

CHICKASAW COUNTY
August 30th, 2021

The Board convened on Monday, August 30th, 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, Terry Johnson, Matt Holschlag, Jason Demeray, Jim Cook, and Ron Flick.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the agenda with the addition for August 30, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Kuhn to approve the minutes for August 23, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:05 Hackman made public comment

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve the publication of the notice of intent to appoint, David Laudner, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 69.14A(2)(a)(1), as the Chickasaw County Attorney on September 30, 2021 to serve the remainder of the county attorney's elected term in the New Hampton Tribune, Nashua Reporter, Fredericksburg Review, and the county website. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

9:15 AM Opened bids for cash rental lease of county farm rental property. Jason Demeray bid \$340 per acre. Matt Holschlag bid for \$330 per acre. Mike Bucknell bid for \$273 per acre. Holschlag increased his bid to \$350 per acre. Demeray increased to \$355 per acre. Holschlag increased his bid to \$360 per acre.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to accept Matt Holschlag's bid to rent the county farm rental property at \$360 per acre for 60.84 acres for a three year lease term. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Holschlag stated that he thinks there needs to be verbiage about the terraces being addressed in the lease agreement. Holschlag also stated there are three physical obstacles that make spraying more difficult. He suggested squaring off one of them as the other two are sufficient.

9:25 AM Open bids for Ringneck Haven Farm Ground. No bids were submitted.

Dusty Rolando present at 9:30 AM.

9:30 AM Open bids for cash rental lease of Gilmore Wapsi access farm ground. Matt Holschlag bid for \$60 per acre.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to accept the bid of Matt Holschlag for the Gilmore Wapsi access farm ground for 15 acres for a three year lease agreement. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Demeray left at 9:36 AM.

Mike Kennedy present at 9:36 AM.

Rolando discussed road department activities. Rolando has applied for funding on a bridge in Byrne's district and it was approved so local tax dollars do not need to be used. Rolando stated there is a six-county meeting coming up on September 2, 2021. Road department mowed hard surface roads, sprayed willows on V48, pavement marking plans, and ditch cleaning south of the Fredericksburg city limits. Rolando stated that he has approximately 40 spots that need to be addressed due to the rainfall over the weekend. Proper documentation will be made.

Kennedy left at 9:51 AM.

Dave Gorman present at 9:55 AM.

Rolando stated that his staff worked Saturday and held a meeting this morning to discuss the prioritization of areas needing to be addressed. Kuhn stated he had a constituent contact him inquiring why motor graders were not out over the weekend. Rolando stated that due to the water levels and water over the roads makes it impossible for the movement of equipment. Hackman asked if there will be a press release from secondary road. Rolando said Bob Fenske from the local newspaper contacted him and something will be published. Hackman stated that Senator Waylon Brown, Representative Todd Prichard, and Representative Randy Feenstra were here on Sunday to see the damage in Chickasaw County.

Holschlag left at 10:01 AM.

Rolando stated that all three foreman's were out on Saturday. Rolando stated he will work with Jeff Bernatz on accessing the damage. Hackman stated that there are a lot of staging areas with heavily loaded semis to assist with the train derailment and would like to know what damage has been done by the heavy equipment brought in by Canadian Pacific.

10:22 AM David Gorman discussed the mud jacking and crack seal maintenance at county buildings. Rolando stated that a quote has not been provided by the vendor yet.

Bids were opened for the removal of two trees for the LEMC building located at 516 S. Linn. A bid from Dustin Meirick for \$1300 to remove both trees and \$300 stump grinding. A bid from Bob Rosonke \$950 for walnut tree and \$1500 for the north tree that includes removal, cleanup, fill in, seed, and fertilize. A bid from Cedar River Tree Service for \$3,000 for cutting down and no clean up.

Martin Hemann present at 10:27 AM.

10:34 AM Sheriff Martin Hemann

Chair opened bids for TAC vehicle. A bid from Dennis Taylor for the amount of \$250. A bid from Gary Schmitt for the amount of \$425.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to accept Gary Schmitt's bid in the amount of \$425 for the purchase of the Sheriff's TAC vehicle. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Hemann provided a department update per chair's request due to the natural disaster emergency within the county. A deputy was injured in a car accident where the road collapsed. Hemann has received the proper paperwork from the Auditor's office. Hemann responded to the call of the deputies accident and the train derailment. Hemann said there was an incident meeting with the Canadian Pacific, EMA, and law enforcement. Another debriefing will take place tonight. Hemann stressed the saying "don't drown, turn around" and encouraged people not to tour the areas that have been impacted the most so crews can work.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Zoll to accept Dustin Meirick's bid in the amount of \$1,600 for the removal and cleanup of two trees located at the LEMC building located at 516 S. Linn. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Katy Kuehn and Mellissa Bierman present at 10:59 AM.
Gorman left at 11:00 AM.

11:00 AM Katy Kuehn and Veterans Affairs Administrator Mellissa Bierman discussed the Iowa Department of Veterans affairs allocation and department update. VA compensation benefits for \$210,838 for June and \$218,536 for the month of July. Rain date for the golf tournament in September. Biermann stated that sponsors for the tournament in the amount of \$1,400 to decrease the expense of hosting the event. Hackman read Iowa Code 35.10B. Holthaus stated he received some phone calls from veterans that were frustrated with their VA contacts in another town. Holthaus asked if these individuals have contacted our local VA administrator and provided them the contact information.

Hemann left at 11:20 AM.

11:21 AM Jim Cook discussed declaring Chickasaw County to be a second amendment sanctuary county.

Bridgette Edson present at 11:24 AM.
Kuehn and Biermann left at 11:27 AM.

Continued discussion on the second amendment sanctuary.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve the Resolution declaring Chickasaw County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County.

Rolando left at 11:34 AM.

Holthaus read part of the Waterloo Courier's write up on the Constitutional County.

Hackman called for vote. Roll Call: Ayes- Zoll, Byrne, Hackman, and Kuhn. Nays- Holthaus. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO 08-30-21-46 WHEREAS, the right of the people to keep and bear arms is guaranteed as an individual right under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed" and WHEREAS, the right of the people to keep and bear arms for defense of life, liberty, and property is regarded as an inalienable right by the people of Chickasaw County, Iowa; and WHEREAS, the people of Chickasaw County, Iowa derive economic benefit from all lawful forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within Chickasaw County using all types of firearms allowable under the

United States Constitution and the laws of the State of Iowa; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors was elected to represent the citizens of Chickasaw County, and have sworn by their Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Iowa; and WHEREAS, legislation is currently being considered and expected to be proposed by both the Iowa Legislature and Federal Legislature that potentially seeks to infringe on the constitutionally protected right of citizens of keep and bear arms; and WHEREAS, it is desirable to declare that Chickasaw County is a Second Amendment Sanctuary County, as Chickasaw County opposes the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the constitutional right of the people of Chickasaw County to keep and bear arms, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors hereby declares Chickasaw County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County, and thereby states its opposition to the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the constitutional right of the people of Chickasaw County to keep and bear arms. /ss/ Richard Holthaus. Chair to the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board of Supervisors.

11:38 AM Edson discussed the EMA update on the natural disaster within the county.

Dusty Rolando present at 11:39 AM.

Edson provided the timeline on the roll out of information for this natural disaster. Discussion on houses that sustained major damage would not be covered by FEMA. Rolando spoke on the impact on the roads and documentation for FEMA. Bridgette discussed the derailment. Hickory road will be closed and contacted the school to discuss bus routes. The temporary road is being built so they can get to the tankers to clean up and remove. Well testing cannot be conducted right now.

Edson left at 11:58 AM.

Holthaus stated that it would be a good idea for the EMA board to schedule a meeting. Holthaus stated that conservation needs to be involved as this may have affected their department.

Dave Gorman present at 12:05 PM.

Rolando left at 12:05 PM.

Chair opened bids for lawn care and snow removal at 910 E. Main Street and 516 S. Linn Avenue. A bid from Nolan Boyd in the amount of \$35 per time for mowing and trimming of grass only for the 910 E. Main Street location. A bid from Jason Holthaus in the amount of \$75 per hour for snow removal at both locations and lawn care bid for \$35 per hour with trimming included. A bid from Babcock Services in the amount of \$50 per time for mowing at LEMC building and \$175 per time for snow removal. \$50 per time for mowing and \$85 per time for snow removal for the CSB. A bid from Jeffrey Bobenmoyer for \$50 per hour for mowing and trimming at the LEMC building. \$50 per time for mowing and trimming at CSB.

Flick left at 12:38 PM.

Johnson left at 12:50 PM.

Discussion on the process of snow removal for dustings versus inches of snow.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the bid from Nolan Boyd for mowing at the CSB building at the amount of \$35 per time to commence in the growing season of the calendar year 2022. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Zoll, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the bid from Babcock Services for mowing at the LEMC building at the amount of \$50 per time to commence in the growing season of the calendar year 2022. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Zoll, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Gorman provided a department update and discussed having the Auditor send out a memo to have offices stop adjusting thermostats.

Cook left at 12:50 PM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$101,045.70. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve claims in the amount of \$1,459.49. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Mashek left at 12:57 PM.

Laura Wickham, designated by Auditor to act as Secretary to the board for the remainder of today's meeting, present at 12:57 PM.

Committee Assignment Updates

Matt Kuhn attended the 8/19 Regional Transportation Meeting Update, 8/24 Upper Wapsi watershed meeting \$600 request from each county RC&D to do work, and 8/19 Iowa Northland Economic meeting. Rick Holthaus attended the 8/23

Community Action meeting. Jacob Hackman attended the 8/18 for DCAT Board Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw and the 8/23 Pathways Annual Board meeting & Monthly meeting. Tim Zoll attended the 8/23 FMC Early Child Care meeting and the 8/23 FMC Landfill meeting.

Discussion regarding the RFP the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council is proposing.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 2:00 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Richard Holthaus, Chairperson
Board of Supervisor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Mashek, Secretary of the Board