

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting  
March 13, 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: none.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the March 6, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the claims presented: County #2040-2137 and Secondary Roads #22819-22833. Motion carried 3-0.

Updates on various board/commissions: Supv Jorgensen attended a Conservation Board meeting and toured the Cedar Valley Transportation Center. Supv Keifer attended an Owner-Architect-Contractor and Main St. Charles City meetings. Supv Kuhn attended Department Head and Farm Bureau meetings, met Recorder Amy Assink regarding taking on duties of the Board to complete the 5-year codification of ordinances requirement. Supvs Jorgensen and Keifer attended the Iowa State Association of Counties Conference in Des Moines. Supvs Keifer and Kuhn attended the Butler County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Supv Kuhn provided a copy of Iowa Farm Bureau's motion for clarification similar to Sierra Club's motion to the Iowa Utilities Board and a copy of Summit Carbon Pipeline's motion filed with the IUB for a request of confidential treatment that mapping containing detailed imagery filed with the IUB be kept confidential. Because Attorney Tim Whipple filed a request to the IUB on behalf of Floyd County asking for a drone flight, Whipple requested the county oppose Summit's request for confidential information and polled the five counties in the intervention process to see if the counties would like to sign on with the Sierra Club and landowners in opposition of the confidential treatment; due to not having time to add this to the agenda, Kuhn indicated in an e-mail back to Whipple that Floyd County would be supportive of joining the other counties of opposition to Summit's request.

Updates on Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: Brian Shindelar, Samuels Group Site Superintendent, provided updates: Dean Snyder Construction is working with subcontractors; Paulsen Electric is working on ground floor wiring and fixing the neutral wire in existing panels; Young Mechanical is working on ductwork in the old VA office and miscellaneous items; Pro Wall is finishing drywall on ground and first floor; Jennings painted hand rails and touch up paint in the Sheriff's area; Continental Fire has been asked to relocate sprinkler pipes in a couple of areas due to not being able to access light fixtures.

Dean Andrews and Emily Kiewel, Town of Colors Committee representatives, presented a request to paint a mural on the Gilbert Street side of the new law enforcement center. Brandy Molitor presented the idea of murals representing first responder scenes such as law enforcement, ambulance, fire, and EMS. Andrews estimates the cost of murals on 10-12 of the 14 panels would be around of \$10,000; samples of 8-ft murals were provided. Kiewel responded that artists would submit a theme design and the chosen artist would work in collaboration with input from committee and the property owner for the final design. The Charles City Arts Council and fiscal sponsor has raised all funds through grants except the 10% of the cost which Molitor believes donations could be retained. The lifespan of the murals will last 10-15 years without much problem due to high quality primer and paint used which Andrews mentioned at that time you would probably want a different mural. Kiewel mentioned a finish to protect the paint could be included in the cost and applied to the artwork which would make it easier to clean if vandalized; Andrews commented that the county could also insure the artwork for vandalism. A future part of the project would provide each mural with a tracking code that could be scanned for more information on the artist and could be used for a walking tour. Minessa Wiltse questioned the appropriateness of painting a new building rather than other locations and expressed concerns of paint flaking and upkeep; Andrews suggested the building is not attractive as it is and the mural would make it more vital and attractive. Kuhn is in support of the concept but would like input from other courthouse staff and the public.

Adam Sears, Conservation Director, and Pete Kloberdanz and Jesse Frerichs, Conservation Board members, and the Board of Supervisors met to discuss the Conservation Board's position to increase staff wages to the state average. Iowa Code Chapter 350 was reviewed with discussion on specific code sections: 1) 350.3(4) Sears provided the Conservation Board annual report. 2) 350.4(6) The Conservation Board sets the wages for the director and staff. Discussion included consideration of using the average of the five counties above and five counties below Floyd County's population with adjustment for outlying extra responsibilities; Jorgensen

commented that Polk County's salary of \$179,000 and other larger counties skews the state average. Kloberdanz stated they wanted to use the higher state average as the staff are well worth it. 3) 350.4(7) Conservation Board sets fees for use of facilities. Representatives stated from 2019 to 2020 camping revenues increased from \$29,000 to about \$43,000 and then dropped down about \$5,000 but 18 new camp pads at Tosonak will improve revenue. The budget and graphs provided show revenues have increased from \$39,624 in FY16 to an estimated \$87,500 in FY24 budget and expenses have increased from \$342,479 to \$619,650 for the same time period. Kloberdanz stated that the upward trend of expenses is happening everywhere. 4) 350.6(1) Conservation capital projects fund balances were reviewed. Sears reviewed capital projects and grant activities. For FY24, the board has budgeted to transfer \$50,000 to the reserve fund which is less than the fees collected due to the cost of the new pickup. 5) 350.6(3) Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grants received by the county for large projects and the process for approximately \$10,000 annual allocations of funds were discussed. With the Supervisors only having control of the bottom line budget, Sears was previously directed that any increase in wages over 3% would be required to be reduced in other line items of the budget; the increase above the 3% is \$16,949. The Conservation Board's plan is to budget \$16,949 in Dept 15 REAP to supplement maintenance, building and ground repairs and ag/horticulture services line items in Dept 22 Conservation that were reduced to offset salary increases over 3%. In response to the Supervisor's question of sustainability of using REAP funds for the increase in wages, Kloberdanz commented that the Conservation Board will need to review the sustainability of using REAP each year but affirms the staff wages should be raised to the state average and would like to make it a goal to always use the state average and is confident they can make this work in the future. 6) 350.7. Joint operations - Supv Kuhn asked if Secondary Roads or other departments have done any work for the department, other than weed commission work, and want to make sure the department is aware of this.

The Board noted the hiring of Kimberly McCoy, Communications Dispatcher, starting March 6 at \$23.36/hour.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the Other Post-Employment Benefits plan, Statement 75 (GASB-75) Actuarial Valuation Report for Fiscal Year 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Res #09-23\* Appropriation Changes: The Board has reviewed departmental budgets and the following departmental budgets are in need of adjustment; be it resolved that county departmental budgets appropriations for FY23 be adjusted with the following increases and decreases with appropriations to 100%: Dept 6 Clerk of Court decrease \$5,000 and Dept 61 Juvenile Probation increase \$5,000. Roll call vote: Ayes-Keifer, Jorgensen, Kuhn. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board continued with FY24 budget reviews including changes since last week including wage increases of \$1 for jail staff and sheriff clerical staff and state average increases for Conservation Department staff.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to set the public hearing for Proposed Property Tax Levy for March 27 at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Future agenda items: none.

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

*\*This is a summary of the resolution; full text of resolutions may be inspected during normal business hours in the Floyd County Auditor's office and at [www.floydcoia.org](http://www.floydcoia.org).*

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

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Mark A. Kuhn, Chair  
Floyd County Board of Supervisors

Floyd County Board of Canvassers Meeting  
March 13, 2023, 4:00 PM

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors/Canvassers met for Canvass of the March 7, 2023 North Butler Community School District, Nashua-Plainfield Community School District and Hawkeye Community College Special Elections at Floyd County Courthouse EOC/Training with the following in attendance: Supv Mark Kuhn, Supv Dennis Keifer, and Supv Jim Jorgensen.

Supv Kuhn announced the canvass and Auditor Carr presented canvass materials including election night reports, precinct tally books, and abstracts for review.

Jorgensen/Keifer approved the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Res #10-23\* Certification of Floyd County Special Election Results: North Butler Community School District, Nashua-Plainfield Community School District and Hawkeye Community College Special Elections were held as prescribed by law on March 7, 2023, and the Board of Supervisors and ex-officio Board of Canvassers have canvassed the vote of said elections in accordance with Iowa Code 50.24; Be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors/Board of Canvassers hereby certify the voter turnout and the Tier 1 Canvass for the Special Election held March 7, 2023 and that no obvious clerical errors were identified during the canvass.

Turnout: No. Butler CSD-36 voters; Nashua-Plainfield CSD & Hawkeye Community College-17 voters; Grand Total-53 voters.

Voters of the respective districts: No. Butler CSD Public Measure CS - Yes=13 and No=23; Nashua-Plainfield CSD Public Measure EE - Yes=13 and No=4; Hawkeye Community College Public Measure BK - Yes=11, No=5 and Undervotes=1.

Be it further resolved that the Floyd County Auditor/Commissioner of Elections shall maintain the Official Canvass and Abstracts for the March 7, 2023 Special Election. Roll call vote: Ayes-Keifer, Jorgensen, Kuhn. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board noted the signoff of the official canvass and abstract for the Nashua-Plainfield Community School District took place at the September 19, 2022 meeting and concluded this meeting with signing the second tier canvass including the addition of the Cerro Gordo County votes for the Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock Community School District and their abstract of votes.

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

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