

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting  
May 9, 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 Mark Kuhn, Supv Roy Schwickerath, and Supv Doug Kamm.

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

Public Comment: none.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Kamm has received several call regarding the jail requests for proposals. Supv Schwickerath attended the following meetings: County Social Services, Conservation Board where they discussed the purchase of a tractor from Swartzrock Implement, Butler/Floyd Franklin Healthcare preparedness meeting, Communications where they voted that it was not appropriate for that board to address which wrecker services law enforcement should be used and E911 Commission where Tammy Elthon will be resigning. Supv Schwickerath also emceed the Foster Grandparent appreciation meeting and attended the Tosanak open house. Supv Kuhn attended the Dept Head meeting and an Area Development Corp meeting where they discussed Prestege Farms and determined four reasons it was not a good fit for the Charles City area and discussed Simply Essentials, LLC, the new chicken facility on N. Main, and is seeking contracts for producers to grow birds, visited Stan Mehmen's hog confinement with Adam Schwartz, DNR, Jeff Sherman, County Sanitarian, and Gary and Sandy Quade, met twice with Carl & Chuck Knapp

Certain claims were reviewed that were missing documentation including missing receipts, receipts not itemized, sales tax charges, and gratuities exceeding 18%.

Emily Dykstra, Chair of the Nora Springs Parks and Recreation Pedestrian Bridge project, presented information on the plans for a proposed pedestrian bridge. Total project cost is \$1,431,500 with \$75,000 in DNR REAP funds and \$1,090,000 in pending grant requests pending. Dykstra is asking \$25,000 from the county in order to apply for a Community Attraction Tourism (CAT) grant once 80% of the project funding is secured; local government support is required for the CAT funding. Dykstra requested the county let her know by the first part of June regarding any financial commitment.

Lezlie McCrabb, Emergency Management/Zoning/Safety Coordinator, updated the board on the Solar Readiness grant which expires July 31, 2016. McCrabb reported that Brian Ross, Great Plains Institute, has exhausted his activities for the county. The Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), needs to know what plans, if any, the county intends to do or the funding could be terminated if that is the county's desire. The grant funds up to \$20,000 with a 20% local match to cover soft costs such as education, training and preparing ordinances related to solar initiatives. The board suggested McCrabb do the following: 1) obtain sample ordinance language and engage the zoning commission to make a recommendation to the board; NIACOGG can assist if need be; 2) consider setting up an educational meeting at the Fossil & Prairie Center, engage IEDA and local solar users as presenters, and the equipment at the Center to demonstrate solar energy generated. McCrabb will be out of the office for four weeks before July 31 so her assistant will be provided with direction on the board's request.

The Board reviewed a request for an abatement of unpaid 2015-2016 second half tax and all interest on parcel #062410000800 on a mobile home taxed as a building on land owned by another. The Board also reviewed a request to abate accrued penalty and interest on parcel #410-111230201200 described as Bonners Second Addition

The Board reviewed proposed changes to the Floyd County Employee Handbook. Changes include adding language in Section 4.2 Vacation to put a maximum accrual for vacation time for part time employees and pay out vacation exceeding 20 hours for full time employees who transfer to part time and in Section 5.1 add the word "dependent" in front of "children".

The Board noted the hiring of Tyron Steere, Natural Resource Manager, for the Conservation department, starting May 16, 2016 with a beginning salary of \$35,000. The Board noted the hiring of two Conservation Aide Interns, Zora Fisher starting at \$9 per hour and Nathan Mead starting at \$9.50 per hour for his second season of employment, both starting May 9. The Board noted that Connie Goddard, Public Health LPN, will be reduced to less than 30 hours per week, at her request.

Future agenda items: nothing discussed.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Gloria A. Carr  
Floyd County Auditor

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Mark A. Kuhn, Chair  
Floyd County Board of Supervisors