

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
October 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

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: None

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Kamm attended a landfill meeting. Supv Schwickerath attended a Transportation Board meeting. Supv Tjaden attended the Owner-Architect-Contractor meeting and did tours of the law enforcement center on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Law enforcement center/courthouse project: Brian Shindelar, Samuels Group Site Superintendent, provided contractor updates: Dean Snyder is working on the punch list and has subcontractors working on floors; Young Heating is working on the punch list and duct work in the 2nd floor mechanical room; Cole and Kamm Excavating are working on dirt work; Sweeper has several issues we are waiting on; Advanced Environmental, Young Plumbing and Dean Snyder are working on pricing for asbestos abatement and window replacement; the boiler inspection was last week; fire inspector next week; dispatch plans on moving in this week with plans to be open the following Monday. Supv Tjaden updated the board on tours with approximately 330 visitors last week and are considering an evening and weekend tour schedule. Auditor Carr mentioned she spoke with an ISAC representative regarding using American Rescue Plan funds for asbestos abatement, HVAC, and window replacement; although all of these would be appropriate and could be tied to health or COVID-related issues, bids for work prior to March 2021 would likely not be allowed, but if anything could be held off and bid at a later date, ARP funds would be appropriate. The ISAC rep also mentioned he could not come up with any scenario that would allow the ADA ramp in the back of the courtroom to be tied to COVID and therefore would not likely be appropriate for ARP funds. Carr also spoke with Dept of Human Services and County Social Services representatives about using an empty office for Dept of Correction client visits; the Board is fine with this if the suits them temporarily.

Roger Sutton presented a request for partial abatement of taxes on parcel #230-16-02-226-006-00 for the January 1, 2020 value with taxes payable in fiscal year 2021/2022. Carr explained the parcel has been taxed on 46.34 acres since a 2010 survey when the acres were split with Sutton retaining 35.88 acres which should have been reduced for subsequent years. Brandi Schmidt, Deputy Assessor, explained the process that provides assessment notices mailed by April 1, an opportunity for property owners to notify the assessor's office with concerns or errors, and the office can correct a file by April 30 but is prohibited to change files May 1; Sutton would have received assessment notices in every odd year on the remaining parcel. At this time, the assessor can only change the valuation for the January 1, 2022 file for taxes payable in FY2023/2024. The Auditor could do a certificate of adjustment for the January 1, 2021 valuation, payable in FY2022/2023. The proposed abatement for the taxes payable in FY2021/2022 is \$178 for the board to consider at the October 26, 2021.

Engineer's Report: Brian Pickar, Asst Engineer, presented Foreman's meeting notes: Future reports will be presented only at the Monday workshop meeting held before a Tuesday regular meeting, not at every Monday workshop meeting. The 180th St bridge project continues with the pouring piers and working on the east abutment. Crews finished up big projects, are trimming brush, blading roads, spraying weeds, and finished fixing potholes with the Durapatch equipment. Scott Sweet, WHKS rep, visited the office last week to sign documents and the county will have a resolution presented at next week's meeting to authorize his signature.

The board discussed a proposed contract to hire a temporary employee to prepare the FY23 County Engineer budget. Supv Kamm will follow up with Ahlers & Cooney attorney on questions regarding the proposed contract. Kamm provided two job description samples for review for a permanent county engineer position.

Carr reviewed dates per a conference call with John Danos, Dorsey-Whitney, and Steve Diers, City of Charles City, in preparation for a local option sales and services tax (LOST) referendum for the city and the unincorporated areas of the county. Dates include: 1) a resolution for the City to address at their council meeting today and the county to address at their October 26 board meeting, to support the LOST; 2) each jurisdiction to pass a resolution regarding their respective referendum language, with the county acting on November 9; 3) the election to be held on March 1; and 4) if the referendum passes, a new ordinance would follow.

The board reviewed a 28E agreement between Elderbridge Agency on Aging and counties in the agency region. Assistant County Attorney Randy Tilton has reviewed the agreement, has no concerns other than whether a 28E is necessary but the additional filing requirement with the Iowa Secretary of State would not create any harm; unless the board has any objections to any provisions, the agreement could be approved by resolution. The board will hold off on signing the agreement until a representative of Elderbridge comes in November or December for the FY23 budget request; the auditor's office will hold off paying the FY22 funding request until the resolution is signed.

The board noted a pay increase from \$17.50 to \$18.03 per hour for Cody Hanawalt, custodian, following a 6-month performance review.

The Board noted the fees collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2021 by the Auditor, Recorder and Sheriff.

Future agenda items: temporary contract for engineer, permanent county engineer, collection site hours, and EMS essential services (Supv Schwickerath to look into).

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

ATTEST: _____
Amanda Theilen
Auditor Assistant

Linda Tjaden, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors