

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting  
January 30, 2017, 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 Doug Kamm, Supv Linda Tjaden, and Supv Mark Kuhn.

Tjaden/Kuhn moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public comment: none

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Kuhn attended a County Social Services (CSS) meeting where they discussed a reorganization plan splitting the 22 counties in two groups; the plan was tabled for each county to review and will be acted on at the next CSS meeting.

Tim Fox, Area Development Executive Director, and the board discussed a resolution endorsing a Memorandum of Agreement between the Floyd County Housing Trust Fund and the North Iowa Area Council of Governments Housing Trust Fund and Recognizing NIACOG Housing Trust Fund as Certified Local Housing Trust Serving Floyd County. Correspondence between Fox and Assistant County Attorney Randy Tilton were reviewed. Fox commented that Floyd County Housing Trust Fund board voted to partner with NIACOG in effort to receive additional funding from state allocations; the local board will still have a separate board of directors and goals but will submit reports to NIACOG for state submission. The Board will verify if Tilton's issues have been resolved before acting on this at a future meeting.

Supv Kuhn presented information on the failing Master Matrix process. Included in the packet were: Winneshiek County's sample resolution expected to be passed today and then sent to Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and several state legislators, a draft of "Balancing People, Pigs, and Prosperity to Avoid Pollution: Iowans Call Sensible Management of CAFOs in Iowa Karst Region and Beyond", and an article from the Des Moines Register titled "Iowa's Hog Confinement Loopholes Are Causing A Huge Stink." Kuhn provided an overview of the Board's past year of new confinement facility issues and addressed specific shortcomings such as the scoring process not addressing unique environmental or topographical conditions related to Karst topography, protecting water quality, and current provisions that require applicants only scoring the minimum 440 points. The proposed resolution requests the legislator's suspension of any new permits for confinement animal feeding operations until changes to the scoring can be considered. Supv Kamm commented that we take our water for granted. Supv Tjaden commented that this is good information to consider but would like to make sure the board is informed before taking action that could have a financial impact on the rural economy. Tjaden mentioned new chicken confinements being built; Kuhn commented that they are regulated by the Iowa Department of Agriculture, not the DNR. Gordon Boge, local farmer, disagreed with who is regulating checking confinements and said he is currently dealing with the DNR not the Dept of Ag on two chicken confinements he intends to build. Boge also expressed concern about putting a moratorium on confinements and having too many regulations. Kuhn clarified that the resolution does not call for a moratorium but rather requests state officials to consider changes and has spoken with Representative Todd Prichard and Senator Waylon Brown who are receptive to changes in the matrix process. Marilyn Jorgensen, city of Rudd resident, expressed concerns of what may be happening to the water at Rudd claiming the manure management plan has not been properly followed with spreading manure a block from her residence. Chris Baldes, rural resident, commented to Boge about rights Baldes has to protect his water; Boge does not want to stifle the benefit of livestock in Iowa. Jorgensen also commented about the lack of oversight when confinements are built and has a reliable source claiming the concrete is not sealed and believes manure is seeping through those sites. Kuhn will visit with state representatives again and proposed the board act on the resolution as written at the next regular board meeting. Kamm said he has no issue with the moratorium but knows this will not happen but it may get some attention. Gail Swartzkopf, rural resident, commented that Wood's spread manure right up to their property line but has noticed that someone is going to the site to shut the curtains at various times so they don't have the stench as bad all the time. Swartzkopf now has confinements on three sides of their property and thinks their taxes should go down because confinements have brought the value of their property down. Jorgensen said two realtors told her that property values drop 30% if there is a hog building or manure spread adjacent to property, drops another 10% if this is realized in a two mile square area and can drop up to 50%. Jorgensen also complained about manure being transported through town. Harold Jorgensen commented about the lack of oversight and referenced when manure was spread adjacent to his property that manure was put down about three inches and it was two days later before it was dug in.

The Board noted a 3% wage increase from \$18 to \$18.54 per hours for Amanda Theilen, Auditor's Election Clerk I following 6-month probationary period.

Future agenda items: Meet with Chickasaw County regarding the County Engineer's contract for FY18 and their Veteran Affairs situation.

The Board recessed at 11:05 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.

The Board discussed the FY18 budget.

Tjaden/Kuhn moved to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Gloria A. Carr  
Floyd County Auditor

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Doug A. Kamm, Chair  
Floyd County Board of Supervisors