

# CHICKASAW COUNTY

## September 13, 2021

The Board convened on Monday, September 13<sup>th</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, Jeff Bernatz, and Joan Knoll.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Zoll to approve the agenda for September 13, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve the minutes from September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:05 AM No Public Comment

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the invoice to Iowa Precinct Atlas Consortium in the amount of \$3,000 and direct the Auditor to pay the invoice from the election budget. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Nays- Zoll. Motion Carried.

9:15 AM Jeff Bernatz provided an update for the Radio Communication Tower Project update. The coverage testing begins on September 27, 2021. Bernatz spoke with Wess regarding inventory and Wess still has 100 mobiles and 15 portables in his possession.

Dusty Rolando present at 9:15 AM.

Bernatz stated that weeds were sprayed around the tower site. Discussion on the insurance needs for the Radio Communication Tower Project. Discussion on the final payment terms. Bernatz stated the final payment is due when the project is completed.

Rolando stated that his office is still putting in numbers for the damage done by the flooding. Estimated around \$550,000 for FEMA funds, which is below the \$1 million dollar threshold to initiative FEMA funding, and discussion on the State ER funding. Rolando said around \$250,000 is not covered and will have to be taken out of the Secondary Road budget. Rolando leased an extvator for \$10,000 per month. State wide threshold for funding is \$5 million and most likely will not be met. Bernatz encouraged residents to assess the damage to their property and take the necessary steps to turn in their information.

Marty Hemann present at 9:35 AM.

Hemann stated that the deputy's vehicle is totaled out on the Boyd Blacktop due to the washout of the road. Hackman questioned the invoice for the transport of an inmate via ambulance. Hemann stated that the county has to pay and then seek reimbursement per Iowa Code.

Toni Frederich present at 9:41 AM.

Hemann stated this invoice will use up half of his budget line item for the ambulance invoice but Gansen has been keeping the medical costs at a minimum. Hackman questioned whether or not the inmate has insurance that would cover the cost. Byrne asked whether or not the county will be invoiced for the inmate's emergency visit to the hospital.

Hemann left at 9:48 AM.

Hackman questioned the secondary road invoice for new LED lighting at the shop. Rolando responded he received only one quote from Eric Hoey and accepted the quote.

Discussion on the county observed holiday closing schedule.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Hackman to approve the Chickasaw County Offices Holiday Closing Schedule for calendar year 2022 and publish in our official newspapers Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

10:00 AM Toni Frederich discussed the Medical Examiner Investigator and stated that there has been no increase in pay for the past four years. Frederich asked that the fees be increased from \$150 to \$250 per case. Frederich said that there are some months with no cases and other months there are a few cases. Frederich has taken care of ten cases this calendar year. Hackman asked if an additional Medical Examiner Investigator needs to be added to the roster. Frederich would like another Medical Examiner Investigator to help with coverage. Frederich stated that there is state reporting that takes additional time for each case.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne for Chickasaw County Medical Examiner Investigator rate of pay to increase to \$225 per case effective September 13, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to advertise for another Medical Examiner Investigator for Chickasaw County, open until filled, by posting to social media and other free outlets. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Frederich and Bernatz left at 10:20 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the 28E Agreement with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging and authorize chairperson's signature and file with the county recorder. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Zoll, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Chairperson recessed at 10:24 AM.

The Board reconvened on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:30 AM with all members present Holthaus, Zoll, Byrne, Hackman, and Kuhn. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek and Dusty Rolando.

10:30 AM Dusty Rolando discussion on road department activities. Secondary road employees have been putting in over time for the past two weeks due to the flooding and over time was discontinued as of last Friday. Blading continues on the gravel roads, spot rocking some areas, and pulling rocks out of ditches. Discussion on mud-jacking around the courthouse. The new quote for the mud-jacking for the sidewalk on the west side of the courthouse \$4,100. A quote for caulking the north and west side of the courthouse is \$1,900.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the quote in the amount of \$4,100 for the mud-jacking of the sidewalk on the west side of the courthouse and \$1,900 for sealing the north and west sidewalks of the courthouse. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Mike Galloway present via phone at 10:47 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to enter into closed session at 10:48 AM 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." Per Rolando's request. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to end the closed session at 11:44 AM. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

No action taken.

Rolando reviewed County Engineer's IDOT annual report for FY2021.

Byrne asked the status of the bridge in Fredericksburg. Rolando stated that the construction company has requested that the project be pushed to next year. Rolando stated that the Iowa DOT has to be in agreement with it due to the SWAP funding for this project.

Discussed the budget amendment for FY 2021-2022.

Rolando left at 12:50 PM.

Committee Assignment Updates:

Zoll attended a FMC Landfill board meeting September 9, 2021.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve the claims in the amount of \$7,083.95. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve the claims in the amount of \$335,452.74. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to adjourn at 1:17 PM. 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