

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
November 24, 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 Roy Schwickerath and Supv Linda Tjaden; Absent: Supv Doug Kamm.

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

Public comment: none.

Tjaden/Schwickerath moved to approve November 9, 10, and 16, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Kamm/Tjaden moved to approve the claims presented: County #1097-1214, Secondary Roads #21154-21175 and Drains #15016-15017. Motion carried 3-0.

Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: Supv Tjaden commented that it was good to have Bill Huey, Prochaska architect onsite yesterday to see the progress and issues, updated the board on the Owner-Architect-Contractor meeting, and met with Prochaska and Samuels Group representatives to discuss courthouse renovation plans. Tjaden/Kamm moved to approve Potential Change Order #32, Expedite Frame G188B, for \$2,662.95. Motion carried 3-0. Tjaden/Kamm moved to approve PCO #20 ASI-0800-Misc HVAC Clarifications, for \$1,728.94. Motion carried 3-0. Supv Kamm would like Huey to explain at a future meeting the justification on why the HVAC issues were not caught on the original plans. Schwickerath/Tjaden moved to approve Change Order #2 for Midwest Roofing Company with an increase of \$27,378 regarding Deck Shimming and Change Order #3 for MPC Enterprises, Inc for a decrease of \$27,378 for the same. Motion carried 3-0. Kamm/Tjaden moved to approve PCO #39, Deduct for Bulkhead in Room G134, for \$3,209. Motion carried 3-0. Schwickerath/Kamm moved to approve the quote for purchase of the evidence lockers from Midwest Storage Solutions for \$10,905.16. Motion carried 3-0.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Mark Kuhn provided highlighted sections of numerous pages of past board minutes and newspaper articles regarding COVID cases history and Board actions. Kuhn commented on the county's recommendation to wear masks should be a requirement, apparent gaps in certain sections of the county's Infectious Disease Action Plan, and suggested an urgent request to review the Plan and address those gaps in the best interest for the public and employees and asked that all Board members and the Auditor at least wear masks during public meetings even though they are social distancing at the meetings. Supervisor's responses to Kuhn included: appreciation of Kuhn's concerns, Kuhn has been misinformed on some information, the Board not taking a stand is inaccurate, department head meetings have been held throughout COVID, work on plans has been done as a team with department heads and Public Health, the Board recognizes the seriousness of COVID, the Board has been and continues to seek advice from Public Health on all aspects of policies, departments are working with Public Health on handling specific situations, the Board does not have control of how certain departments are operating but respect each for setting parameters as deemed appropriate and are doing so within the guidelines of CDC and IDPH, the Board is taking appropriate safety precautions and will continue to meet with department heads and Public Health to review policies. Frank Rottinghaus, County Treasurer, commented that the board is making demands of him and could have talked to him individually regarding public concerns of how his office is functioning rather than calling him to come to a board meeting. Supervisor's responses to Rottinghaus included: Board members have visited with Rottinghaus individually, have forwarded complaints received to him, asked him to come to a meeting so they could all hear how he is handling the office at the same time, have provided ideas to work with departments and try to work as a team.

At 9:54 a.m. the Public Hearing opened for the Mobile Food Pantry Operations. Auditor Carr commented that she received no written or oral comments in support of or objects to the project. Barb Prather, Northeast Iowa Food Bank (NEIAFB) Executive Director, and Cheryl Erb, NEIAFB board member, thanked the Board for partnering for this project with funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) COVID-19 Response Fund and greatly appreciate the Board's strong support for helping with the outreach efforts. The following information was presented: 1) The need for the CDBG project was to provide for food insecurity, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic which has required expansion of food distribution services. 2) Through NEIAFB, food insecurity needs in rural counties were served by adding Mobile Food Pantry locations. 3) Receipts for \$50,000 in food purchases were used to support the extra distributions and serving more households with

NEIAFB's Mobile Food Pantry program in the counties served outside of Black Hawk County. Funds were spent based on percentage of products distributed across the service areas. 4) Mobile pantries continue to see higher numbers of people served since COVID and at one time 100% more people. Prior to COVID the agency was serving about 1,200-1,300 families per month and during COVID they have been serving about 2,300 families per month and had a high of 2,600. 5) Mobile Food Pantries are in Cresco, West Union, Guttenberg, Oelwein, Manchester, Tripoli, Waverly, Shell Rock, Grundy Center, Osage, Malcolm, Independence (also serving LaMont and Brandon) and New Hampton. Additional sites include Charles City, Tama County, Postville and Lansing, Iowa. The Jordan River Pantry in Floyd County has re-opened but NEIAFB continues to work with them. The agency will continue to try to serve needs in the community who need this service. 6) No relocation of the existing 16-county member area was necessary but rather locations were added. 7) If residents have concerns or complaints regarding the project, contact Roy Schwickerath, BOS chair, phone 641-330-6888, or Gloria Carr, County Auditor, Floyd County Courthouse, phone 641-257-6131. 8) Prather commented that the agency discovered through the project that the rural communities were hit harder with the pandemic than Black Hawk County. Food assistance continues to be in demand for low to moderate income people who are unable to provide due to loss of wages because of COVID. Prather has heard that there may be a potential for additional funds for food banks and are awaiting guidance from the Housing and Urban Development. Supv Schwickerath commented that the County would consider supporting future grant opportunities if needed. 9) There were no public comments regarding other community development or housing needs and any planned or potential activities to address those needs. The hearing closed at 10:02 a.m. No Board action was required following the hearing.

Tjaden/Kamm moved to abate \$30 in property taxes and any penalties or interest for parcel 08-02-357-004-00 for Colwell Community Fire Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Additional Coronavirus (COVID-19) discussion: 1) There are 974 total cases and the positivity rate is 24.4%. 2) Auditor Carr reported on receipt of notice that the county's Local Government Relief Grant for \$198,309.39 has been approved and funds should be received soon. 3) The Board discussed Governor's latest proclamation and the county's Infectious Disease Plan. Discussion included reviewing the plan for state and federal compliance, reviewing and updating signage, department heads reporting COVID-related absences for appropriate coding for payroll purposes, and 16 election laptops available again for distribution to offices who may have employees who need to work remotely. 4) Supv Tjaden and Gail Arjes, Public Health Director, will hold a first responders meeting next week.

Tjaden/Kamm moved to approve the following holidays for 2021 including: New Year's Day on January 1, President's Day on February 15, Memorial Day on May 31, Independence Day on July 5, Labor Day on September 6, Veterans Day on November 11, Thanksgiving Day on November 25, Friday after Thanksgiving on November 26, Christmas on December 24, and New Year's Day for 2022 on December 31. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed a claim for \$2,190.72 from Secondary Roads for repairing a suck hole in Drainage District #3. Auditor Carr commented that the 2019 assessments have not yet been sent due to issues related to the original acres and the revised acres calculated from when the Avenue of Saints was built not matching. The Drainage Clerk and Carr have spent hours reviewing numerous parcels to resolve inconsistencies and believe a reclassification should have been done after the Avenue went through. Supv Kamm suggested the Board start the process of having a drainage engineer evaluate the district at a future meeting. Kamm/Tjaden moved to access Drainage District #3 for \$2,300 and allow property owners with assessments of \$500 or more the option to spread payments over 10 years at 5% interest. Motion carried 3-0.

Engineer's Report: Nothing discussed.

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

ATTEST: _____

Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Roy Schwickerath, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors