

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 22, 2016, 9:00 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 Kuhn, Supv Kamm and Supv Schwickerath.

Supv Kuhn suggested a moment of silence acknowledging the attacks on Brussels, Belgium.

Kamm/Schwickerath motion to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public comments: none.

Kuhn/Schwickerath moved to amend the March 8 minutes to remove “and Kuhn” in regard to attending the Statewide Supervisors meeting. Motion carried 3-0. Kuhn/Kamm moved to approve the March 8 minutes as amended. Motion carried 3-0. Schwickerath/Kamm moved to approve the March 14 minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Schwickerath to approve claims following claims as presented: County #2753-2934, and Secondary Roads #17426-17458. Motion carried 3-0.

Dusten Rolando, County Engineer, provided information regarding a request from Dennis Sanvig to acquire property known as parcel B which was acquired from Dorothy Scott by the Iowa Department of Transportation for right of way purposes in 1994 and recently transferred to the County. The city of Charles City staff would like to review the water line that goes out to the ethanol plant to make sure there are no issues with accessing the property. Schwickerath/Kamm moved to set a public hearing for April 12 at 9:15 a.m. for disposition of parcel B in NW¼SW¼ of S35-T96-R16W. Motion carried 3-0.

Engineer’s Report: Rolando provided foreman’s notes. Rock resurfacing costs, revenues, expenses, and fund balance information and graphs were reviewed. Preconstruction meetings on the bridge near Rudd will likely be held next week and the project will require a detour. Bids for rock resurface plans will be opened on the April 12 meeting. Crews are spot blading and adding minimal rock. At a future meeting, Rolando will report on where new gas tax revenues have been used and are planned to be used. The old shop at Floyd has been removed and there is a meeting with contractors on Friday.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Kamm attended the following meetings: Veterans Affairs, Landfill, Chamber of Commerce, NIACOG, and Juvenile Detention meeting where plans to build a new building were discussed. Supv Schwickerath attended the following meetings: Storm spotter training and a NIVC meeting where health care changes from Medicaid were discussed. Supv Kuhn commented on documents he has signed at the FSA office regarding CRP payments on county property where the Stewart brother are the operators. Supv Kuhn attended a Public Health meeting where they hired a new nurse, discussed the changeover in managed care from Medicaid which is now be called Iowa Health Link, and an update on the septic system update in Colwell. Rolando and Supv Kuhn met with Valero representatives regarding parking and safety hazards on Quarry Road; there will be another meeting in April.

Kamm/Schwickerath moved to exercise the option to purchase the real property located at 901 Gilbert St, Charles City, from the Davis Revocable Trusts; and to authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to date and sign a written notice of the County’s exercise of that option on the morning of April 1 and to deliver that notice to the sellers or their agent by noon on April 1, 2016. Motion carried 3-0. Discussion: Supv Kamm believes it is time to move forward with the purchase; Supv Schwickerath commented that the consensus of the jail committee was that if the decision was made to build a new facility that the best case scenario would be to build adjacent to the courthouse; Schwickerath thinks it would be best to purchase the property now and if the decision is to not build, then the property could be sold; it is not the desire of Kamm and Schwickerath to use eminent domain to obtain property. Bill Cavanaugh commented that he thinks the county should close the jail, house inmates at Mitchell County, see if it saves the county money, and let the voters vote on whether or not a new facility should be built but does see how the county could resell the property. The Auditor commented that Iowa law does not allow for public opinion questions like “should the county build a new jail” on the ballot but if a decision is made to build and bonding is required, that may be a ballot question.

Chris Diggins, NIACOG representative working with the Upper Cedar Water Management Improvement Authority-Beaver Creek Watershed projects, explained a design issue with the Bohlen site needing additional work and easement for the structure on the adjacent Wohlers property. Schwickerath/Kamm moved to sign an offer letter and easement documents to William and Barbara Wohlers and Thomas and Jennifer Wohlers for the Beaver Creek Watershed projects. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Schwickerath moved to go into closed session to discuss strategy with counsel in a matter where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation, pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5.1(c). Roll call vote: Ayes-Kamm, Schwickerath, Kuhn; motion carried 3-0.

The Board went into closed session at 9:54 a.m. and resumed to open session at 10:57 a.m.

Schwickerath/Kamm moved to return to open session. Roll call vote: Ayes- Schwickerath, Kamm, Kuhn; motion carried 3-0.

Schwickerath/Kamm moved to direct the County Attorney's office to write a letter to Brian Chatfield, Chatfield Towing, that there is no county liability in reference to towing service practices. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Schwickerath moved to recommend to the Communications Board to take up the issue as to whether any agreement for wrecker service rotation in Floyd County is necessary. Motion carried 3-0.

Schwickerath/Kamm moved to set the date for a public hearing on April 12 at 9:45 a.m. regarding Knapp Finishers, LLC DNR Construction Permit Application for a Confinement Feeding Operation, Facility 368371, Meyer Site located in Section 22 of Cedar Township. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Schwickerath moved to certify the Cost Allocation Plan for FY15 and authorize the chair to sign the certification page. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Schwickerath moved to reappoint Cathy McGregor to the North Cedar Aviation Authority for another four year term beginning April 1, 2016. Motion carried 3-0.

Auditor Carr updated the Board on various courthouse project. Magistrate Court Room remodeling is completed except carpet in the judge's chamber. The telephone project is coming along with gathering information for all three locations for Marco. Central Lock has almost all of the materials for the new camera surveillance system and will likely start installation next week. Solutions will coordinate installation of switches for the telephone and camera projects. Due to the county attorney's office having connection issues with the state's WiFi system to the county's network, the auditor has obtained an updated quote from Solutions to install our own WiFi network and would like to coordinate this project with the camera and telephone project which should save on labor to run Cat 6 wiring. A special promotion is available now, offering a better quote now than what was quoted in January. With county WiFi, possibly the Board would be interested in getting tablets or two more laptops to use at meetings, eliminating hard copy distribution of meeting information. Guest permissions could be set up for WiFi as well.

Lezlie McCrabb, Emergency Management Coordinator, was called to provide information on the plans for Thursday's tornado drill. Supv Kuhn requested that McCrabb provide better communication to the Board and all department heads for future drills.

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

ATTEST: _____

Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Mark A. Kuhn, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors