

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 12, 2018, 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 Linda Tjaden, Supv Doug Kamm, and Supv Mark Kuhn.

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

Public comment: none.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Kamm attended a Revitalization meeting where they discussed summer activities, a Landfill meeting where they approved the construction of a new cell, and the Conservation banquet. Supv Kuhn attended an Area Development Corp meeting where they inquired about using the county's remaining \$33,000 of the Infrastructure Capital Project funds to conduct a housing needs study, a County Social Services meeting where they discussed cutting approximately \$2 million out of existing budget with plans to do so at the March 29 meeting, presented information on CAFO air emissions at a US Senate hearing in Washington DC, and attended a forum in Mason City where discussion included the importance of the state backfilling property taxes. Supv Tjaden and Sheriff Crooks have conducted several law enforcement center/courthouse updates presentations and have many more to come. Supv Tjaden also attended the following meetings: Department Head, Business Improvement and Joint Entity.

The Board will review claims individually following the meeting.

John Merfeld requested the Board consider refunding a portion of his property tax payments retroactive to FY11 due to the house being assessed with a basement which doesn't exist, estimated at \$2,097.42. In August 2017, Gary VanderWerf, County Assessor, corrected the assessment to reflect no basement which will be used for taxes payable in fiscal year 2020. Merfeld sold the property to Travis Schweizer in December 2017. VanderWerf said the structure is basically a glorified garage with a concrete floor, a couple of rooms and a bathroom. Frank Rottinghaus, County Treasurer, commented that once taxes have been collected and disbursed to the taxing authorities, it would be unusual to refund taxes and would require those entities to agree to the refund. Discussion included Iowa Code 441.37 regarding the property owner filing a protest for a refund based on the corrections of clerical errors, the Board of Review process, the timeliness of reviewing and protesting assessment notices, and the value of the property seemed reasonable although the assessment notices do not provide detailed information on the property. VanderWerf will check on the recourse Merfeld may have. Merfeld's parents, also in attendance, claim to have not received an assessment notice for their house built in 2016; VanderWerf will follow up with property record cards and the assessment notice they should have received.

Supv Kuhn presented segments from a public hearing in Washington DC regarding Environmental and Public Works Subcommittee SD-406, Air Emissions Bill #S24-21. Kuhn presented information at the hearing regarding his position in opposition of the bill as it is written as it does not address the concerns of air emissions with respect to concentrated confinement animal feeding operations. Kuhn's 17 pages of written remarks, include an appendix of the joint U of I and ISU air emissions quality study and the rule that the EPA has as guidance to eliminate any air emission reporting under EPCA, the Community Right To Know bill. The Committee will accept information to be included in the public record for two weeks, through March 22.

The Board discussed an invitation to the Iowa County Supervisor Conference on March 21. Supv Kamm and Supv Kuhn will be attending the conference. The intent of the conference is to discuss items of mutual interest between the county and the federal government, e.g. infrastructure and CRP caps. The estimated cost is \$1,200 per supervisor to attend and the Board's departmental budget will need to be amended. Supv Kamm commented that he does not intend to charge the county for this trip as he and his wife will be making a vacation out of it.

Supv Tjaden updated the Board on the Law Enforcement Center and Courthouse Updates presentations. The presentations have been well received but have had a common question regarding the cost to build a new courthouse which is \$22-23 million, not including property acquisition. Brochures, postcards, and display boards are available. On April 21, Delbert Longley, Jail Inspector, and Jeff Heil or his designee, representing Northland Securities will be presenting at NIACC. Tjaden has had conversations with the property owners of the two homes the county would acquire upon a successful bond referendum.

The Board noted that Laura Gonzalez has submitted her resignation as a Home Care Aide effective February 22 and Andrea LaVigne, Home Care Aide, will be moving from part-time to full-time effective March 12.

Future agenda item: Cyber Security presentation on March 26.

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

ATTEST: _____
Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Linda Tjaden, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors