

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 23, 2021, 1:00 PM

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

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

Public comment: Doug Lindaman commented about his concerns of the law enforcement/courthouse project regarding the original bids coming in higher than expected, options the board could have taken such as rebidding the project or going back to tax payers for more money but didn't, the budget cuts and proposed property tax increases causing strains on families and less financial security.

Schwickerath/Kamm moved to approve the February 8, 9, and 12, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Schwickerath moved to approve the claims presented: County #1827-1972, Secondary Roads 21324-21342 and Drains #15022. Motion carried 3-0.

Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: No updates from yesterday's meeting.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): The clinic set for today has been postponed to Thursday due to the vaccine not arriving. 2) There are 1,619 total cases and the 7-day positivity rate is 1%.

Kent Rode, Bolton & Menk representative, provided the Engineer's Report: Annexation Drainage District #1. The plat shows three parcels added, totaling 16.75 acres to the district and two parcels removed. Kamm/Schwickerath moved to accept the Engineer's Report on Annexation of DD #1. Motion carried 3-0.

Rode presented the Commissioners' Report: Reclassification of Benefits Drainage District #1. Commissioners Scott Tjaden, Jim Jorgensen and Rode met on January 22 to review the method of parcel reclassification for facility benefits and approved the report submitted to the Board. Schwickerath/Kamm moved to accept the Commissioners' Report of Reclassification. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Schwickerath moved to set the hearing for Drainage District #1 Annexation on April 13 at 1:15 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Schwickerath/Kamm moved to set the hearing for Drainage District #1 Reclassification on April 13 at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Schwickerath moved to approve an Adopt-A-Highway extension request from the Charles City Elks #418. Motion carried 3-0.

Schwickerath/Kamm moved to approve the Dust Control Policy as recommended by the County Engineer. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Schwickerath moved to approve Res #13-21 Road Embargo-River Road: It has been called to the attention of the necessity of imposing restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated upon a certain highway to prevent serious damage due to climatic conditions; the Board believes it is in the best interest of the public to erect and maintain load limit signs on designated highways; be it resolved, pursuant to Iowa Code 321.471, that the following highway shall be designated as having a load limit of five ton each axle (gross) on all vehicles and that the County Engineer is hereby directed to erect and maintain 5 ton per axle gross limit signs on the following highway and that this embargo will take effect when appropriate signs are erected and will remain in effect until said signs are removed by the County Engineer: River Road starting at the intersection of Quarry Rd. and 150th St., west to River Rd., north to 130th St. Motion carried 3-0.

Engineer's Report: Dusten Rolando, County Engineer, provided his timesheet and Foreman's notes. Crews have been plowing roads. Annual pipe quotes have been obtained. In March, the Farm to Market Review Board will hold a virtual meeting to review the schedule for the FTM road through Floyd; 28E agreements for road use tax will follow. Rolando will be changing the map/schedule for bridge project pushing a bridge back a year. The rock resurfacing project will be let on March 23.

Tjaden/Schwickerath moved to direct the Board of Health to reduce their FY22 budget by \$24,000. Motion carried 3-0.

Schwickerath/Kamm moved to direct the Conservation Board to reduce the FY22 budget by an additional \$10,000. Motion carried 3-0.

Schwickerath/Kamm moved to use a 1.5% pay increase for employees who are not affected other ways such as through a contract or have discussed bringing wages up to proper wage for their position. Motion carried 3-0. Dusten Rolando, County Engineer, expressed concern of narrowing the spread in wages between the superintendent and foremen getting a 1.5% increase and Secondary Road operators getting at 2.5% increase. Supv Schwickerath commented that if the superintendent and foremen are behind in wages that Rolando may need to come to the board with wage comparisons.

The Board continued with FY22 budget reviews. Sheriff Crooks provided a revised budget with a reduction of \$130,000 by cutting the proposed two new jailers out of the budget. Minor changes to other budgets were also discussed. Other discussion included that next year the board will consider changes to the health care plan deductibles, out of pockets, and single plan premium cost share or other plan options. Residential and Ag property tax scenarios reflecting valuation increases, rollback increases, and tax rate increases were reviewed. March 23 is the planned date for the FY22 budget public hearing.

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

ATTEST: _____

Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Linda Tjaden, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors