

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting  
November 16, 2020, 9:00 AM

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors met in the Assembly Room of the Floyd County Courthouse with the following in attendance: Supv Linda Tjaden and Supv Doug Kamm; Absent: Supv Roy Schwickerath

Kamm/Tjaden moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

Public comment: none.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Kamm attended Second Judicial Bylaws Review Committee, Area Development Corp, landfill and NEIA Community Foundation-Floyd County COVID-19 Disaster committee meetings. Supv Tjaden toured the law enforcement center with John Gohr, Lead Dispatcher, and Bernie Solomon, is working on the Homeland Security EMPG grant and attended an Iowa Workforce Development meeting.

Law enforcement center/courthouse project: Brian Shindelar, Samuels Group Site Superintendent, provided updates: Dean Snyder Construction is working on door frames and shelters; Young Plumbing is working on storm drains in the mechanical chase and hooking up plumbing to jail cells, Paulsen Electric is working on pulling wire for panels and light basins were set last week, masons are working on building block walls in day rooms, ProWall is framing upper floors and starting to sheetrock ground floor walls, Wicks poured bollards on Friday, Midwest roofing will start working on the lobby and canopy roof, Cole Excavating is working on grading for the parking lot. Shindelar met with Supvs Schwickerath and Kamm individually to review the south driveway; there is really no way to save the existing S. Johnson St concrete because of elevation levels. Discussion included the Conservation Department wanting 8-10 of the window air conditioners for cabins and maintenance shed, non-working air conditioners being junked and working air conditioners stored at the DHS garage until further disposition, potential lack of fresh air concerns for the boiler, garage space being cleared around the generator for inspection purposes, and snow removal concerns in the north parking lot. Tjaden/Kamm moved to approve PCO #30 Parking Lot Modifications Gilbert Street for \$9,893.04. Motion carried 2-0. Tjaden/Kamm moved to approve PCO #31 Generator Docking Station for \$10,343.79. Motion carried 2-0.

Discussion regarding COVID-19 included: 1) Total positive COVID-19 cases-761, total recovered cases-476, total deaths-13 and remaining active cases-272. 2) Masks are required in the courtrooms, and treasurer's and assessor's offices. 3) Continuing to receive complaints from the public about the Treasurer's office being closed. 4) Supv Tjaden is working with Public Health on finding a drive-thru location for when a vaccination becomes available. 5) Follow up on the Local Government Relief Fund grant information appears to be wrapped up.

Doug Johnson, Watershed Project Coordinator, provided a summary report on the accomplishments of the watershed projects over the past year and plans for outreach and goals for 2021.

Tjaden/Kamm moved to go to closed session regarding Iowa Code 21.5.1c to discuss strategy with council in matters where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Roll call vote: Ayes-Tjaden/Kamm.

The Board proceeded in closed session at 9:45 a.m. Following roll call vote in closed session, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 10:25 a.m. No action was taken following the closed session meeting.

The Board and Tilton discussed a draft of a revised Floyd County Communications Joint Agreement. Discussion included the makeup of the members, whether it was necessary to have a 28E agreement other than in regard to the equipment and ownership of the equipment, the 28E entity possibly transferring ownership of equipment to Floyd County if agreeable would be easier than dissolving the 28E entity first, seeking assistance from Ahlers Cooney and possibly needing an agreement with them since they represent the city dispatch employees, if a 28E isn't in place by January 1, the city could sign off on an agreement to sign over the employees to the county.

Bernie Solomon, IT Director, presented pricing for an upgrade to a new Power 9 Server at \$25,383.39. Solomon will proceed with the acquisition.

The Board discussed a Judicial Branch IT System Installation Sign Off whereby they are would like to replace the conference system in the District Courtroom. Discussion included disposition of the old equipment, the county potentially being able to repurpose the equipment possibly in the new board room, expecting use of local electricians, and coordinating the state’s work to be done with consideration of the courthouse renovation project. Solomon will follow up with the state on the installation process. Auditor Carr will complete and return the form.

Kamm/Tjaden moved to set a public hearing on December 8 at 9:15 a.m. for an application from Neil and Carol Leipzig to rezone 3.05 acres from AG to I-1 on parcel #072712700400 in NENW EX PAR & HWY & N30’ of Lot 1 SENW of 27-96-16, Floyd Township. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board and Jeff Sherman, Interim Zoning Administrator, discussed zoning duties. Discussion included Sherman willing to take on Zoning permanently if there was an assistant to support the duties and physical location for staff with respect to the courthouse renovation project. The Board also discussed Emergency Management duties. Discussion included leaving safety coordinator as a duty with the EMA position, combining the retiring E911 duties with the position, support staff and physical location for the office with respect to the courthouse renovation project. Supv Tjaden and Auditor Carr will work on job descriptions and physical location considerations for a future meeting.

The Board discussed the 2021 Holiday Schedule. Discussion included whether to give Martin Luther King or President’s Day as a holiday, Christmas Day falling on a Saturday, and January 1, 2022 falling on a Saturday so the holiday would fall in 2021 rather than the 2022 holiday schedule. The Board would like this discussed at another workshop meeting before taking action.

The Board noted the hiring of Jessica Reed, jailer starting November 18 with a pay of \$16.44/hour. Reed was a former jailer of the county before moving out of state.

The Board noted fees/revenues collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2020 for the Auditor, Recorder and Sheriff.

Future agenda items: 2021 Holiday Schedule and EM/Zoning/E911 duties.

Kamm/Tjaden moved to adjourn. Motion carried 2-0.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gloria A. Carr  
Floyd County Auditor

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Linda Tjaden, Vice Chair  
Floyd County Board of Supervisors