

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 10, 2022, 9:00 AM

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

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

Public comment: none.

Schwickerath/Kamm moved to approve December 28, 2021 and January 3 and 4, 2022 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Tjaden/Schwickerath moved to approve the claims presented: County #1481-1616, Secondary Roads #21950-21972 and Drains 15040. Motion carried 3-0.

Updates on various boards/commissions: Supv Tjaden attended a Chickasaw Soil & Water District Commission meeting. Supv Kamm attended a Department Head meeting and met with Tim Fox, Area Development Corp Executive Director, regarding ADC topics and met with Samuels Group representatives regarding LEC/Courthouse topics.

Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse project: Brian Shindelar, Samuels Group Site Superintendent, provided contractor updates: Dean Snyder Construction is working on window replacement that should start next week; Young Plumbing is working on duct work; Schmo Tile is working in lobby area; Prowall is doing some framing and drywall work; Paulsen Electric will start demoing G104 hallway tomorrow and rough-ins on 2nd and 3rd floor; Continental Fire will be onsite to do sprinkler system work; Sheriff's office is moving offices and getting ready to move the jail. Other discussion included concerns of potential changes and reduction of Shindelar's hours onsite with the courthouse portion of the project. Schwickerath/Tjaden moved to approve Pay Ap #26 for \$24,005.93. Motion carried 3-0.

Amy Staudt, Floyd County Fair Society board representative, presented information on fair activities in 2021, plans for 2022, costs of operations, potential projects, and surrounding county funding of fairs. The FY23 funding request is an increase of \$5,000 above the current \$10,000 for fair with the \$12,000 for collection site rental staying the same. Staudt also presented an Application for Use of Courthouse Grounds to place the July 4x8 sign advertising the fair with a request to not have to apply each year as long as the signage was the same type which the board will consider at a future meeting; Supv Kamm commented that a call for underground utility locations should be made before posts are driven in the ground. Other discussion included the potential for American Rescue Plan Funds to be used for a public announcement system.

David Luett and Greg Schmitt, Nora Springs Volunteer Ambulance Service representatives, presented information on backup for autopsy transport services to a medical examiner when required at a rate of \$260 plus \$10 per loaded mile and a current invoice for \$1,480 for services. The county currently has contracts for medical examiner transports with AMR and Hauser-Weishaar Funeral Home for decedent transports when the death occurs in Floyd County. Sup Schwickerath will visit with the Asst County Attorney regarding whether or not a contract is needed with NSVAS. The agency is requesting funding of American Rescue Plan funds for a cardiac monitor/AED. Schwickerath/Tjaden moved to approve payment of \$1,480 to Nora Springs Volunteer Ambulance Service for an autopsy transport. Motion carried 3-0.

Tjaden/Schwickerath moved to approve Res #04-22* Allowing certain Secondary Roads Employees to take county vehicles and equipment home and be available on a 24-hour basis: It is therefore determined to be in the best interest of the County and traveling public that certain individuals be given the responsibility of being available on a 24 hour basis so immediate response can be made to accomplish temporary repair or installation of warning devices to so inform the traveling public of the conditions. Persons so designated shall be authorized to take vehicles, communications and other equipment, to their residences during times other than normal working hours. Vehicles and other equipment are to be used for official purposes only. Motion carried 3-0.

Tjaden/Schwickerath moved to approve Res #05-22* Policy for Purchase of Right-Of-Way By Floyd County, when needed for Secondary Road projects: The Floyd County Engineer is authorized to purchase the necessary right-of-way for construction and maintenance, using values computed in accordance with the following rate schedule: For additional land beyond the present established right-of-way. 1) By easement or deed: 4.8 times the 100% valuation; 2) Fence removal: Removal of woven wire-barbed wire combination fences shall be paid for

at a rate of \$4 per rod; removal of barbed wire only fences shall be paid for at a rate of \$3 per rod, with distances as determined from the survey notes and plans; 3) Fence replacement: Replacement of woven wire-barbed wire combination fences shall be paid for at a rate of \$16 per rod; replacement of barbed wire only fences shall be paid for at a rate of \$14 per rod, with distances as determined from the survey notes and plans; 5) Trees: Consideration will be given to all healthy trees that are located in the house yard area. All trees displaced by right-of-way acquisition that are of a size that will allow relocation will be relocated by county or county contractor. Trees that cannot be relocated will be replaced, by county or county contractor, with a 1” or 2” nursery stock of similar wood type. Motion carried 3-0.

Schwickerath/Tjaden moved to approve a pay increase from \$20.42 to \$21.81 per hour for Tracy Sindt, Administrative Assistant/Secretary, effective following a 6-month probationary period. Motion carried 3-0.

Secondary Roads Update: Brian Pickar, Asst County Engineer, provided foreman’s meeting notes. Crews have been plowing snow. The work days for the 180th St bridge project have been suspended due to weather. The sign crew has been fixing up signs damaged by two windstorms. Plans for two day labor projects will be sent out in January with bid openings in April. Repairs for a bridge bus are in process.

The Board reviewed an option to wire 10 hand dryers in the atrium restrooms using MC cable at a cost of \$12,980 as an alternate to wiring through conduit at a cost of \$16,250. In addition, the hand dryer units cost \$5,358. Schwickerath/Tjaden moved to accept the quote for Paulsen Electric for \$16,250 and purchase the units from CID for \$5,358 for a total of \$21,608 and use American Rescue Plan Funds to pay for this project. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed two applications for the Conservation Board vacancy. Tjaden/Schwickerath moved to approve Doug Johnson to fill the vacancy on the Conservation Board for a term ending June 30, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board noted that Iowa OSHA would not adopt or enforce the federal OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard regarding COVID-19 vaccination mandate which is currently subject to litigation before the US Supreme Court. Ahlers-Cooney law office advises employers impacted may choose to pause further action to comply with the federal OSHA standard at this time. Ramifications of Iowa’s decision and effects on the state are not known. It is possible federal OSHA could step in and enforce the standards if the standard is upheld by the Supreme Court or take other action regarding Iowa’s plan. At this time the Board will not implement a vaccination mandate policy.

FY23 budget reviews continued with Gov’t Assistance (Rural Services) and General Services (General Fund) transfers to Secondary Roads, a drop in taxable countywide valuations compared to last year, and airport authority funding. Departments remaining to present are Child Support Recovery and General Services. Health insurance discussion included: increasing the \$750 single/\$1,500 family deductible would not provide much savings, the county is at the highest end of out of pocket maximums under the Wellmark policy, and our rep will look at alternate plan designs once the IGHCP board has set rates on Feb 4. Budget deadlines: Max levy by March 1 and the final budget by March 31.

Future agenda item: update on county engineer position and stance on pipeline projects.

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

**This is a summary of the resolution; full text of resolutions may be inspected during normal business hours in the Floyd County Auditor’s office and at www.floydcoia.org.*

ATTEST: _____
Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Douglas A. Kamm, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors