

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
June 5, 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 May 30, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the claims presented: County 2786-2824, Secondary Roads #22986-22988 and Drains #15375-15377. Motion carried 3-0.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Keifer attended the 911 Commission and Floyd County Advisory Committee. Supv Jorgensen attended an Ambulance Commission meeting. Supv Kuhn attended a US Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration regarding pipeline administration.

Updates on Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: The punch list event has been rescheduled to June 12 and 13. Jorgensen/Keifer moved to pay Pay Ap #42 for \$66,311.42 with use of American Rescue Act Funds (ARPA). Motion carried 3-0. Supv Keifer and Auditor Carr are seeking bids for an alternate to PCO #148 Stairwell Plaster on Walls Coming Off. Drainage and landscaping the outside atrium area was discussed. Plans for parking in the LEC parking lot were reviewed.

Ben Chatfield, 911 Commission, presented information on solutions for radio communication problems as discussed over several months at 911 Commission and Communications Advisory Board meetings and their request to the supervisors to fund a \$4.95 million project to enhance local mobile communication. Shari Schmidt, Motorola Accounts Manager, provided information on the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS), a statewide radio system with over 140 tower sites used for baseline mobile radio coverage. Several counties are funding the need for better coverage in certain areas as shown on maps reflecting areas that meet less than a 95% threshold of pushes/mobile radio transmissions to public safety answering points. Motorola's quote for their part of the project is \$4,771,037 less up to \$421,255 pending bundled option discounts for maintenance and Lifecycle Support Services. Motorola offers a 10-year lease option at 4.25% interest with the first payment due in August and an August 24 deadline to secure rates provided. Motorola's maintenance/support costs proposed at \$1,272,586 over six years could likely be reduced and doing so would also reduce the bundled option discounts and potentially increase funding parts and labor for services not covered under a maintenance contract. Chatfield suggests using 911 funds to pay annual maintenance but that will spend down the fund balance. Additional project costs include \$120,295.75 for 173 first responder radios and chargers, \$15,000 construction/setup for Omnitel to connect to towers at Charles City and a tower near Rockford to Mason City's ISICS tower, an unknown cost for land acquisition if a tower cannot be erected at the Fossil and Prairie Center, construction contingencies, and a 60 month contract with Omnitel for circuit fees at \$1,750/mo. Chatfield said an option through RACOM Systems was also considered by the two boards but was found to not have infrastructure to support the area. Discussion included county means to fund with 911 funds, city and county ARPA funds, and bonding. Auditor Carr presented estimates for \$4 million in bonds for 10 years at 3.55-4.05% coupons and approximately \$0.45/\$1,000 taxable value to pay off, 15 years at 3.55-4.2% and \$0.33/\$1,000 taxable value, and 20 years at 3.55-4.55% and \$0.28/\$1,000 taxable value. Consensus is to have Carr set up a time to meet with bond counsel on the bonding process should the county decide to fund the project.

Todd Prichard, County Attorney, has tentatively offered a part-time assistant county attorney position at \$45,000/year with the candidate starting in August. With this being a new position, the board would need to authorize the position by resolution. Prichard would also like approval to hire a full-time legal secretary/office manager who has paralegal-like experience to justify a starting wage of \$21.60/hour and an increase on July 1 to \$22.25/hr, an approximately \$2 higher rate than the current staff leaving the position. The Board will need to approve a pay rate at their next meeting. Prichard commented that the two positions will not increase the FY24 budget.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to pay \$665 for Invoice #845580 to Ahlers Cooney for Pipeline and Row Ordinances and \$1,061.06 for Invoice #845587 for Summit Carbon IUB Permit Proceedings and to use ARPA funds for payment. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to enter into Option 1 Guaranteed Maintenance and Labor with Young Plumbing & Heating for \$13,888 on a one-year contract dated June 1, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the FY24 Solutions Support Agreement for \$42,940.17 and the Silver Managed Services Agreement for \$32,052 and authorize Bernie Solomon, IT Director, to sign the contracts. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the Fifth Amendment to the Child Support Staffing Contract Between the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, Child Support Services and Floyd County (Host) Political Subdivision. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed the new board room technology with Solomon who recommends using Zoom meetings for recording, the Owl for camera and speakers, and has set up a YouTube account for public posting of meetings in lieu of the Charles City Public Access Network services. The Board discussed whether to clean the old boardroom chairs or order new chairs. Supvs Keifer and Jorgensen would prefer to have six new chairs; Carr will order the chairs.

Supv Jorgensen reported on the American Medical Response contract. The City of Nashua has a meeting this evening and will decide if they will be a part of the contract. The hospital will pay \$100,000, split 50/50 payable to Charles City and Floyd County to offset the contract for the first year. A contract will be presented for County and City consideration at their respective meetings next week.

The Board noted the following: resignation of Devin Hansen, Jailer, effective June 2; hiring of Stacie Mulling, Jailer, starting June 12 at \$19/hour and a \$1 raise upon completion of 40-hour jail school; the transfer of Melissa Pitzenberger to Sheriff's Administrative Assistant starting June 12 at \$21.60/hr.; resignation of Tyler Walters, Conservation staff, effective June 8.

Future agenda items: 911/Comm tower, end of year transfers and wage certifications.

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

ATTEST: _____
Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Mark A. Kuhn, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors