

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 25, 2019, 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 Roy Schwickerath.

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

Public comment: none.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Tjaden attended the following meetings: Veterans Commission, Chamber of Commerce, and Iowa Workforce Chief Elected Officials where discussion included reducing the number of regions. Supv Schwickerath attended a County Social Services meeting. Supv Kamm attended the FMC Early Childhood Iowa meeting.

The Board will review claims individually following the meeting.

The Board discussed the Winneshiek County 2018 General Election issue regarding absentee ballots received after Election Day that were not counted due to missing or deficient postmarks and their request to support the revision of Iowa Code 53.17(2) proposing a Sure-County Deadline mandating that ballots received after the close of election on Election Day would not be considered for canvass. Discussion included two other options: 1) a current Iowa Code option for an Intelligent Mail Barcode (IMB) where a USPS barcode is printed on return envelopes prior to being mailed, at an estimated cost of \$0.025 per envelope, and if the envelope is returned after Election Day, free USPS software is accessible to search dates when the mailing was scanned at USPS processing centers; 2) an ID Tag barcode, not currently allowed per Iowa Code, is sprayed on envelopes or adhesive barcode strips are placed on envelopes by the USPS and would require a team of precinct election officials to take ballots received after the election to the USPS office to be scanned or require the purchase of scanning equipment, costing approximately \$400, that could be used in the auditor's office to scan barcodes to verify dates USPS received dates. Discussion also included whether having an Election Day deadline to receive ballots was reasonable, all agreed that the state needs to address the issue, and an assumption that the barcode options would cause more unfunded state mandates to property taxpayers who are already subject to other unfunded state mandates for elections. At tomorrow's regular board meeting, action will be taken on a letter to the governor and legislators encouraging this problem be resolved during this legislative session.

Update on law enforcement center/courthouse updates: Supv Tjaden is working on a date to meet face to face with Prochaska & Associates and Samuels Group representatives. Auditor Carr reported that the Charles City Community School District is showing interest in housing the Big Brothers Big Sisters office and that DHS representatives are reviewing floorplans for the S. Main office as an option.

The Board continued with FY20 budget reviews. Top five causes of increased budget costs are: 1) \$250,000 hospital contribution, 2) health insurance increases from last year, 3) Sheriff's budget increasing \$350,000 over two years, 4) a \$350,000 net in Public Health's revenues and expenses which is higher than historical gaps, 5) other increases such as hiring an IT person, vehicles, and collection site compactor. Discussion included fund balances, levy rates, department heads looking closer at historical trends, shifts of costs from one fund to another, and appropriations. The auditor was directed to lower previously suggested levy rates for General Supplemental levy from \$1.75/\$1,000 of taxable value to \$1.70 and Rural Services levy from \$3.70 to \$3.60.

Future agenda items: agreement to use the Casey's on Gilbert Parking lot for overflow parking.

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

ATTEST: _____
Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Douglas A. Kamm, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors