

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors met at Floyd County Courthouse Board 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 August 28, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the claims presented: County #442-538, Engineer/Secondary Roads 10128-10152 and Drains 15391-15392. Motion carried 3-0. The Board discussed a misuse of a county credit card by Todd Schriever, Veteran Affairs Executive Director, with a charge to McDonald's; the issue was corrected on the account the same day. Jorgensen/Keifer moved to issue a warning to Todd Schriever, VA Executive Director, for the improper use of a county VISA credit card. Motion carried 3-0.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Jorgensen attended a Conservation Board meeting. Supv Keifer mentioned the FMC Landfill is celebrating their 50th anniversary on September 23. Supvs Keifer and Kuhn have listened to the Iowa Utilities Board proceedings for the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline permit. Kuhn provided an update on the Iowa IUB proceedings and South Dakota and North Dakota have denied Summit's permits.

Updates on Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: Supv Keifer continues to look for someone who can do plaster repair work. Auditor Carr provided an estimate of \$3,930 to finish landscaping outside of the atrium area. The dirt work on the west property line has been completed; there is still concrete work to do at the driveway entrance that will be done along with the concrete work north of the courthouse. Grass seeding needs to be done on the north side of the building. Paulsen Electric is expected to be onsite this week to wrap up light and electrical issues. Consensus of the Board was to have a camera scope the underground pipes for rocks to make a decision on whether or not the pipes need to be cleaned out; Mick Gage's bill for cleaning out the pipe was paid by the county and that amount will be deducted from retainage held on the project from various trades.

The Board and Jay Jung, Floyd Township Trustee Chair, discussed resignations from Floyd Township Trustees Duane Folz and Elvin Zimmerman and Clerk Theresa Stewart and the requirement of the Board to appoint trustees per Iowa Code 69.8. Jung suggested Luke Chatfield and Ryan Richardson be appointed. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to appoint Ryan Richardson to fill Elvin Zimmerman's term and Luke Chatfield to fill Duane Folz's term as Floyd Township Trustees pending acceptance of oath of office. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board noted the receipt of the Floyd County Conservation Board Annual Report ending June 30, 2023.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve payment to Ahlers Cooney for professional services including \$1,365 for pipeline ordinances, \$4,026.42 for Summit Carbon Solution IUB permit proceedings, and \$179.93 for Navigator IUB permit proceedings, and to use American Rescue Act Plan funds to pay the invoices. Motion carried 3-0. Gordon Boge commented that the majority of the people in the county are in favor of having representation to protect county rights regarding pipelines going through the county.

The Board acting as trustees for Drainage District #3 and Auditor Carr discussed warrants issued in 2019 and 2020 totaling \$6,283.82 for work completed by Secondary Roads and a total of \$9,300 assessments ordered but not completed due to the revised schedule when the Avenue of Saints went through found to not be fair and equitable compared to the original assessment schedule. In 2019 and 2020, Carr informed the board of the schedule concerns and a reclassification was ordered in 2022 and completed in June 2023. Due to the current project for the district, Carr recommended the \$2,300 assessment be rescinded, reaffirm the \$7,000 in assessments and the interest on the stamped warrants be waived through June 30, 2023. Jorgensen/Keifer moved to rescind the motion made on November 24, 2020 to assess \$2,300 to property owners. Motion carried 3-0. Jorgensen/Keifer moved to waive interest on stamped warrants, #2551, 2552, 3981, 6077, 6078, and 13792, be waived from issue date to September 1, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed disposition of the county van. Brandi Schmidt, County Assessor, explained the Assessor's fund and a county fund split the cost for acquisition and maintenance of the vehicle and there have been some significant maintenance costs that is felt not to be cost effective to maintain and suggested employees use

their own vehicle and be reimbursed mileage. Auditor Carr mentioned the van is used for transporting election equipment and finds that as one concern to not have an enclosed vehicle compared to past history of transporting equipment tarped in the back of a pickup but possibly an enclosed county trailer, such as Emergency Management could be used. The calendar of use was reviewed. Carr said costs to reimbursement for use of personal vehicles would be an increase to departmental budgets compared to the cost the department pays to fuel up the county vehicle after use. Schmidt and Carr concur that the maintenance costs on the vehicle have exceeded mileage reimbursement. Kuhn commented that he hears the point but believes it is a valuable tool and is not ready to take action to sell the van at this time; rather than making a mid-term decision, budget time might be a good time to review this again.

Jacob Page, County Engineer, provided an update on Secondary Road activities including crews have been hauling riprap, shoulder work on B60, and continue with work orders, drive permits, general shop maintenance, sign inventory, mowing gravels and blacktops. Keifer commented on complaints on the road that goes by the Fossil & Prairie Center; Page mentioned this was a project in 2019 but there were no bids. The 155th and Victory Ave bridge projects started. Staff are working on day labor projects, pavement marking documents, T26 survey and design, and general office work. According to an Iowa DOT letter regarding the All-Systems Overweight Permit, permit holders may “operate a permitted vehicle over the most direct route between the location where the vehicle is loaded or is to be unloaded and the nearest highway or street upon which movement under an all-systems permit is valid.” Page commented that paperwork will be filed for B30 is exempted. Other gravel roads are limited to the posted limits.

Future agenda items: Canvass of the Central Springs Community School District election, Drainage District #3 bids, accounting for LEC/Courthouse project.

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