

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
August 2, 2016, 9:30 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.

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

Public Comment: None

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Schwickerath attended a County Social Services and NIVC meetings, toured the courthouse with Simplex Grinnell and Perry Novak regarding the fire alarm upgrades, participated in the interviews for the firms regarding the jail/law enforcement center, and a committee meeting with the jail/law enforcement center committee. Supv Kuhn attended the Area Development Corp annual and regular meetings where they talked about the Floyd intersection, an option to purchase land, and an updated audit report reflecting the SW Bypass restricted account funds to be used for maintenance and marketing of the area and general account funds that falls under economic development per Iowa Code. Supv Kuhn also visited the Nora Springs Municipal pool. Supvs Kamm and Schwickerath attended the Floyd Intersection meeting.

Dusten Rolando, County Engineer, and the Board discussed the Floyd 18/218 intersection concerns. The Board discussed sending a letter to the Iowa Department of Transportation and Iowa Transportation Commission including the following: 1) additional traffic due to the new Love's truck stop, 2) the volume of existing ethanol plant traffic, something like 200 semis, 3) the effects of the 18/218 intersection and its impact on the community of Floyd; 4) the improvements to Quarry Road next summer would eliminate the need to embargo the road from truck traffic which would affect the traffic. Other discussion include various IDOT plans for the interchange, sending delegates to the August 9 or September 13 Iowa Transportation Commission meetings, recommending a controlled-ramped access interchange, changes on the Avenue that have been made already, Farm-to-Market road changes should at grade intersections at Floyd be closed, potential of the county taking on two frontage roads if a new interchange is erected, other at grade access roads along the Avenue, and the petition that Iowa Representative Todd Prichard sent to the IDOT. Don Tebben, IDOT representative, was called about being put on the Iowa Transportation Commission agenda and informed of a timeslot at 10:05 a.m. on the August 9 meeting. Schwickerath/Kamm moved to send a letter of recommendation to the IDOT with the four points discussed and requesting a final solution with a controlled intersection. Motion carried 3-0. Supv Kuhn will follow up with Iowa Representative Josh Byrnes, Senator Mary Jo Wilhelm, and Floyd Mayor Trevis O'Connell about next week's meeting.

At 10:15 a.m. a joint meeting with Cerro Gordo County Supervisors Jay Urdahl and Casey Callanan was held via conference call regarding Drainage District #6 (Floyd)/#56 (Cerro Gordo). Kent Rode, I&S engineer, was called to discuss the Flood Plan Development Application/Permit and update the boards on the status of the Iowa Northern Railroad issues. Schwickerath/Urdahl moved to authorize Supv Callanan, Chair of the joint board, to sign the Flood Plan Development Application. Motion carried 5-0. Rode originally proposed an 8x8 box culvert installed by open cut. The railroad countered with a reroute through the underpass with a pipe instead of a jack and bore which Rode does not approve or recommend mainly because there is not enough cover which Rode believes the railroad has confirmed his opinion. Rode then proposed an alternate option to consider a smaller 66 inch pipe which would be jacked and bored adjacent to the existing culvert because the railroad felt the culvert was in good enough shape and not failing. I&S plans on proceeding with the latter using their contractor and billing INR, unless INR comes forward suggesting they will do the work which will likely delay work. Filing plans should be done around August 23 with a September bid letting. The revised plans will be provided to INR. Rode will provide notices that need to be published once each week for two consecutive weeks prior to bid opening. The joint meeting ending at 10:30 a.m.

Supv Schwickerath updated the Board on four firms interviewed for the jail/law enforcement center. Steve Diers, City Administrator, was directed to contact the top two firms to get clarification on services that the two top firms would supply for their bid price. Discussion included funding a jail, the timeline of building a facility, and considering community needs and concerns.

The Board discussed the disposition of miscellaneous items. The Board has no issue with the Conservation Department selling a Chevy Tahoe at a Gilbert's Sale Yard. The Auditor informed the Board that file cabinets and miscellaneous office furniture pieces are being sold at Cedar Valley Auction.

Future agenda item: The Board discussed various vehicles parking at the Davico property without permission. Supv Kuhn commented he had a call from someone who he told they could not park there. Supv Schwickerath commented that Black Hawk County has an ordinance regarding county parking lots only being used for county business. Supv Kamm mentioned that John Fallis, City Engineer, said the lot could be used for county parking. Supv Kuhn suggested that notes should be put on the vehicles informing them that parking is prohibited.

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

ATTEST: _____

Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Mark Kuhn, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors