

CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
March 4, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Attorney David Laudner, Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Terry Johnson, Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) Rustin Lingbeek, Engineer Roman Lensing, Assessor Raymond Armel, Stanton Electric Chuck Stanton, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Kathy Shekleton, Alhers & Cooney Attorney Jason Comisky (Phone).

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for March 4, 2024 with the 9:40 AM Custodian Dave Gorman tabled to a later date. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from February 26, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Abstained: Hackman and Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from February 27, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Abstained: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to amend the February 22, 2024 minutes to have Supervisor Cerwinski leaving at 2:30 PM and have the adjournment read, Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 2:45 PM. Roll Call: Ayes: Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Hackman and Cerwinski. Roll Call: Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Abstained Hackman and Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Public comment. Terry Johnson asked about the owl working last week and that he had negative feelings about the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center Water Main Extension Project.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to set the 2nd Monday of the month for the end of quarter department meetings: March 11 @ 1:00 P.M., June 10 @ 1:00 P.M., September 9 @ 1:00 P.M., and December 9 @ 1:00 P.M.. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to open Public Hearing Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 26.12 for Proposed Public Improvement Project at 9:12 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, and Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Discussion for and against Chickasaw Heritage Building Center Water Main Extension Project. No written comment.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to close Public Hearing Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 26.12 for Proposed Public Improvement Project at 9:23 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, and Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to direct the County Attorney to draft two resolutions one to approve contract and bond and the second to award the contract for Chickasaw Heritage Building Center Water Main Extension Project to Popp Excavating, Inc, Osage Iowa, for \$143,838.75. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Cerwinski. Nays: Breitbach, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Urban Renewal Plan updates with Alhers & Cooney Attorney Jason Comisky (Phone).

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION #03-04-24-09 FOR A COUNTY TO AWARD CONTRACT & DELEGATE CONTRACT SIGNING IN DOC EXPRESSWHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the Bridge Replacement - PPCB Project BROS-C019(111)—5F-19, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Chickasaw County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as Bridge Replacement Project – PPCB on 310th St., over East Fork Wapsipicon River, S34, T94, R12; and WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting' and HEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Chickasaw County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board to accept the bid from Peterson Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$1,215,158.05 and awards to associated contract(s) to the same; Dated at Chickasaw County, Iowa, this 4th day of March, 2024 /ss/ Scott Cerwinski, Chairman, Aye: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor's Office or online on county's website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov> under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve RESOLUTION #03-04-24-10 FOR A COUNTY TO AWARD CONTRACT & DELEGATE CONTRACT SIGNING IN DOC EXPRESS WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes the Traffic Sign Project HSIP-SWAP-C019(112)—FJ-19, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Chickasaw County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as Traffic Signs Project on B-16, B-22, B-28, B-33, B-44, B-54, B-57, T-76, V-56, V-64, 225th St., Kenwood Ave. & South Linn Ave.; and WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting’ and WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Chickasaw County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board to accept the bid from Iowa Plains Signing, Inc. in the amount of \$65,770.00 and awards to associated contract(s) to the same; Dated at Chickasaw County, Iowa, this 4th day of March, 2024 /ss/ Scott Cerwinski, Chairman, Aye: Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor’s Office or online on county’s website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov> under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION #03-04-24-11 FOR A COUNTY TO AWARD CONTRACT & DELEGATE CONTRACT SIGNING IN DOC EXPRESS WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes the Pavement Markings Project FM-C019(114)—55-19, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Chickasaw County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as Pavement Markings Project on various county roads; and WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting’ and WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Chickasaw County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board to accept the bid from Vogel Traffic Services, Inc. in the amount of \$171,883.10 and awards to associated contract(s) to the same; Dated at Chickasaw County, Iowa, this 4th day of March, 2024 /ss/ Scott Cerwinski, Chairman, Aye: Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinski /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor’s Office or online on county’s website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov> under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to move forward with a 28E agreement with the City of New Hampton for a locally let PCC Paving Project on Kenwood Ave, from 210th Street to U.S Highway 18 and direct County Attorney to draw the contract up with terms of a five-year contract, interest free, and five annual payments. The first payment set for July 5, 2025. Roll Call: Aye: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve the EMS remodeling project contract for \$169,162.00, with Stanton Electric to be Contract Manager, authorize chair signature, make sure we have liability insurance, and payment will come from EMS budget and ARPA budget. Supervisor Kuhn called a question.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to amend motion to pay the \$169,162.00 for the EMS remodeling project out of EMS fund Supervisor Hackman called a question. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow. Nays: Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Motion failed.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to amend 1st motion to approve the EMS remodeling project contract for \$169,162.00, with Stanton Electric to be Contract Manager, authorize chair signature, make sure we have liability insurance, and payment not to exceed \$64,000.00 will come from ARPA budget and the rest from EMS budget. Roll Call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbach, Cerwinski Nays: Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Discussed Health and Dental Insurance renewal.

Budget work session

Consensus of the board to set Public Hearing for Tax Levies for March 25 at 1:00 PM next week’s meeting.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve **RESOLUTION 03-04-24-12 WHEREAS**, the Chickasaw County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Sections 331.905 and 331.907, and **WHEREAS**, the Chickasaw County Compensation Board met on December 6, 2023 and

made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024:

Elected Official	Current Salary	Proposed Increase	Recommended Salary
Auditor	\$ 72,351.38	\$ 6,511.62	\$ 78,863.00
County Attorney	\$ 121,641.77	\$ 10,947.76	\$ 132,589.53
Recorder	\$ 72,342.14	\$ 6,510.79	\$ 78,852.93
Sheriff	\$ 99,616.32	\$ 8,965.47	\$ 108,581.79
Supervisors	\$ 33,951.65	\$ 3,055.65	\$ 37,007.30
Treasurer	\$ 72,342.14	\$ 6,510.79	\$ 78,852.93

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors may decrease the recommendation for the elected officials--so long as the decrease is by an equal percentage--and also may decrease the recommendation for the Supervisors irrespective of any decrease for the other elected officials; and **WHEREAS**, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors intends to decrease the recommendation for the Supervisors by 6.7% and the recommendation for the other elected officials by 66.7%; **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024:

Elected Official	Current Salary	Proposed Increase	Recommended Salary
Auditor	\$ 72,351.38	\$ 2,170.54	\$ 74,521.92
County Attorney	\$ 121,641.77	\$ 3,649.25	\$ 125,291.02
Recorder	\$ 72,342.14	\$ 2,170.26	\$ 74,512.40
Sheriff	\$ 99,616.32	\$ 2,988.49	\$ 102,604.81
Supervisors	\$ 33,951.65	\$ 1,018.55	\$ 34,970.20
Treasurer	\$ 72,342.14	\$ 2,170.26	\$ 74,512.40

Approved on this 4th day of March 2024. /ss/ Scott Cerwinske, Chairman, Aye: Hackman, Suckow, Cerwinske. Nays: Kuhn, Breitbach.
/ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor

Committee Assignments

Supervisor Cerwinske, Floyd, Mitchell, Chickasaw County Landfill, February 28.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:57 AM. Roll Call: Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach, Hackman, Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinske, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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