

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
July 1, 2019, 8:00 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.

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

The Board conducted the annual cash count for the following departments: Sheriff, Recorder and Treasurer. Supv Tjaden arrived at 8:30 a.m.

Public comment: none.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Tjaden attended the Juvenile Detention Center meeting where drug testing contract with Dept of Human Services was approved, participated in activities related to the Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse update project, and attended Colwell Days and the Rudd sesquicentennial. Supv Schwickerath attended the following meetings: Iowa Interoperable Communications regarding changes with radios/towers, Hazmat/NIACOG regarding training, and County Social Services where discussion included the providing services for another year for the three counties who have filed requests to be removed from the CSS region leaving Emmett County not connected to a region. Supv Kamm attended an Area Development Corp meeting where Avance was discussed but no businesses expressed interest in participating in the program.

Update on law enforcement center/courthouse improvement project: Charles City city council discussed handicap/diagonal parking and the conveyance of S. Jackson St; the conveyance hearing is July 15 with action taken at the same meeting. Planning for relocation of Century Link and MidAmerican utilities is in the works. WIN and UPN fiber are being worked out with Perry Novak running conduit likely starting next week. Randy Tilton, Asst County Attorney, prepared a draft easement which will be sent to the utility companies for review and once approved the utilities are ready to go. Consideration regarding relocating the jail to Mitchell County, and the judicial system and other county offices to 500 N Grand during courthouse construction continues with a potential of finishing the project seven months earlier; the Sheriff has an estimate of costs to moving inmates and a meeting is scheduled next week with Dist II Court Administrator regarding tolerance of noise on court days. Brian, Samuels Group rep, will set up office at the courthouse in a few weeks in preparation for the upcoming site work part of the project. Supv Kamm is frustrated with Prochaska, the delays in getting work done costing more money in the end, and the Core Team doing work to keep things moving that may be Prochaska's duties; contacting Prochaska's president regarding concerns is an option and holding additional board meetings to address issues if needed. Supv Tjaden commented that she has had pointed conversation with Prochaska representatives, believes the biggest regret was not getting Samuels Group on board earlier, Core Team members have done some less detailed work to allow Prochaska to focus on detailed schematic plans, weekly transparent reports will continue, and Board members have taken on and will continue to take on certain tasks such as Communications/Dispatch and parking.

The Board discussed future Communications/Dispatch operations proposed by Supv Schwickerath and Charles City Councilman Keith Starr, a Communications Board subcommittee, including: 1) The Sheriff overseeing operations with a deputy in charge of employees; 2) Emergency Management supervising employees and providing the option to levy costs as need from the General Supplemental levy; 3) The Charles City Police Chief to oversee operations with final hiring/firing and budgeting the responsibility of the Board of Supervisors; 4) utilize a dispatcher as a dispatch center department head answering directly to the Board of Supervisors. Some things to consider are additional cost of operation, ease of transition, and future of dispatching. Supv Schwickerath's recommendation is #3 and wants to see the services maintained at the same level. Starr does not yet have a particular recommendation because this still needs to be worked through the Communications Board but expressed comments regarding a higher paid Sheriff Deputy in charge of a different type of skilled dispatch employees and programs, understands the funding with the Emergency Management Agency but the different members of Emergency Management Commission compared to the current 5-member Communications Board which has been a good system, and the city would need to decide if the police chief overseeing staff at the law enforcement center is appropriate. Police Chief Hugh Anderson commented that he is open to #3 and making the transition to the LEC, however, a civilian, like John Gohr, overseeing the department may be the most knowledgeable, effective and less expensive. Discussion included not wanting to see a decline in efficiency or

services, the conversation may be premature since we are about two years out with the completion of the LEC, EMA is a great source of funding whether or not dispatch falls under this department, a combination of a couple of the four options might be considered, using jailers to assist dispatch, layout of dispatch in the LEC, exploring how other sheriff's departments and EMAs operate, no intent of charging cities for dispatch services, changing the 28E makeup and considering moving the budget out of the 28E authority to a departmental budget with the county sometime in the future. The Communications Board will be presented with information at their August 1 meeting. Time is on our side to make decisions on the transition.

Future agenda items: nothing discussed.

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

ATTEST: _____

Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Douglas A. Kamm, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors