

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting  
February 27, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors met at Floyd County Courthouse EOC/Training Room with the following in attendance: Supv Mark Kuhn, Supv Dennis Keifer and Supv Jim Jorgensen.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public comment: Merlyn Schweizer, Drainage District #3 property owner, provided a information for the supervisors to review on their own time and would like to be on a future agenda.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the February 21, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the claims presented: County #1948-1989 and Secondary Roads #22781-22798. Motion carried 3-0.

Updates on various board/commissions Supv Kuhn continues to work with the Drainage District #6/56 attorney in preparation for tomorrow's hearing. Supv Keifer attended the following meetings: Owner-Architect-Construction Manager, 911 Service Board, Communications Advisory Board, and sat in on the Emergency Management Commission meeting as an observer. Supv Jorgensen attended the FMC Early Childhood Iowa and Emergency Management Commission meetings, had ongoing communications regarding ambulance services and a conversation with a person regarding intersections, and attended the 911 Service Board and Communications Advisory Board meetings as an observer. All three board members attended the Assessor's Conference Board meeting.

Updates on Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: Brian Shindelar, Samuels Group Site Superintendent, provided updates: Dean Snyder Construction is onsite; Pro Wall and Paulsen Electric will be back onsite tomorrow; Young Mechanical is working on trim around ductwork and getting systems balanced; Continental Fire is cutting sprinkler heads on first floor; Band Box is cleaning areas. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve PCO #129 Combined Neutral Remediation Panel G1 for \$8,548.50. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Fill the Vacancy of Floyd County Attorney by Appointment and publish said notice in the newspaper. Motion carried 3-0. Discussion included the potential to appoint an acting attorney as early as March 13 when the vacancy occurs until the appointment is made.

Randall Tilton, Assistant County Attorney, provided an overview of his interpretation of the Floyd County Ordinance 2007-3 Nuisance Ordinance with respect to the Duane Tesch property located at 1539 Rock Grove Lane, Nora Springs. Tilton believes a petition would need to be filed with the district court in order to take property through the abatement of the nuisance process. The notice to cease and abate the nuisance within 30 days was read. Discussion included interpretation of the ordinance specific to sections 5, 6, 7, 9 and 11, conflicts with language in the county ordinance and Iowa Code 657, timing to amend the ordinance versus petitioning the court, the condition of the property, clarification of the property address as Lane or Drive, and the timeline of the issuance of the complaint in 2021, property owner transfers and subsequent notices mailed and served to the property owners with the first being in July 15, 2021 and the most recent being November 29, 2022. Adjacent property owners expressed concerns of fumes from burned material, rodents, safety and property value decline. Jorgensen/Keifer moved to direct the county attorney's office to file a petition with the district court enforcing the Floyd County Nuisance Ordinance, paragraph 7, in regard to the property located at 1539 Rock Grove Lane. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to direct Randy Tilton, Assistant County Attorney, to file Subdivision and Special District Settlement Participation forms to participate in opioid settlements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Wallgreens and Walmart. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to appoint Adam Sears as the 2023 County Weed Commissioner. Motion carried 3-0.

Amy Assink, County Recorder, presented a request to hire a full-time person in April. Letters of support from Brad Slotter, owner of Iowa Title and Realty, and Phil Dunshee, Iowa Land Records Project Manager, were read in support of a 3-person staffed office. Assink also read a letter regarding services provided by the office, revenue generated by the office, and suggestions for the board to consider that would provide funding to support a full-time position rather than a 29-hour/week part-time or shared position with another office. Concerns of the overall county budget were discussed and the board recognizes the staffing issue needs to be addressed soon.

The Board noted Cristopher Parker’s title change as Chief Deputy Assessor with a salary increase to \$68,250 per year effective February 22.

The Board continued with FY24 budget reviews including the reduced taxable valuations due to the state error on rollbacks and options for tax rates and 25% carryover fund balances. Revised expense reports include changes proposed from last week, including increases for ambulance services along with minor adjustments to some FY23 and FY24 line items. Discussion regarding Conservation Dept budget include the Conservation Board’s recommendation to raise staff wages by \$34,571, the state average for each position, adjusting the director’s conservation salary with consideration of weed commission, reducing line items for higher than 3% wages, reducing the transfer to Conservation Reserve by the amount of the pickup, historical increases in expenses in revenues, maintenance on vehicles, and American Rescue Plan Act funding on projects. Jessie Holm, County Treasurer, and Auditor Carr reviewed plans for part time staff in their respective offices which are already in the FY23 budget. Jacob Page, County Engineer, expressed concern about not transferring funds to Secondary Roads and the impact on funding local projects and services. Auditor Carr reviewed information on Senate File 356 and the future impact with maximum growth on general and rural basic fund growth, impact of commercial rollbacks, and reduction in funding certain exemptions and credits.

The Board recessed at 1:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

The Board continued with FY24 budge reviews including removal of the General Fund transfer to Secondary Roads, increases to the Conservation Director’s salary, and changes to the Treasurer’s shared person with health benefits changed to a 29-hour part-time person. Levy rate, fund balance, and max levy options were reviewed. Discussion included funding ambulance services, libraries, other outside agency requests, debt levy, sheriff deputy association proposals, and elected official salaries. Timelines for max levy and budget hearings were discussed. Consensus was to not utilize ARPA funds for any other budget line items in the FY24 budget. Assink reviewed the full-time staff option for the Recorder’s office.

Future agenda items: action item regarding hiring a full-time person in the Recorder’s office and Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan representative at future meeting.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

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

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Mark A. Kuhn, Chair  
Floyd County Board of Supervisors