

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Mashek, Secretary of the Board