

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
June 7, 2021, 9:00 AM

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 and Supv Doug Kamm; Absent: Supv Roy Schwickerath.

Kamm/Tjaden moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

Public comment: Gordon Boge asked about tomorrow's agenda – 1) the State Appeals Board hearing is not on the agenda to discuss; Supv Tjaden said the county does not intend to talk about it tomorrow; 2) inquired if he needed to have his attorney present in regard to the petition for a special election; Supv Tjaden said that would be up to him.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Kamm attended an Area Development Corp meeting. Supv Tjaden attended the following meetings: Department Head, Upper Cedar Watershed Management Improvement Authority, Risk Management and LEC/Courthouse Core Team.

The Board will review claims individually.

Tim Fox, Area Development Corporation Executive Director, and ADC committee members Connie Parson, Parson Real Estate, Trevis O'Connell, mayor of Floyd, Dean Andrews, Stewart Realty, and Dean Andrews, mayor of Charles City, presented information to support a request for the County to fund \$1 million for an Infrastructure Assistance program that would pay 50% of expenses such as streets, storm sewers, and grading to accommodate new housing starts on a first come; first serve basis. Attendee comments revolved around the community lagging behind in housing which is hurting economic competitiveness, demands for the elderly market, subsidized and market rate housing needs, attracting young people, single family housing not being available to meet the demand for what the market is bearing, drawing professional people to the area, developers not being able to afford construction costs on their own, and a business point of expansion being determined by housing availability. Discussion included that in 2004 the county funding \$500,000 for the same purpose through a local bank loan, new federal and/or state funds could be used to cover the cost of the program, possibly American Rescue Plan funds could be used for this purpose, and this incentive being a jump start to housing needs identified in the 2019 housing study.

Doug Johnson, Charles City Watershed Project Coordinator/Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District, presented information regarding a potential project for installation of a woodchip bioreactor on a parcel of land owned by the County west of Charles City near the railroad overpass on Gilbert St, adjacent to Dennis and Barbara Sanvig property. A site map, tile network maps and facts about bioreactors were provided. Johnson explained that the Charles City watershed project includes goals with Iowa Dept of Natural Resources to construct 15 bioreactors or saturated buffers in the watershed to act as interception structures to reduce nitrates. Projects are slated to have 100% covered through USDA or IDALS cost sharing funds. For this specific project there would need to be engineering, soil investigation and tile work. NRCS technical assistance for design would have no charge. The County or landowner would have to secure contracts for work, submit bills to the Floyd Soil & Water Conservation District who would submit to Charles City for reimbursement. The land owner would have some management/stewardship of the facility; these types of facilities usually last about 15 years. Supv Kamm commented that this area is difficult to access to and wondered why the bioreactor wouldn't be put on Sanvig's property with an easement on the county property; Johnson responded that it could be done that way. The Board will discuss with County Engineer regarding the size of the right of way, easement access and management after construction. The County's Mink Creek property is potentially another site. Johnson said there is a desire to get projects lined up this summer with work starting the next summer.

Law enforcement center/courthouse project: The Board discussed PCO #73 Emergency Power at inmate elevator but is waiting on Paulsen Electric to submit a change order to redo wiring before approving either; PCO #75 Unit Heater in Mechanical Penthouse credit; Change Order #22 with s for Dean Snyder adding \$2,775 and Change Order #9 with Sweeper for Door G188B Lintel deduct for \$2,775, a net zero cost; Security grills that were originally specified do not work so it has been modified by a different company; Bunk bed ladders will be provided and installed by Sweeper at no charge; a second quote from Denovo for commissioning services for \$16,355 was reviewed; Pay ap #19 was reviewed. Brian Shindelar, Samuels Group Site Superintendent, provided contractor updates: Dean Snyder is working on caulking exterior control joints and working on guard rails for retaining wall;

Young Heating is finishing up duct work in large evidence garage; Paulsen Electric is working on roughins on the upper floors; Schindler is working on building cabs for the elevators; Personified Insulation is working on 2nd floor mechanical room insulation; Jennings Painting is working on painting of gun lockers, EOC and exterior doors, Moyle Construction is working on laying up door openings around the elevators; Cole Construction should be onsite to set inlets on the storm drains and Shindelar will find out when the area of the neighbor's bus needs to be moved; Sweeper will have crew onsite next week to set up furniture and finish up hardware; Kitchen equipment is coming mid-week; G&R Construction is working on ceilings in the EOC and kitchen. Other discussion included that jail system training has been going; Dispatch furniture came with either wrong or missing parts so has not been put together yet; there is an Owner-Architect-Contractor meeting at 1 p.m. today.

Bernie Solomon, IT Director, was not available to review annual service contracts or update on technology related activities. Auditor Carr reported that Solomon reported that a switch was not made from Webex to Zoom due to Zoom's price increases.

At this time, there is no report of the Assistant County Attorney's review of the County Social Services Region 28E Agreement. Supv Kamm commented on the make up of the region with 12 board members, six other members and a quorum requirement of nine.

The Board discussed appointments to various boards/commissions including confirmation of interest to be reappointed to the Civil Service Commission and an application for a new member to Conservation. Supv Tjaden will find out if a Veterans Affairs Commissioner is interested in serving another term. The Board noted that Rachel Ginbey, County Attorney, reappointed Danielle Ellingson to another 6-year term to the Civil Service Commission.

The Board noted a pay increase from \$14.50 to \$15.00 per hours for Marty Brahn, Data Entry Clerk/Electronic Medical Records Administrator, following a six month probationary period effective May 30, 2021. The Board noted the hiring of Devin Hansen, Jailer, starting June 14, 2021 at \$16.44 per hour with a bump to \$17.44 per hour following completion of mandatory 40-hour jail certification school. The Board noted hiring Noah Reams and Alexis Vance as seasonal Conservation Aides, starting May 10 and June 1 respectively, both at \$11.00 per hour.

The Board noted chair's approval of an Application for Use of Floyd County Courthouse Grounds for the Veterans Memorial Event held on May 31.

Future agenda items: Supv Tjaden commented that the previously mentioned North Iowa Disaster Recovery Commission agenda item will be a Emergency Management Commission, not a Board of Supervisor action item; Infectious Disease Action Plan update; American Rescue Plan guidance and planning committee; legislative changes regarding EMS fund, mental health funding, and backfill; appointments to boards/commissions and vacancies on Compensation Condemnation Board.

Kamm/Tjaden moved to adjourn. Motion carried 2-0.

ATTEST: _____

Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Linda Tjaden, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors