

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
August 30, 2021, 9:00 AM

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors met at Floyd County Courthouse Assembly Room 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.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Kamm attended an Area Development Corp and FMC Early Childhood Iowa meetings. Supv Schwickerath attended North Iowa Regional Housing Authority and County Social Services meetings. Supv Tjaden attended the ISAC conference.

Law enforcement center/courthouse project: Brian Shindelar, Samuels Group Site Superintendent, provided contractor updates: Dean Snyder is finishing up case work; Young Heating is working on dryer vents and vents behind cells; Young Plumbing is installing sinks; Paulsen is working on outlets in booking and running conduit on the upper floor; State fire marshal is onsite today and there is a fire alarm test tomorrow; Communication Innovators is setting up the communication control station; Carpet One is installing carpet; Schmoll Tile is installing tile in lobby; commissioning will start tomorrow. Owner-Architect-Contractor and Courthouse Renovation meetings are this afternoon. Employee tours are scheduled for Wednesday. Wicks is not planning on replacing the sidewalk that is not in the contract; this will be talked about at the OAC meeting.

Gary VanderWerf, County Assessor, provided information on 22 parcels where corrections to valuations are necessary to be made on FY22 tax statements per the Board of Review's valuation reductions that were not updated. The impact to the original January 2020 values is a reduction of \$2,207,270 causing \$63,499.40 less in overall tax collections. Schwickerath/Kamm moved to direct the assessor to send letters to the 22 property owners regarding corrections to the FY22 tax statements. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board noted certifications by Supv Schwickerath appointing Susan Nelson, Supv Kamm appointing Brian Biershank and Supv Tjaden appointing Mike Staudt as the three members to the temporary county redistricting commission.

Supv Tjaden updated the Board on the Iowa State Association of Counties conference held last week. American Rescue Plan discussion included an application process for uses, categories tied to COVID improvements related to public health, economic development, services to disproportionately impacted communities, premium pay, infrastructure, and revenue replacement, and administration of the grant for work done after March 3, 2021. Potential options related to the county project include HVAC systems, windows, housing inmates, touchless systems bathrooms and drinking fountains. Tjaden will work with Emergency Management and Public Health an after-action plan to determine strengths and weaknesses tied to public health. If funds are used for other entities that there are well-written 28E agreements or contracts in place. Infrastructure improvements related to water quality, drinking water and broadband are consideration for timing of projects committed and completed within the scope of the grant. Conference comments were to think big and to make an impact that will be remembered 20 years down the road. Funds can be used to hire an administrator, limited to 3% of the total grant. Department heads will be engaged on how funds could be used for county purposes before going out to other entities. Tjaden also commented about a supervisor-affiliate meeting regarding Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as an essential service for funding and other legislative issues. Information was also provided on Navigator Ventures, another carbon dioxide collection and sequestration project, with emphasis on Vallero plants.

Auditor Carr reviewed the American Rescue Plan Interim Report information. Kamm/Schwickerath moved to authorize the auditor to complete and submit the American Rescue Plan Interim Report by the August 31 deadline. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board noted the retirement of Barbara Burton, Public Health registered nurse, effective August 31.

Auditor Carr presented information on filling positions in the Auditor's office. Discussion included the staffing the office with a clerk with accounting experience, bumping an existing employee to a deputy or assistant position, and hiring a part time assistant who could potentially also fill some administration duties for the American Rescue Plan, or outsourcing ARP admin.

Future agenda item: Joint meeting with Area Development Corp, city of Charles City, and the county regarding seeking accreditation via Accredited Economic Development Organization on Sept 30; FY22 budget review.

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

ATTEST: _____
Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Linda Tjaden, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors