

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 30, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

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

Public comment: none

Update on law enforcement center/courthouse project: Brian Shindelar, Samuels Group Site Superintendent, updated the board on a new COVID-19 screening daily check-in process for workers on the property, mason workers are working on lower walls and setting scaffolding for the south elevator, plumbers are working on a sump basket to pick up underground drainage, electrician is getting boxes ready for mason, and next Monday there will be a meeting regarding precast panels. Supv Schwickerath toured the LEC site and mentioned he plans to visit with Prochaska representatives regarding the Paulsen Electric Change Order.

Update on coronavirus (COVID-19) on identifying essential services, continuing to work efforts, preparing frequently asked questions information, public health and emergency management department, website information and screening checklist:

1) Identifying essential services - Department heads are working on prioritizing departmental services and providing information to Supv Schwickerath who is putting the information in a spreadsheet to be used to identify resource needed to continue certain services, how to disseminate those resources, and may be used to determine policies for employee pay pending the duration of the pandemic. Gail Arjes, Public Health Director, provided examples of how the pandemic could affect homecare services and is looking to the board for direction on how staff would be paid. Currently the policy is to follow the employee handbook and Families First Coronavirus Response Act rules.

2) Continue to work efforts - Department heads are providing a list of work available in departments and who may have staff available to help across departments in effort to keep employees working if it can be done safely and within the proper distancing in the workplace. Once the list is available, department heads coordinate work and staffing needs. This would be a good time for employees to do training, possibly remotely or online, as paid time. The Board intends to be compassionate and some issues may need to be dealt with on a case by case basis.

3) Frequently Asked Questions - Supv Tjaden is collecting frequently asked question information from department to publish on the county website.

4) Floyd County Public Health (PH) info – Arjes is working daily with the Floyd County Medical Center; FCMC is using the south end of the clinic to conduct respiratory screening and reported not having large numbers of services. Should number increase, the former K-Mart building is lined up for COVID-19 needs, emergency operating center, computers, e-mails, dividers, and CERT, AMR and Charles City Fire Department are lined up for assistance but still need a physician to do assessments which will likely be hospital driven. The County Attorney's office is reviewing site requirement materials. Several people have been tested but at this point there are no cases in Floyd County. The Attorney General has issued a point of order for dispatchers to ask callers COVID-19 questions that would be relayed to responders so they know how to approach with assistance. PH has a phone line set up for immune-compromised people who need groceries, medication or other supplies to call for those services; AMR intends to collect and deliver whatever is needed. PH received \$10,000 from a preparedness grant to use for COVID-19 response; this won't be sufficient but will help. The process should the county have a confirmed COVID-19 case would be that PH receives a call from the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), an IDPH public information officer advises PH on press release information, PH contacts the patient, follows up with patient contacts, monitors the patient and reports back to IDPH. Public health information has been disseminated via e-mail.

5) Lezlie Weber, Emergency Management Coordinator, mentioned she has been following side by side with Arjes. A Web EOC is active and being monitored by Weber. County-wide information from long care and

other health care facilities is being collected to know if there are any needs. FCMC has received a partial request of personal protective equipment.

6) Website information – A COVID-19 page with county information, small business resources, public assistance information should be created. The IT Director should be the point person for the page.

7) Screening Checklist – An updated draft was provided. Arjes suggested removing #1 regarding travel outside of Iowa as the subsequent questions are more relevant. The checklist should be posted on the website and located at entrances and be used by all visitors to county facilities and employees. Tjaden/Kamm moved to implement the screening checklist with the removal of travel outside of Iowa, to have all departments and visitors start using the COVID-19 checklist today and authorize Arjesj to make appropriate changes as the COVID-19 status calls for it. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Tjaden moved to approve 2020 applications for property tax exemption for: Recreational Lakes, Forest Covers, Rivers and Streams, Rivers and Stream Banks, and Open Prairies (“Slough Bill”) with Conservation Wetland total of properties valued at \$3,082,760 on 2,754.99 acres, two applications for Wetland or Wildlife Habitat valued at \$5,250 for 1.67 acres, one application for Native Prairie valued at \$22,260 for 16 acres and Forest Reserve applications with property valued at \$5,382,080 for 4,874 acres. Motion carried 3-0.

Future agenda items: FY19 Audit report, extend the ATV/UTV ordinance discussion set for April 14 to a future date at the chair’s discretion, Marble Rock abandoned property, Drainage District #5 tile issues.

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

ATTEST: _____
Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Roy Schwickerath, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors