

# God puts the right people in our lives at the right time

That last week of January had been a rough one, I'm not going to lie, On Tuesday morning, an insurance adjuster called to tell me that his company was "totaling" my Chevy Impala, one I was mere months away from paying off.

On Wednesday, Robin and I headed to Mankato, Minnesota, for my sister's visitation that night and the funeral the following day.

Before leaving, I had worked a 16-hour day getting the Jan. 29 Tribune completed and the Jan. 30 Nashua Reporter in decent shape so that the Reporter's sports editor, Kelly Terpstra, could put the wraps on the issue while I was up north.

By the time we arrived home Thursday evening, I was, in a word, wiped — physically, mentally and emotionally, especially the latter.

I figured all I needed was a good night's sleep, and Friday would be a new day.

And you know what? It was ... for a while.

Sure, there was the indigestion I felt that Friday afternoon, but I popped a couple of Tums and it went away. So headed out to New Hampton High School for an interview with Superintendent Erik Smith, came home to type up some notes and donned by black pants and striped shirt so I could go referee a freshman



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girls basketball game between the Chickasaws and Starmont.

As officiating goes, it was a pretty easy game to work. New Hampton won by a mile and coaches on both benches treated both my partner, Cory McDonald, and me with proverbial kid gloves.

Late in the game, though, the dang indigestion had returned, but I didn't think much of it. During our trip to Mankato, I had not eaten the best and I figured I was paying for the Pagliai's Pizza that I so adore.

The plan was to run home, shower, get dressed and head to Turkey Valley to cover a couple of basketball games the night before I was going to cover the Upper Iowa Conference boys wrestling tournament that was set for New Hampton.

God, though, had a different plan. In the shower, I, for the lack of a better word, buckled.

The indigestion had become full-blown chest pain. Excruciating full-blown chest pain. It literally took me to my knees. Not only did my chest hurt but my left arm was numb and so were my gums.

I was able to get out of the shower and get dressed, but I made the decision to skip the drive to Jackson Junction and try to get some rest.

For a brief moment or two, the pain subsided, but it returned with a vengeance.

"I'm going to drive to the ER and see what's going on," I said to Robin, who gave me a look of absurd incredulity.

"That's the dumbest thing I've ever heard," she said.

She wasn't wrong. In a life filled with me doing stupid things, driving myself to the ER would have been the dumbest. Robin drove, I walked into the ER and pleaded for help — thinking all along that I'm going to feel incredibly foolish when the doctors and nurses tell me it's just indigestion.

It turned out it wasn't. I was having a heart attack. My blood pressure was skyrocketing, my test results weren't great and the good folks at Mercy New Hampton Medical Center were telling me I was going somewhere to be seen by a cardiologist.

Ninety minutes after arriving at the hospital, I was departing New Hampton in the back of a Chickasaw County EMS ambulance — destination MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City, where the following morning, the cardiac catheter team did an angioplasty and placed a stent in one of my heart valves that was 100 percent blocked.

I also learned that day another valve — the LAD, the so-called widow-maker — was 80 percent blocked and I'd need another stent down the road.

I'm not going to lie — common

theme today — but when a doctor asked me how I was feeling, I had a one word answer.

Angry.

In the last two years, I've lost 75 pounds, and I run three to five miles a day, three to five times a week. I did all that so this wouldn't be happening to me.

"If you hadn't done that," one of the doctors told me that weekend, "your wife would be planning your funeral right now."

By that time in my hospital stay, we had stopped explaining the whole Robin-Bob relationship — married once, divorced and now kind of back together — and just went with the wife thing. It was just a whole lot easier.

The reality, though, is this: Instead of being mad, I suddenly was filled with gratitude.

And in the weeks since, I've come to the conclusion that God puts people in our lives for a reason. There were the ER folks in New Hampton, who were fantastic. There were the ambulance personnel who took great care of me on the ride to Mason City. There were the doctors and nurses at MercyOne North Iowa who were as compassionate and caring as the folks in New Hampton were.

I came home and my co-workers — especially Kelly, Dorothy and Bob Steenson, the Charles City Press edi-

tor — took care of a week's worth of papers for the ol' editor. There were my kids who were beyond supportive, as were legions of friends in New Hampton and beyond.

And there was Robin, who was there when I needed her the most and is making sure I'm doing the things I'm supposed to be doing.

I'll say it one more time. I'm not going to lie; I can't wait for March 27, one week from today when that second stent will be placed — especially after a four-hour stay in the ER this past Tuesday.

Turns out, my heart was fine, but this second stent will give me the peace of mind I crave right now.

My message today is this: Don't mess around with chest pain.

As Marianne Kurash, the best dang cardiac rehab nurse in the world, shared some wise words with methis morning during my appointment.

"I'd rather you come in 10 times and have nothing wrong than have you stay home once when it's the real thing," she said and added with a smile, "because your heart is kind of an important thing."

And I have one more message today. Thank God because He puts people in our lives for a reason. I don't know if I realized that until Jan. 30, but since then, I'm beyond grateful He does.

## Legal Notice

**CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
March 10, 2026

The Board convened on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Carter, Suckow, and Cerwinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Hackman. Vice-chairperson Cerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, County Attorney David Laudner, IGHCPC Denise Ballard, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Recorder Shirley Troyna

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve the agenda for March 10, 2026. Roll call. Ayes: Suckow, Carter, Breitbach, Cerwinske. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Recess: 9:02 AM

Resumed: 9:12 AM

IGHCPC Denise Ballard reviewed the health insurance for FY26-27 for Chickasaw County Employees.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to adjourn at 9:38 AM. Roll call. Ayes: Suckow, Carter, Breitbach, Cerwinske. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinske, Vice-chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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**City of Nashua CITY COUNCIL MINUTES City Hall**

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on March 16, 2026, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Shelly Weiss presiding. Council members present were Peggy Hall, Jake Johnson, and Dan Zwanziger. Sam Johnson arrived at 7:01PM and Teresa Tobin was absent. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott, Street Superintendent Zade McCall, Water/Wastewater Supervisor Nick Henningsen, Fire Chief Tom Johnson, and Park Board Member Nate Sinnwell were present along with 6 guests.

Council member J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve the regular agenda. RC: 3 ayes, Samantha Johnson and Teresa Tobin were absent.

Mayor Weiss asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the regular council meeting March 2, 2026; Building Permit: 410 Mill St.; Demolition/Excavation Permit: 3 Woodbridge St.; and Consent Calendar Payment of Claims: (Feb. 27-March 12, 2026) \$91,492.16 + \$11,844.30 (Wages) See Claims Report.

General Fund: \$18,573.84  
Lake/Dam: \$4085.36  
Urban Revitalization: \$18.00  
Road Use: \$6,966.51  
Employee Benefit: \$62.41  
Dam Repair - After FEMA: \$45.00  
Perm Funds - Lib. Watson: \$791.62  
Water: \$61,393.10  
Sewer: \$11,400.62  
Total Funds: \$103,336.46

Hall/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C, RC: 4 ayes, Tobin absent.

Mayor Weiss asked for citizen comments: Fire Chief Tom Johnson wanted information from the council about how to move forward with the expansion at the fire station. Attorney Skilton stated that he is waiting for more information before they can move forward.

Hearings/Resolutions

Mayor Weiss reminded everyone that there is a public hearing on the Proposed Tax Levy Rate on March 24, 2026, at 6:00PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Business of the Mayor:

The mayor had no business to discuss.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Ott informed the council that February's bank reconciliation was complete and ready for review. He asked the council if they had any questions regarding the February financial reports or the proposed FY'27 budget. He also reminded the council that they had previously tabled discussion on job descriptions and a draft ordinance on downtown permitted uses. The council decided to wait until after the budget is finalized to readdress those items.

City Council

S. Johnson noted that a bolt had broken off on the dead end sign over by Lexington. Street Superintendent McCall will look into it.

Zade McCall Street Superintendent gave his monthly report. He asked the council about burning the brush site. Council member Jake said that they need to make sure they talk to the surrounding residents and inform them when they are going to do it and mayor Weiss said they need to post it on social media. They will call dispatch to notify them as well. He said they currently have 7 patches that need to be done when the weather permits and after this last freeze/thaw cycle the city will need to do

something with Dawn and Dixie Dr. because the streets cracked so badly. He said there are a couple of spots that will be 20'x20' and cold mix will not fix the problem. Council member J. Johnson said that if it is considered maintenance, the city would not have to go out for bids.

Water/Wastewater Supervisor Nick Henningsen informed the council that he has been going back and forth with Parkson about the spiral grit screen system. He is trying to get a start-up scheduled because he doesn't want to touch it until they are on-site. He is going to send them pictures, so they can see exactly how it is set up. Nick said that he told them that he was basically the general manager on the project and the city doesn't have the capacity or resources to be the general manager on a project like this. He wants to make sure they have everything they need prior to them coming for the start-up, so they won't have excuses if it doesn't work, since they travel quite a distance to get here. He informed the council that he doesn't have a water loss report this month because it wouldn't be accurate due to the large leak we had on Hwy 346. Nick mentioned all the curb stops that need to be replaced and said they are going to have someone come in and get it done in one fell swoop. Nick presented a video to the council showing footage from the city's televising of the sewer lines on Bayou Drive. During the presentation, he pointed out numerous private lines that are connected to the main sewer line, which is not permitted. The council engaged in a discussion regarding the appropriate destination for water if these private connections are removed from the main by property owners. To address this issue, the council suggested that Nick obtain cost estimates for installing dedicated drain lines and allowing property owners to connect their private lines to these drain lines, at their expense.

Nick agreed to reach out to engineers to gather information and estimates for the installation of drain lines. He emphasized that while the city could fully line the sewer main, this solution would not resolve the underlying problem caused by the presence of unauthorized private lines connected to the main.

Nate Sinnwell Park Board Member presented the Park Board monthly report. He noted some upcoming dates April 11th - park clean up and May 30th - lake clean up and Blues Brews and BBQ's. He stated that Scott Van Gorp is interested in being Park Board President. The

Park Board will be assigning other positions within the Park Board and assigning roles as well. The council discussed the camp host position, but no decisions were made. Nate discussed several actionable items that were on the agenda as well.

After discussion:

S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve using some of the 5-2-1-0 grant funds for a basketball hoop at Pa's Playground. RC: 4 ayes, Tobin absent.

S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C for the WODD Fund utilizing \$1,000.00 for the town connection app. RC: 4 ayes, Tobin absent.

J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve authorizing City Clerk Ott and Park Board Member Sinnwell to secure the dumpster and porta potty contract that they think is the best option for the city.

Heather Hackman Library Director shared her monthly report with the council.

Action/Discussion items

The council acted on several topics, some

actions were taken during department reports.

S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the Waiver of Service Fee Request for 11 Mill St. RC: 4 ayes, Tobin absent.

Hall/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C to approve sending letters and digging/fixing the broken curb stops for the properties that Utility Clerk Lisa Berends had compiled. RC: 4 ayes, Tobin absent.

J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve the building inspections for 307, 310, and 317 Main St. The cost of the building inspections are \$700/building.

J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve an air quality inspection for mold and asbestos for 307 Main St. RC: 4 ayes, Tobin absent.

Hall/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve a smoke test for 307 Main St. which will be conducted by Nashua Fire and Rescue. RC: 4 ayes, Tobin absent.

Hall/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the amended demolition contract with Lansing Brothers. RC: 4 ayes, Tobin absent.

S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve allowing the pump from the 1984 brush truck to be installed on the 2001 rural truck. RC: 4 ayes, Tobin absent. There will be no cost to the city for this transfer.

The council discussed a couple of requests for some pieces from the buildings that will be demolished. Someone was interested in the old computer store sign and bracket, and another resident was interested in some old pillars to make a memento for the city. After discussion, the council determined that all salvage rights belonged to the contractor, so those individuals would need to work with the contractor individually.

The council discussed the roof repairs needed at city hall and the city shed. Street Supervisor Zade McCall said that they could fix the leak at the city shed themselves. The city will need to get estimates to repair city hall.

J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to end the open session and go into closed session. The reason the meeting went into closed session was Iowa Code 21.5(1)(J) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate. RC: 4 ayes, Tobin absent. The meeting went into closed session at 8:05PM. After Attorney Skilton updated the council and answered council questions, S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to end closed session and resume open session. RC: 4 ayes, Tobin absent. The meeting resumed open session at 8:26PM.

Other Business:

There was no other business. Council member S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C, RC: 4 ayes, Tobin absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM.

Pending Approval by City Council  
John Ott

**CLAIMS REPORT (FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 12, 2026)**

**VENDOR REFERENCE AMOUNT**

LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK, HSA ..... \$1,800.00  
BADGER METER, WTR METER SERVICE FEB '26 ..... \$699.20  
MELISSA BERENDS, VFW-GUN SAFE LOCKS REIMB BY DS ..... \$69.52  
BLAKE BURKLE, DAM-REMOVE TREE JAM ..... \$4,000.00  
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, WA-LINE SLEEVES/COUPLERS ..... \$1,014.61  
ENTERPRISE MEDIA INC, WC-WEDDING AD 1/29 ..... \$152.00

WINDOWS BY PELLA, WC-WINDOW REPLACEMENT FROM 2025 ..... \$1,002.07  
RILEY'S INC., CH-COPY FEES FEB '26 ..... \$235.90  
U.S. POST OFFICE, POSTAGE BILLS MAR '26 ..... \$234.00  
USCELLULAR, WTR/SWR-CELL LINES MAR '26 ..... \$342.70  
WEX BANK, CITY FUEL EXPENSES ..... \$54.95  
DEMCO, LIB-BOOKS ..... \$127.68  
DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLIES, LIB-SUPPLIES ..... \$63.57  
FARM COLLECTOR, LIB-SUB 2 YEARS ..... \$54.95  
HEATHER M. HACKMAN, LIB-TRAVEL/TRAINING ..... \$166.20  
ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOC, LIB-BOOK/PROGRAMS ..... \$47.86  
INGRAM, LIB-BOOKS ..... \$791.62  
MIDWEST GAME AND FISH, LIB-SUB 1 YEAR ..... \$44.99  
NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY, LIB-POST/PROGRAM SUPPLIES ..... \$39.03  
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS, LIB-SUB 1 YR ..... \$49.00  
ENTERPRISE MEDIA INC, LIB-NASHUA REPORTER 1 YEAR ..... \$44.00  
READER'S DIGEST ..... \$32.10  
RILEY'S INC., LIB-TONER ..... \$119.95  
THE FAMILY HANDYMAN, LIB-SUB ..... \$26.75  
JOSH CASTER, 2/4 DRIVER ..... \$50.00  
SCOTT CERWINSKE, 2/24 DRIVER ..... \$25.00  
GERBER, BROOKLEYN, 2/4 EMT ..... \$80.00  
HOBERT, KARAGAN, AMB-CREW CHIEF FEB '26 ..... \$75.00  
KACLES, ABRAM, 2/20 EMT ..... \$60.00  
MCCALL, ZADE, 2/1 DRIVER ..... \$25.00  
MOHS, DANNON, ASSISTANT CREW CHIEF FEB '26 ..... \$165.00  
SHOEMAKER, CINDY, 2/24 EMT ..... \$30.00  
ULRICH, KEEGAN, 2/8 DRIVER ..... \$120.00  
ZENDA VIKTUREK, AMB-DIRECTOR FEB '26 ..... \$500.00  
CIT SEWER SOLUTIONS, SWR-VAC EMERGENCY 3.5 ..... \$1,575.00  
CITY OF NASHUA, CASH DR-POSTAGE CERT LETTERS ..... \$30.40  
CRONIN, SKILTON, SKILTON, CH/DAM/URSE-LEGAL FEE NOV-FEB ..... \$1,374.84  
JED ROCK & SAND LLC, WA/ST-3/4' CLEAN ROCK ..... \$288.86  
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC, SWR-BOD/CBOD/N2/ECOLIN/H4/SLDS ..... \$813.00  
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, GAS/ELEC FEB '26 ..... \$8,105.96  
ENTERPRISE MEDIA INC, CH-LEGAL PUB 3/6 MIN/CLAIMS ..... \$330.16  
POPP EXCAVATING, WA-MAIN REPAIR 346/ANDR 2/3/26 ..... \$50,452.11  
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO, AMB-FEB 02 251CF USP ..... \$7.00  
TRINITY HEALTH, WA/SE-DOT DRUG TEST ..... \$30.00  
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCC. MED., FD-PHYSICAL DM ..... \$40.00  
USCELLULAR, AMB-TABLET/PHONE MAR '26 ..... \$37.54  
VISA, 24 HR EMERGENCY PHONES107.51  
LARRY SMITH, JAN ..... \$59.33  
JAN CLEMENT, FEB ..... \$55.65  
DORMAN, JOLYNN, FEB ..... \$49.00  
SHERLY DORMAN, FEB ..... \$63.20  
EMPTY NEST QUILTERS, FEB '26 ..... \$63.20  
FRANKE, DEBORAH, OCT '25 ..... \$42.25  
KATHLEEN HENRY, JAN ..... \$34.00

SHARON LEERHOFF, FEB ..... \$86.80  
MAAS, ROBERTA C., FEB ..... \$40.07  
DANIELLE SCHELL, FEB ..... \$58.45  
NANCY SCHERER, FEB ..... \$88.08  
SCHUCKNETT, SANDY, FEB ..... \$63.20  
SENNER, ANN L, FEB ..... \$106.25  
SNOOK, KIRK, FEB ..... \$33.60  
TERESA STAUDT, FEB ..... \$38.00  
WORDEN CYNTHIA A, FEB ..... \$157.30  
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, AMB-SUPPLIES ..... \$182.13  
IOWA MUN FINANCE OFF ASSOC, CH-CLRK/UTIL CLRK DUES ..... \$70.00  
NATIONWIDE, SURETY BOND INS ..... \$1,098.00  
OTT, JOHN, TRAINING 3/4 ..... \$274.07  
U.S. POST OFFICE, WA/SE/REC-PERMIT FEB '26/27 ..... \$370.00  
IPERS, REGULAR IPERS ..... \$5,170.87  
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT, FED/FICA TAX ..... \$3,488.19  
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, STATE TAX ..... \$378.51  
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SWR-SALES TAX FEB '26 ..... \$353.23  
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WET-SALES TAX FEB '26 ..... \$1,307.09  
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WC-SALES TAX FEB '26 ..... \$101.43  
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS, LIB-PHONE EXP MAR '26 ..... \$39.95  
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE EXP-MAR '26 ..... \$284.65  
CSG TRIOE PAYMENTS ..... \$69.00  
CRONFON SOLUTIONS, LLC, DEATH/DISABILITY MAR '26 ..... \$178.65  
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT, FED/FICA TAX ..... \$11.60  
Accounts Payable Total ..... \$91,492.16  
Payroll Checks ..... \$11,844.30  
\*\*\* REPORT TOTAL \*\*\* ..... \$103,336.46  
GENERAL FUND ..... \$18,573.84  
LAKE/DAM ..... \$4,085.36  
URBAN REVITAL ..... \$18.00  
ROAD USE ..... \$6,966.51  
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ..... \$62.41  
DAM REPAIR-AFTER FEMA ..... \$45.00  
PERM FUNDS-LIB WATSON ..... \$791.62  
WATER ..... \$61,393.10  
SEWER ..... \$11,400.62  
TOTAL FUNDS ..... \$103,336.46

**FEB REV.**

GENERAL FUND TOTAL ..... \$40,696.27  
WODD DAYS FUND TOTAL ..... \$180.00  
LAKE/DAM TOTAL ..... \$2,003.68  
URBAN REVITAL TOTAL ..... \$459.02  
ROAD USE TOTAL ..... \$14,087.07  
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TOTAL ..... \$152.98  
LOCAL OPTION TAX TOTAL ..... \$18,751.49  
TEF FUNDS TOTAL ..... \$415.39  
DIBT SERVICE TOTAL ..... \$860.48  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LEVY TOTAL ..... \$131.28  
PERM FUNDS-CITY WATSON TOTAL ..... \$2,066.85  
WATER TOTAL ..... \$27,091.76  
SEWER TOTAL ..... \$44,371.90  
SEWER SINKING TOTAL ..... \$13,911.33  
STORM WATER UTILITY TOTAL ..... \$5,425.91  
TOTAL REVENUE BY FUND \$170,605.41

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**CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
March 9, 2026

The Board convened on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Carter, Suckow, Cerwinske and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, County Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Custodian Dave Gorman, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, EMS Director Joel Knutson, CR Glass Jansen Staley and Kymson Brazee

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for March 9, 2026. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to approve the minutes for March 2, 2026. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comments. Auditor Sheila Shekleton shared the HF718 mailings for the Public Notice of Max Levies were with Mailing Services, Inc and were schedule to be mailed Tuesday. Also, that the Pioneer Cemetery may need an advance and the steps for that.

Presentation for the window project for Chickasaw County Courthouse by CR Glass Jansen Staley and Kymson Brazee

Landfill update provided by Conservation Director Chad Humpal.

Department update provided by Conservation Director Chad Humpal.

Discussion on storage building to be built at Twin Ponds Nature Center.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge purchase of 2026 Chevy 1500 for \$44,971.50 for the Conservation Department. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to acknowledge of AR Sandbox purchase of \$14,449.15 with \$10,000 coming from the Nature Center Fund balance provided by Friends of Chickasaw County Conservation. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to acknowledge of Howards Woods dock for \$12,994.82 per purchase policy with CCCB approved the \$8,000.00 donation from Debra Duell. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to acknowledge of Seedling planting agreement for \$11,025.00 to plant seedlings at

Gillmore Wapsi Area. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledgement of the Seedling order from Iowa State Nursery for \$10,350.00. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve resignation for Cally Harshon PT RN with the EMS Department effective March 5, 2026. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve resignation for Tami Pries PT RN with the EMS Department effective March 2, 2026. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Carter to approve hire Jason Bierman PT CPR/Driver at \$13.00/hr effective March 16, 2026 for the EMS Department. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve hire Raven Hirsch PT CPR/Driver at \$13.00/hr effective March 16, 2026 for the EMS Department. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors conducted an employment performance evaluation for EMS Director Joel Knutson.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the EMS Director Joel Knutson's FY26-27 employment contract with a \$3,500.00 increase in pay and authorize chair's signature. Roll call. Ayes: Carter, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman. Abstained: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Discussed RFP for new ambulance updates with EMS Director Joel Knutson.

Department updates provided by EMS Director Joel Knutson.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve and authorize chair's signature for Drive Thru Services in the amount of \$17.30 times per capita 45 for Bassett for FY26-27. Roll call. Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinske, Carter, Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature for Drive Thru Services in the amount of \$17.30 times per capita of 226 for Ionia for FY26-27. Roll call. Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Carter to approve and authorize chair's signature for Drive Thru Services in the amount of \$17.30 times per capita of 112 for North Washington for FY26-27. Roll call. Ayes: Breitbach, Carter, Suckow, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve and authorize chair's signature for Drive Thru Services in the amount of \$17.30 times per capita of 406 for Lawler for FY26-27. Roll call. Ayes: Cerwinske, Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to approve and authorize chair's signature for General Law Enforcement Services in the amount of \$133,875.00 for Nashua for FY26-27. Roll call. Ayes: Cerwinske, Breitbach, Carter, Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve and authorize chair's signature for General Law Enforcement Services in the amount of \$78,030.00 for Fredericksburg for FY26-27. Roll call. Ayes: Suckow, Carter, Breitbach, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve and authorize chair's signature for Dispatch Services in the amount of \$64,149.84 for New Hampton for FY26-27. Roll call. Ayes: Suckow, Carter, Breitbach, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve payroll check dated March 6, 2026. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve claims in the amount of \$124,131.74. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments  
Supervisor Suckow, March 5, Iowa Workforce  
Supervisor Cerwinske, March 5, Northeast Iowa Response Group  
Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:03 AM. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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