

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

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors met in the District Court 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: none.

Schwickerath/Kamm moved to approve the March 8, 9, and 15, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Schwickerath moved to approve the claims presented: County #2093-2217, Secondary Roads #21379-21408 and Drains #15023. Motion carried 3-0.

One bid was received for the 2021 Rock Resurfacing Project from Bruening Rock Products, Decorah, IA for 100,000 ton at \$12.7909/ton, totaling \$1,279,900. Schwickerath/Kamm moved to approve the bid from Bruening Rock Products for \$1,279,900 for 2021 Rock Resurfacing project. Motion carried 3-0.

Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: Kamm/Schwickerath moved to approve PCO #50 Bulkheads to Protect Piping for \$3,868.35. Motion carried 3-0. Schwickerath/Kamm moved to approve PCO #55 Rework Door #149 for \$2,374.92. Motion carried 3-0. Kamm/Schwickerath moved to approve PCO #56 Elevator Shaft Lights – Schindler Elevator for \$951.20. Motion carried 3-0. Kamm/Schwickerath moved to approve PCO #59 Window Frame #97 for \$1,535.45. Motion carried 3-0. Schwickerath/Kamm moved to approve PCO #62 Door 420 Controls for \$305.16. Motion carried 3-0. Kamm/Schwickerath moved to rescind the motion to approve PCO #61 for a credit of \$19,505 made on March 9 and approve PCO #63 Deleted Retaining Wall for a credit of \$19,784 which replaces PCO #61. Motion carried 3-0. Schwickerath/Kamm moved to approve PCO #65 Mechanical Chase & Accessories for \$3,733.96. Motion carried 3-0. Consensus of the Board was to inform Samuels Group to not paint the ceilings in the dorm room and to direct Samuels Group to not install the bulkhead in the atrium along the courthouse and process for a credit accordingly.

Kamm/Schwickerath moved to approve Res* #16-21 Appropriation Changes: Be it resolved by the Board that county departmental budgets appropriations for FY21 be adjusted with Dept 32 Public Defender being decreased by \$5,000 and Dept 28 medical Examiner being increased by \$5,000. Motion carried 3-0.

Schwickerath/Kamm moved to approve the liquor license for Cedar Ridge GC. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Schwickerath moved to approve a liquor license for Rustic Acres, LLC. Motion carried 3-0.

Engineer's Report: Rolando provided his timesheet and Foreman's notes. Crews were out on Monday and Tuesday last week with snow removal, are blading and spot rocking where they can, and working on box culverts. A preconstruction meeting for the 180th St bridge project is on Thursday and it will probably have a late start date in June. Rolando is quoting a Low Boy trailer, have a trailer for trade-in, and will come to a future meeting with quotes. The Board reviewed the 2021 Construction Program map for contract, day labor, and candidate bridge projects; Rolando commented on some changes in the 5-year plan and funding sources for projects. Rolando would like the board to consider adding a new container for cardboard, reviewed some costs and will review the budget to see if it can be purchased this year. Rolando provided Dual County Engineer's Salary Survey and Comparison's, suggested he receive a 1% salary increase for FY22, and would like the board to consider more than 1.5% for his office staff and foremen. The Engineer's contract will be discussed with Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on April 12.

At 1:30 p.m. the public hearing for the FY22 budget opened. John Pearson, Farm Bureau board member, read a statement regarding concerns of 1) a trend of increasing property taxes, increased over 10% in the past three years and are afraid increase will continue in the future creating an unsustainable burden on property taxpayers, 2) the county moving forward to spend additional funds in cost overruns for the project and didn't reduce the size of the project. Scott Tjaden commented that it is unfair to burden taxpayers to cover the overage on the project, it is not fair that MidAmerican Energy windfarm's taxes were not adjusted for their upgrade, suggested to put the burden across the entire population of the county, and questioned how property is classified and taxed; Supv Kamm suggested visiting with legislators about the wind farm tax credits; Supv Tjaden commented that the

assessor sets the values of the property; Supv Schwickerath and Auditor Carr explained county tax rates and consolidated rates. Scott Clark questioned if the new stimulus funds could be used to not raise the taxes, if a local option sales tax could be used to pay for the project, if the board could hold off on the courthouse work, and if the public was informed about the project going over; Auditor Carr responded that the US Dept of Treasury has yet to determine how funds can be used, the county will use the money if we can and currently 100% of the sales tax is allocated to roads through December 2022; Supv Tjaden commented that the courthouse boiler system needs to be replaced, the new HVAC system is tied to the courthouse, and the county has been transparent with meetings about the additional costs of the project. Scott Andrews suggested going back to departments to consider using the new stimulus to replenish cuts that were made during the budget process, the board didn't reconsider redoing the project when one estimate came in higher after the project was voted on, thinks the board should cut the max levy, wants an independent audit on the project, and questioned who is responsible for keeping the project on budget; Supv Tjaden commented that we don't know specifics how we can use the new funds, explained the budget process, plans for the overage, the Core Team's role, and the Board is responsible for the budget along with Samuels Group with the schedule; Supv Schwickerath commented that if the county finds we can use the new funds to consider what was cut during the FY22 budget process that budget amendments could be done, shared several items that were explored with the project overage, and believes the county did the right thing with going forward with the project; Auditor Carr commented that the county will be able to use some of the new funds for recovery of lost revenue; Supv Kamm commented about the three month period before all contracts for the project were approved and believes the board saved the county money by going through with the project. Rod Frascht questioned using sales tax on the overage of the project; Auditor Carr commented that the sales tax was voted on 10 years ago with 100% used for roads and is limited to 1%. Brian Schmidtke questioned if there are other taxes that could be used, if the county was aware of what was happening in Delaware County's new jail, and how long it would take to pay for the project; Dusten Rolando, County Engineer, provided a history of sales tax and road use tax collections, explained the property tax minimum collection, and how the county can use sales tax revenue to provide relief for property tax; Supv Tjaden provided a review of the Delaware's project compared to the county's project; Auditor Carr commented that the \$13.5 million bond has a 20-year payment schedule. Supv Tjaden also squashed rumors such as marble in the addition, which there is not, and the county is not being sued. Steve Litterer commented that the project was overbuilt, overspent, and it's too late to turn back. The hearing closed at 2:45 p.m.

Schwickerath/Kamm moved to approve Res #17-21* Elected Officials Salaries: Be it resolved, that the Board adopts the following salary for county elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021: Attorney \$108,576, Auditor \$69,842 plus \$1,000 stipend for board support, Recorder \$69,615, Treasurer \$69,615, Sheriff \$92,597, and Supervisors \$40,098; Be it further resolved that the Auditor's stipend to assist the Board with other duties is not included in the Deputy Auditor's percentage of the Auditor's salary referenced in Iowa Code 331.904. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Schwickerath moved to approve Res #18-21* Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes: The Board considered revenues, expenses, valuations, property tax levies, fund balances, debt, economic development, and other budget related items from elected officials, department heads, other boards and commission, and outside sources for planning the FY22 budget; Public Hearing Notice was lawfully published in the Charles City Press and the Nora Springs/Rockford Register, and the proposed budget does not exceed the maximum property tax levy for General County Services and the Rural County Services per Res #14-21 Maximum Property Tax Dollars, passed March 1, 2021 and subsequently, the proposed General Supplemental tax rate was reduce from \$2.60/\$1,000 of taxable value to \$2.55; and public hearing was held March 23, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in the District Courtroom to consider FY22 budgeted estimates; be it resolved, by the Floyd County Board of Supervisors to approve the Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes for FY22 as published. Motion carried 3-0.

Schwickerath/Kamm 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

Linda Tjaden, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors