

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
May 23, 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.

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

Public Comment: Carol Kelsey inquired about pioneer cemeteries and was provided with Iowa Code 523I to review.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Kamm attended a Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center where they approved an addition for a new building, a Veterans Affairs meeting and a Chamber meeting and provided a tour of the courthouse to a firm bidding on the law enforcement request for proposals. Supv Schwickerath attended the Pictometry presentation and a Community Revitalization meeting, participated in the S&P rating conference call and assisted in a tour for 56 Nashua-Plainfield 2nd grade students. Supv Kuhn met with Brandon Wood at their proposed confinement facility, DNR district environmental officer Cindy Garza regarding the Wood facility and the confinement animal feeding operation in the Washington School Watershed, and a landscape architect in Clear Lake regarding tree planting, and attended the Asset Management Committee meeting where they revisited the Prestege Farms proposal and again voted to not consider the facility due to the lack of a 200-acre site location more than a half mile away from a residence, no waste water facilities to support size of the plant, a prohibitive incentive package, and a rapid social change. Supvs Kamm and Schwickerath toured the new middle school.

The Board will review claims individually following the meeting.

The Board noted a letter from the Veteran Affairs Commission. William Vetter's and Dennis Sanvig's terms end June 30, 2016. The Commission letter references that Vetter would like to continue to serve but Sanvig does not. Maria Deike, VA Director, mentioned that two applicants applied to be a commissioner and the Commission rated the two applicants as first and second recommendations to serve.

The Board discussed the Brandon and Casey Wood construction permit application for a confinement building in Rudd Township known as the Candon Finisher Farm Site. Supv Kuhn mentioned the state would be approving the application but suggested that the Wood's and the County work together to establish some sort of agreement in effort to address the county's concerns. Supv Kamm and State Representative Todd Prichard have visited the site together. Wood's have agreed to enter into an agreement with the following positions: 1) plant three rows of trees according to the criteria in the master matrix as well as around the existing barn, 2) place the pit fans facing south, away from the Schwartzkopf's, and 3) place bollards around the well head to protect it. Garza informed Kuhn that an agreement between the Wood's and the County, rather than the Wood's reapplying, would allow the Wood's to start building. Kamm mentioned an article he read about the negative economic effect of "high hog" communities.

The Board noted the resignation/retirement of Becky Thome, Deputy Recorder, effective July 1, 2016. Deb Roberts, County Recorder, and the Board discussed that the position will be filled with a clerk rather than a deputy based on a resolution passed by the Board to reduce, through attrition, the number of deputies in the Auditor's, Treasurer's, and Recorder's offices to one. Roberts is planning a wage range for applicants based on experience and what most recently hired clerks and current clerks are paid. Roberts hopes to have a replacement by the end of July.

The Board discussed Confinement Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in the Washington School Watershed District. The proposed Mehmen site does not require a master matrix scoring because of the number of animal units but it does require a construction design permit filed with the Department of Natural Resources. Supv Kuhn has responses to two questions from a prior board meeting. 1) Kelli Book, DNR attorney, responded that the producer is the only party with appeal rights should the DNR deny the permit with the exception of the county stepping in for application and master matrix scoring of facilities that exceed the animal unit threshold which this site does not. 2) The proposed facility has two intakes near the new construction site but tile intakes, by definition, are no longer considered a water source when a designated stream is formally removed with terraces and intakes. Garza reported that a water source has strict definitions including the water source has to be a stream bank with sides and water running through it. Additionally, manure can be applied immediately adjacent to the intakes as

long as it is incorporated within 24 hours and the DNR could impose a penalty for a manure spill only if it happens and becomes a violation of the waters of the state. Washington School Watershed property owners, Don Freiberg and Gary and Sandy Quade expressed concerns of the DNR's position on water sources, tile intakes and manure management practices. Per the Upper Cedar Watershed Management Improvement Authority's watershed management plan, Heyer's Creed is identified as a Class A3 water source which is "water recreation use where children are playing and wading in the water." Although counties are pre-empted from siting livestock confinements, possibly the UCWMIA, a 28E formed group of counties, cities and Soil and Water Conservation Districts districts, could have some siting authority. Four recommendations were discussed 1) residents were encouraged to contact state legislators to let them know you would like confinement laws changed; 2) residents and county representative could provide public comment at a DNR meeting in Mason City on May 26 regarding administrative rules changes for master matrix scoring. 3) Supv Kuhn will have the UCWMIA discuss the issue at the next watershed meeting. 4) The supervisors will invite Prairie Best Farms, the firm contracted by Simply Essentials, to explain their plan to locate 80 chicken confinements within a 60-mile radius of Charles City, to a future board meeting.

The Board noted that Pamela Folz is resigning from the Conservation Board effective immediately. Folz's term ends June 30, 2017.

The Board discussed appointments to various boards/commissions. In addition to the VA Commission appointments, Joel Cannon's term on the Conservation Board expires June 30, 2016 and he is interested in serving a full term.

The Board reviewed annual contracts from Solutions, Inc. Contracts include licensing for software for the real estate, property tax, drainage districts, budgeting, payroll, and claims and managed services for the IBMi and personal computers, at a "silver" level.

Auditor Gloria Carr provided an update on various courthouse projects. WiFi is up and running with three tiers of access. The telephone replacement project is moving along with PRI services installed last week, continuing coordination of IT providers for three buildings and multiple agencies, training scheduled for mid-June, phones installed after training and the project being completed before the end of the fiscal year. The camera surveillance project is nearing completion. Photos of camera images were reviewed. There is only one concern of having audio on the camera in the jail office. The access system to the north door has been installed and is working. The auditor provided photos of old wiring concerns in the attic that need to be addressed; an electrician will be contacted. Supv Kamm received a call from a city representative regarding removing the Davico sign or at least the letters; Kamm will get bids on removing the entire sign. Four proposals for the law enforcement center project were distributed; a joint meeting with the city of Charles City is tentatively set for June 1 to determine the next step of the request for proposal process.

The Board noted the Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center Independent Auditor's Report for FY15. Supv Kamm commented that it is a nice clean report.

Future agenda items: nothing discussed.

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

ATTEST: _____
Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Mark A. Kuhn, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors