

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 10, 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.

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

Public comment: none.

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

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the claims presented: County #2277-2357 and Secondary Roads #22868-22892. Motion carried 3-0.

Updates on various board/commissions: Supv Keifer attended the Owner-Architect-Contractor and Department Head meeting. Supv Jorgensen attended an Ambulance Commission meeting.

Updates on Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: Jason McLendon, Samuels Group Project Manager, provided a progress report including Dean Snyder working on doors and doors hardware and lining up contractors for ceiling and flooring; Paulsen Electric working on lights in ceiling grids, outlets, switches, fire alarm and smoke detectors; Young Mechanical finishing duct work; Continental Fire working on piping through ceiling grids and pressure testing lines. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve PCO #142 Ceiling Height Changes and Waterlines Relocated Room 126 for \$2,220.87 and PCO #144 Office 217/218 Devices Reinstalled for \$810.43. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve three Ahlers Cooney invoices: \$875 for pipeline and right of way ordinances, \$74 for the county's share of Navigator Iowa Utility Board permit proceedings, and \$1,489.40 for the county's share of Summit Carbon Iowa Utility Board permit proceedings. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed appointment of Commissioners for the reclassification process of Drainage District #3 with the intent to appoint at next Monday's meeting so the process can continue in order to do assessments before the end of the fiscal year for work completed by Secondary Roads.

County Attorney Todd Prichard and the Board discussed a request from Karen and Jerome Schlader to take possession of a portion of Lots 9 and 10, Block 49 of Rockford Company's First Addition in Rockford. To date only an easement from the railroad to Floyd County has been located. Prichard suggested because ownership is not clear, the county accept a bid with a reasonable offer and not guarantee title by Warranty Deed but offer a Quit Claim Deed. Iowa Title and Realty may have more information on ownership and their average cost to prepare an abstract would be \$500-800. The interested party would need to work with the city of Rockford regarding the disposition of an undeveloped alley adjacent to lots. The county would need to have a public hearing with proper notification. Prichard suggested the notice include a sealed bid process and the cost of the abstract be negotiated to be paid by the buyer.

The Board discussed the process for utilization of opioid settlement funds. Prichard suggested funds be used for addiction treatment places such as Prairie Ridge. Gail Arjes, Public Health Administrator, mentioned the Substance Abuse Coalition has ideas for use of funds. Discussion included forming an administrative committee to review suggestions for options to spend over \$100,000 in funds, ensure suggestions meet the criteria of allowable expenses per specific details of settlement agreements, and make recommendations to the Board. County representatives for the committee include Prichard, Arjes, a supervisor, and Sheriff Crooks. Arjes will seek additional members from the coalition. Iowa State Association of Counties is hosting a 2-day Opioid Settlement Funds Strategic Planning Summit on May 24-25 in Des Moines.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation for the week of April 9-15, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

Kristina Paradise, Snyder & Associates, Inc. representative, presented information on county inspector services for pipelines. The firm would provide: 1) preconstruction activities, including photograph and document preconstruction condition of land; 2) document compliance and/or non-compliance per 199 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 9 and Iowa Code Section 479B.20, approved land restoration plan and separate agreements between the pipeline and landowner; 3) issue stop work orders as necessary; 4) issue Notice of Violations as required pursuant to Iowa Utility Board guidelines when violations are identified.

At 10 a.m. Supv Kuhn opened the public hearing regarding FY24 county budget. Auditor Carr and Board members mentioned no comments were made in support of or opposition to the FY24 budget. With no public comments, the hearing closed at 10:02 a.m.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve Res #15-23* Elected Officials Salaries: the Board has considered salaries for elected officials and are required to set those salaries prior to approving the county budget; the Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and on December 20, 2022 made salary recommendations for elected officials for FY24 with the Attorney-Full Time at \$123,239.41 (8.1% increase), Auditor at \$79,934.06 (9% increase), Recorder and Treasurer at \$78,285.82 (7.1% increase), Sheriff at \$112,042.70 (10% increase), and Supervisors at \$42,944.96 (7.1% increase); the Board may decrease the Compensation Board's recommendations for all elected county officials by an equal percentage and may further reduce the recommendation for the Supervisor's salary and on February 6, voted to reduce the 7.1% recommended increase for the Supervisors to 0%; and, on March 29, the Board unanimously approved Res #13-23 County Attorney Full-Time to Part-Time Position whereby the annual salary of the full-time county attorney previously approved at \$114,005 for FY23 was adjusted for the newly appointed part-time county attorney to an annual salary of \$84,000 effective for the remainder of FY23 and an annual salary of \$84,000 for FY24; be it resolved, that the Board has reduced the recommendation of the Compensation Board by 70% for the Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer and Sheriff and now formally adopts the following salaries for all county elected officials for FY24: Attorney-Part Time at \$84,000, Auditor at \$75,314, Recorder and Treasurer at \$74,653, Sheriff at \$104,913 and Supervisors at \$40,098. Roll call vote: Ayes-Jorgensen, Keifer and Kuhn; motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Res #16-23* Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes: the Board has considered revenues, expenses, valuations, property tax levies, fund balances, debt, economic development, and other budget related items from elected officials, department heads, other boards and commissions, and outside sources for planning the FY24 budget; the prescribed Notice of Public Hearing was lawfully published; the proposed FY24 budget does not exceed the amount of property tax dollars approved on March 27, 2023 per Res #11-23 Maximum Property Tax Dollars; a public hearing was held on April 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Floyd County Courthouse to consider FY24 budgeted estimates; be it resolved by the Board to approve the Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes for FY24 as published. Roll call vote: Ayes- Keifer, Jorgensen and Kuhn; motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the Iowa Department of Transportation Secondary Road Budget for FY24 and Secondary Roads Five Year Program. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to rescind the motion made on April 3 regarding 2022 values/FY24 payable allocation of percentages of Homestead and Elderly & Disabled Property Tax Credit, Military Service Tax Exemption, Agricultural Land and Family Farm Property Tax Credits where property tax assessment limitations were provided in error. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board noted Beth Rottinghaus' last day as Public Health Scheduler was April 3, 2023.

Future agenda items: other companies for consideration of inspectors for pipelines.

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.*

ATTEST: _____

Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Mark A. Kuhn, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors