

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting  
July 8, 2019, 9:00 AM

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors met in the Board Room of the Floyd County Courthouse with the following in attendance: Supv Doug Kamm, Supv Linda Tjaden, and Supv Roy Schwickerath.

Tjaden/Schwickerath moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public comment: none.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Kamm attended a Department Head meeting, Area Development Corp meeting and addressed a call regarding road conditions. Supv Tjaden's meetings all revolved around the law enforcement center/courthouse project. Supv Schwickerath attended a Conservation Board meeting where an update on the cabin was provided and a bid for a tree removal project was accepted.

The Board will review claims individually following the meeting.

The Board discussed notice from Dawn Staudt, AMR representative, regarding rates for services to transport bodies for autopsies at \$400 plus \$15 per loaded mile. Supv Schwickerath mentioned the rate the city has is \$417.49 plus mileage. Auditor Carr informed the Board that the county currently pays somewhere around \$200 plus \$8 per mile; Staudt stated that the new rate of \$15 per mile is a discount from \$28 per mile since the county has no negotiated contract with AMR. Per Staudt, AMR is not interested in doing this type of transport because it pulls staff and an ambulance out of the area for service and is not cost effective; AMR does not do transports in any other state. Due to autopsies temporarily not being conducted with the Mason City medical examiner, bodies will need to be transported to Ankeny, approximately 137 miles one way. John Weishaar, Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home, contacted the county to offer services if the county had no options; Schwickerath commented that the funeral home may have staffing issues and isn't looking for business. Schwickerath contacted Suzanne Gebel, Iowa Dept of Public Health representative, and Dave Johnson, Mason City Fire and Ambulance rep, for information.

Staudt mentioned that her hands are tied with respect to staffing due to no contract for services beyond St Charles Township and will need to contact the state to see if services can be provided outside of that service area. Services within Floyd County used to be included in contracts but was reduced to just Charles City and St Charles Township several years ago. The Ambulance Commission, established by a 28E agreement, hadn't met since the 2011 contract expired but regrouped last year to get back on track; Schwickerath mentioned that the commission hasn't really accomplished anything. The City of Charles City and AMR recently negotiated a contract where AMR provides an advanced life support ambulance service to Charles City and St Charles Township for primary 911 paramedic minimal staff services and has a stand by pay for a backup crew with basic life service and ambulance truck. Staudt said it is difficult to maintain staff paid \$3 per hour on-call. Ambulance services are not considered a mandated essential emergency service so funding and staffing is difficult to maintain. Schwickerath is going to do some more research on services. Carr suggested Schwickerath call for an Ambulance Commission meeting.

Update on law enforcement center/courthouse improvement project: Supv Tjaden provided a grading/site package schedule with plans to send bid invitations to perspective bidders on July 12, bid package out by July 17, bids received and reviewed by Samuels Group by August 8, and formal board approval on August 13 with a construction start date of August 26. Details are critical in effort to avoid change-orders that come with a cost after bids are accepted. Sheriff Jeff Crooks commented that Chief Deputy Pat Shirley and Lead Jailer April Watenphul have been working on details for the LEC. Sid Samuels, Samuels Group, was conferenced in via telephone. Prochaska will provide complete final schematic design documents by July 29, Samuels Group will take 3-4 weeks to put together bid packages with bids sent out by August 22. A construction schedule from Century Link is pending the easement which will be acted on tomorrow. Sid commented that typically a financial report will be provided around the first of the month, approximately 15-20 bid packages will be produced. Crooks commented that Delbert Longley, Jail Inspector, will be in Charles City to review plans tomorrow. Perry Novak should be starting the fiber relocation project on the north side of the building as early as next week. Crooks commented that Brad Gibson contacted him about having fill dirt available if needed for the project.

The Board noted receipt of a letter from Gary VanderWerf, Assessor, regarding a pay increase for Jewel Flood, Assessor Office Manager to \$40,150.50 (\$20.59/hr) and the hiring of Alex Buseman, Appraiser/GIS Tech,

at \$31,200/year (\$16/hr). VanderWerf provided notice to the Assessor's Conference Board regarding the title and pay changes.

Future agenda items: ambulance and autopsy transport services.

Schwickerath/Tjaden moved to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Gloria A. Carr  
Floyd County Auditor

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Douglas A. Kamm, Chair  
Floyd County Board of Supervisors