

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting  
April 10, 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 Mark Kuhn, and Supv Doug Kamm.

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 Conservation meeting. Lots of spring projects coming up. This will be Conservation's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of conservation in Floyd County. Adam to come to future meeting about lawn mower purchase. Attended Jail Committee meeting where Linda made a presentation. Also attended Franklin Co. District II meeting for the concern over Iowa Code. Merlin Bartz has spearheaded plans for the Iowa Code administrative rules and getting on committee. Lots in attendance including Auditor's.

Supv. Kuhn met with the Auditor of Mitchell Co. and was given a tour of the Mitchell Co. Courthouse. Is one of the newer courthouses. Supv. Kuhn was interested in the Supervisors' room. Had meeting with the Charles City Area Development Corporation. Also met with District II Engineer, David Liddle, and John Rainey regarding intersection site safety assessment on US 18 and T38, which is where a fatal accident has occurred. Will be doing speed study of intersection, consider addition of right and left offset turn lanes, and remill the rumble strips that are currently in place. Did not attend the CSS meeting held in Mitchell County which was 6+ hours. Kuhn had provided copies of the minutes of the meeting. The two main things that took place was consideration of Kossuth Co. who has not paid their GAAP funding to CSS. There was a motion to give them a second request for them to pay their currently delinquent funding. This was denied so this has voting privileges were suspended. The Board also agreed to have the CEO send out a 360 evaluation to be completed by the CSS staff regarding Bob Lincoln and have this returned by April 25, 2018. All responses will come back to the CSS Board and they will evaluate. Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 25, in Pocahontas County.

Supv. Tjaden has continued with information meetings on LEA in Rudd, Marble Rock, Nora Springs, and Charles City. Trying to get information out the best that we can. Also attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Security Forum at the Muse Center, Mason City. Informational meeting regarding the affects that counties have with the population and the different demographics and how this affects rural communities. Attended department head meeting and Foster Grandparent meeting also had further union discussions with Mike Galloway.

Supv. Tjaden stated with line item regarding updates on boards/activities since last meeting she wanted to address an item of concern. She had a letter that was sent to Senator Joni Ernst by Supv. Kuhn. She has received in the past questions from people of the community and phone calls from the Legislature in regards to letters to the editor and guest editorials that have been signed by Mark Kuhn, Board of Supervisors. She has been questioned if these are the opinions of the entire Floyd County Board of Supervisors. She stated that she would like to make sure that this is a line item on the agenda so that letters being sent out, that the entire Board has knowledge of the letter and are in agreement with what is being stated. Wants to make sure we are not miscommunicating or giving an impression out to our citizens and that we are taking a stance on certain issues.

Supv Kamm stated he had talked with Supv Kuhn about this in the past with a similar instance. That if correspondence is sent with BOS letterhead with a signature on it, the three of them should talk about it. We are all one of three. Should be careful on how things are signed as either Mark Kuhn, citizen or Mark Kuhn, BOS.

Supv. Kuhn wanted Supv. Tjaden to explain what letter she is referencing was about and if specifically there was something that Supv Tjaden disagreed with. Supv Tjaden read the entire letter, which was an invitation to Joni Ernst to meet with Floyd County residents, Jeff & Gail Swartzkopf at their home which is located near Rudd close to a CAFO, on Joni's 2018 99 County Tour of Iowa. Supv. Tjaden stated wasn't disagreeing with the letter just wants the entire Board aware of these letters being sent. Supv Tjaden also referenced letters to the editor or guest editorials that are signed Mark Kuhn, Floyd County Board of Supervisor, that citizens aren't getting confused into thinking that what was written is the opinion of the entire Floyd County Board of Supervisors. Supv Kuhn stated that he had received a response from Senator Ernst's office. Senator Ernst is trying to accept this invitation. Supv Kuhn wondered if Supv Tjaden and Supv Kamm will have decided by that time to participate in something like this.

Supv Kuhn stated that in regard to letters to the editor or guest reviews or columns that are put in the CC Press he is not going to give up his 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights because I am a member of the Floyd County BOS. Supv

Kuhn's stance in regards to changes to the Master Matrix is one that both Tjaden and Kamm also took. Both of you are on record to your support for changes to the Master Matrix. Supv Kuhn's two long columns were very definitive on my position on that.

