

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 19, 2020, 4 p.m.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors met in the Board Room of the Floyd County Courthouse with the following in attendance: Supv Roy Schwickerath, Supv Doug Kamm and Supv Linda Tjaden (via conference call).

Supv Schwickerath commented that the meeting is considered an emergency meeting due to being called with less than 24-hour notice provided to the public and to address the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic with respect to public access to county facilities. The meeting was available to the public via a conference line and available on a live feed on the Floyd County Iowa Emergency Management's Facebook page.

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

Public comment: none

Supv Schwickerath provided an update on county facilities: Courthouse facility had limited access, some offices have locked doors, and jail access was eliminated on Monday. Cedar Valley Transportation Center and county Secondary Roads sheds are locked. Collection Site is still open, Conservation has closed but outdoor areas are open and no reservations are being taken for April, Public Health/Home Health Care facility is open. DHS building is open. Persons are encouraged to use telephone, e-mail, mail or online services. Face to face visits are discouraged whenever possible.

Auditor Carr provided on proposed plans to lock the north door and continue with the public using drop boxes and only call offices for additional services as needed and offices will determine appropriate means to assist those requests.

Supv Tjaden commented that there are no identified confirmed cases in Floyd County but it is a responsible position to take to lock down the courthouse, provide an avenue of services to do business and the public should stay home if they are not feeling well.

Schwickerath/Kamm motioned in an effort to limit and slow down the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) that has become a global pandemic negatively affecting populations worldwide it is important for Floyd County to take appropriate actions; after discussions with multiple department heads and employees the Floyd County Supervisors feel it is appropriate at this time to lock the main door of the Floyd County Courthouse to the public effective 8 a.m. on March 20, 2020 until further notice; Information and a communication device will be made available in the entry way so that if any citizen would like to request a face to face interaction, they would then be able to contact the appropriate office and personnel within that office can then take appropriate action; we support our department heads within our other buildings to take appropriate steps to lock their doors or limit access while providing services to our citizens as appropriate; all employees will be required to report to work at this time or follow the employee handbook for paid or unpaid leave until further notice and are expected to follow the CDC guidelines regarding health and hygiene in the workplace. Motion carried 3-0.

Future agenda items: Temporary policies and changes to the Floyd County Employee Handbook, future meetings with respect to how often they are held and how they would be held. Supv Schwickerath intends to put getting quotes for general insurance and AFLAC agent representative on hold.

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

ATTEST: _____

Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Roy Schwickerath, Chair

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