

CHICKASAW COUNTY

July 26th, 2021

The Board convened on Monday, July 26th, 2021, at 9:00 AM with members present Byrne, Zoll, Holthaus, and Kuhn in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. Hackman, absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holthaus. Present was Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Ray Armel, and Terry Johnson.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Zoll to approve the agenda for July 26th, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes- Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

Dave Gorman present at 9:03 AM.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Byrne to approve the minutes from July 19th, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes- Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

Armel left at 9:07 AM.

9:12 AM No Public Comment

9:13 AM Dave Gorman informed the board that the air conditioners at the jail building have been installed. Discussed contracting snow removal and mowing to two county owned properties.

Dusty Rolando present at 9:15 AM.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Byrne to direct Gorman to obtain quotes for snow removal for FY 21-22 and mowing for FY22 bids for county owned properties located at 516 S. Linn Ave New Hampton and 910 E. Main St. New Hampton due by August 27th, 2021 at 4:30 PM at the Auditor's office with publications in the two county official newspapers. Roll Call: Ayes- Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

Sue Breitbach present at 9:19 AM.

9:20 AM Sue Breitbach discussed a mobile home in Ionia to abate the taxes that no longer exists for Ann Maria DeBettignies.

Gorman left at 9:21 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve RESOLUTION 07-26-21-40 to abate mobile home taxes for Ann Maria DeBettignies. Ayes- Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Hackman, absent. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION 07-26-21-40 ABATING MOBILE HOME TAXES WHEREAS, there are unpaid mobile home taxes, listed under the name of Ann Maria DeBettignies . According to Iowa Code Section 435.25 the Board of Supervisors shall abate taxes on property by resolution when it is administratively impractical to pursue tax collection through remedies of this section. All taxes shall be abated, by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. WHEREAS, the mobile home was located at 200 W South St, Ionia, IA, Title # 19AA77401, VIN#1470PBI3074. The taxes owed were for the assessment year 2018 and 2019, the taxes are \$ 296.00, interest and miscellaneous fees are \$ 52.00. The mobile home is no longer there, it had been sold but never transferred to the new owner and now the mobile home is no longer located at 200 W South St, Ionia, IA. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board is in agreement by their motion on July 26, 2021, and directs the Treasurer to abate all taxes due. CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: /ss/ Richard Holthaus, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Chickasaw County Auditor.

Breitbach left at 9:25 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Kuhn to amend the meeting minutes from July 12th, 2021 to state "Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to end the closed session at 10:33 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus Motion Carried." Ayes- Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

9:30 AM Dusty Rolando discussed the Permission to Enter Premises Agreement for Project LFM-FY22-01-7x-19 with Wayne and Sandra Lantow.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Byrne to enter into the premises agreement for Project LFM-FY22-01-7x-19 with Wayne and Sandra Lantow and authorize chairperson's signature. Ayes- Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

Rolando discussed the Vermeer mower. Horse power needed is 60 and the current tractors have 120. Marks Tractor and Equipment in Osage is the vendor.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Zoll to allow the purchase of a Vermeer M6050 to be purchased in the amount of \$11,388. Ayes- Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

Discussed uncontrolled intersections and the current crash on Kenwood Ave and 150th Street New Hampton. Rolando handed out information for www.ia.zerofatilities.com explaining how to drive defensively when traveling on gravel roads.

Discussion on the side walks around the courthouse. No action taken.

Marty Hemann and Jennifer Schwickerath present at 9:53 AM.

Rolando provided a department update. Spot rocking, contract rock division III is finishing this week, Ivanhoe pipe repair this week, and V48 detour signing is being prepared.

Supervisor Hackman is present via phone at 9:56 AM.

Bob Fenske is present at 9:57 AM.

Ann Smisek present via phone at 10:00 AM.

10:00 AM Jennifer Schwickerath & Ann Smisek, Ahlers Cooney

Discuss options for the vacancy of the County Attorney's office. Schwickerath reached out to Fayette County and Anderson Law Firm to obtain coverage for the county until an appointment is made or if a special election takes place.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Byrne to acknowledge the resignation of the County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney effective August 13, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes- Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, Hackman, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Mike Kennedy present at 10:07 AM.

Anderson Law Firm is willing to assist at the rate of \$225 per hour plus mileage and other expenses. Temporary coverage can only be for 90 days per Iowa Code. Anderson Law Firm would only be willing to provide coverage until the end of October 2021. Schwickerath spoke to Nate Schwickerath and he is considering assisting but it would need to be a part-time basis. Schwickerath recommended either a full-time or two part-time assistant county attorneys. Zoll mentioned sharing a county attorney with another county through a 28E Agreement. Schwickerath responded that it is a possibility but the size of the surrounding county offices is unlikely due to the number of employees in those offices. Hackman reached out to the Howard County chair to ask if their county attorney would help out and they could on a temporary basis. Schwickerath stated that the civil work can be contracted out on a permanent basis but the county attorney has to handle the criminal cases. Mike Kennedy encouraged the board to attract more attorneys to the area. Discussion on advertising the positions as full time or part time for the pending vacancies. Hackman reached out to Floyd County and Howard County Supervisor.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Zoll to post the opening for full time or part time for the open vacancy of the county attorney position advertising in the New Hampton Tribune, Nashua Reporter, and online until opening is filled. Roll Call: Ayes- Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, Hackman, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Hackman to direct county attorney and Ahlers Cooney to draft a Resolution to change from full time status to part time status for county position for August 9, 2021 board of supervisors meeting. Roll Call: Ayes- Kuhn, Hackman, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Hackman left at 10:49 AM.

Discussion continued on how to proceed in filling the future vacancy of the county attorney position.

Smisek, Schwickerath, Hemann, Fenske, Kennedy and Rolando left at 11:00 AM.

Mellissa Bierman and Katy Kuehn present at 11:00 AM.

11:00 AM Mellissa Bierman and Katy Kuehn reviewed the VA code 35B and the responsibility of reporting quarterly to the board. A grant was awarded for \$10,000 to the VA department. \$66,000 was awarded to the Chickasaw County VA from the IDVA Trust fund for the month of June. \$17,000 was awarded to the Chickasaw County from the IDVA Trust Fund for the month of July. Bierman made the board aware of the upcoming events and will advertise these appropriately.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Byrne to approve the VA quarterly report as presented. Roll Call: Ayes- Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

Bierman and Kuehn left at 11:15 AM.

Chairperson recessed at 11:16 AM.

The board reconvened at 11:21 AM with board members present Zoll, Holthaus, Byrne, and Kuhn in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. Hackman, absent. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek and Terry Johnson.

Discussed the lease terms for Gilmore-Wapsi and Ringneck Haven farm ground and verbiage for publications.

Motion by Byrne, by Zoll to publish the Gilmore-Wapsi and Ringneck Haven farm ground for cash rent for a three-year term with the New Hampton Tribune, Nashua Reporter, and Fredericksburg Review. Bids due back on August 27th, 2021 at 4:30 PM to the Auditor's office.

Committee Assignment Update

Zoll attended the FMC landfill finance meeting on July 21, 2021.

Byrne attended the American Rescue Plan Act meeting on July 21, 2021.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 11:39 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

Richard Holthaus, Chairperson
Board of Supervisor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Mashek, Secretary of the Board