Supv Kamm stated that he thought Supv Kuhn had twisted this around. This is regarding transparency. Supv Kamm stated that he had been to a meeting a couple years ago and was blindsided there. There was a gentlemen at the meeting that was applying for a job that had an endorsement from the Floyd County BOS that Supv Kamm had never seen before. It would have just been common courtesy that if you were going to use this letterhead with the BOS name on it.

Supv Tjaden stated that this is really what she is looking at too. Supv Tjaden had been notified by one of our Legislature's that they had received a letter on our letterhead in regards to conversations that you were having with them. I was called up and asked if I was in agreement with what is being said. Supv Tjaden said she had no idea what was being said.

Supv Kuhn wanted to know if they were in agreement with the letter. Both Supv Tjaden and Kamm stated that you didn't give us the opportunity to say so before Supv Kuhn had written the letter. Supv Tjaden said we need the transparency just to make sure that we as a BOS are in agreement on what direction we are taking.

Supv Kuhn stated that just so you know I am not giving up my 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights as a member of the Board of Supervisors. I will feel free to express my opinions. It is up to the CC Press if they want to put Floyd County BOS. You can ask the Editor as he is here how that is dealt with. Often times they solicit letters from County staff people. You can feel free to write them if you like. Supv Kamm stated that if he did so, he would not use the letterhead unless he asked. Supv Kuhn questioned that the total objection is to using the letterhead, which Supv Tjaden and Supv Kamm agreed that it was.

Kamm/Kuhn moved to approve the March 26 and 27, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0

Kamm/Kuhn moved to approve the following claims as presented: County #10877-11044 and Secondary Roads #19078-19110. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Kuhn to approve the Notice to the public regarding Noxious Weeds must be destroyed. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Kuhn to approve raising septic fees from \$200 to \$300 as recommended by the Floyd Co. Board of Health to start immediately. Motion carried 3-0.

Kuhn/Kamm to approve the 2019 State Secondary Road Budget and the 2019 State Secondary Road Five Year Construction Program as recommended by the Co. Engineer. Motion carried, 3-0.

Kamm/Kuhn to accept the bid from PTI, for \$126,000 to furnish and place a Precast Box Culvert, Project #L-FY19-19-01--73-34. Motion carried 3-0.

Engineer Report: Rolando provided his timesheet and foreman's notes. Snow operations going on, lots of snow by Marble Rock; design work continues on the T38 project, from 7 mile corner north. Haven't heard pre-con yet on Franke's bridge of 170<sup>th</sup> and still have not had pre-con lined up on Quarry Road, but those will both happen this summer. Design work on 195<sup>th</sup> St bridge, will be let next winter for next summer construction. Met last week for the handbook with Mike Galloway being up here.

Noted resignation of Lori Cajthaml with Public Health with April 27, 2018 being her last day or work; Connie Goddard accepted the full-time clerical/home care aide position effective April 16, 2018; and Norma Sprague has a wage increase to \$11.07 per hour after completing the required hours of employment.

Future Agenda Items: Supv. Kuhn stated that on February 19, 2018 he had requested for the parking lot to be put on as an agenda item. Wondered if anything is being done with this and wondering if it will be a future agenda item put on for discussion. Supv Tjaden stated that this will be a future agenda item. Since busy with law enforcement center referendum item, Supv Tjaden told at department meeting that this would be discussed after the May 1, 2018 election. Supv Tjaden and Gloria Carr will draft a proposal so that not be opening up new discussion but going from suggestions/feedback from the employees. This will be after the department head meeting in May.

Supv Kuhn stated that he had been invited to speak at the Capital, on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. It is a last ditch attempt to get the legislature to consider changes to the Master Matrix. Supv Kuhn stated that he was sure as part of that meeting there will be discussions regarding the many bills that were introduced there this year some dealing with local control others with a moratorium. Supv Kuhn was asking if he has their okay to speak on behalf of Floyd County in support to changes to the Master Matrix. It is in regard to the Resolution #12 that the Floyd County BOS passed February 14, 2017. Supv Kuhn wanted to make sure he has Supv Tjaden and Supv

Kamm permission to speak in favor of that as one of 20 Counties in Iowa that still support that. Supv Kamm stated that Supv Kuhn might want to point out that we did not include the moratorium. Supv Kamm stated that Supv Kuhn is always welcome to be a member of the BOS. Supv Tjaden stated that the County took a stance at that time something should not happen at the local level time and felt that something should happen at the State in support of this throughout the entire State.

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

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

Sandra J. Hicks  
Floyd County Deputy Auditor

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Linda Tjaden, Chair  
Floyd County Board of Supervisors