

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 18, 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.

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

Public comment: Boyd Campbell suggested the board consider a moratorium on wind turbines until the county could study the concerns of turbines, such as signal interference with drones and farming equipment and setbacks. Supv Kuhn mentioned the Board could consider this as a future agenda item.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the September 11, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the claims presented: County #539-607, Engineer/Secondary Roads - 10153-10165 and Drains 15393-15394. Motion carried 3-0.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Jorgensen attended a FMC Early Childhood Iowa Area meeting. Supv Keifer attended Chamber of Commerce, FMC Landfill meetings and reminded the board of the 50-year anniversary, and the informational wind turbine meeting in Rockford. Supv Kuhn attended the North Iowa Council of Government meeting and continues to monitor the activities of the Iowa Utilities Board proceedings for Summit Carbon Solutions.

Updates on Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: Jason McLendon, Samuels Group Project Manager, updates: 1) Noah Detention services informed him the locks for the 3rd and 4th floor detention rooms have been shipped, will be installed and then Communication Innovators will program; 2) he is waiting to hear from Heartland regarding consideration of doing courthouse plaster work; 3) an Owner-Architect-Contractor meeting will be held tomorrow morning; 4) he will line up scoping the drain for rocks to see if they need to be removed; 5) Effective July 2023, Samuels Group will no longer charge for their services. Supv Keifer is seeking other contractors for the mechanical room boiler flue issue per RFI #1174R. Grass seeding work is completed. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve PCO #150 General Conditions-June 2023 TSG for \$4,379.29. Motion carried 3-0. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Pay Ap #44 for \$4,160.66 and to pay with American Rescue Act Plan funds. Motion carried 3-0.

Gail Arjes, Public Health/Home Health Care Director, provided a review of the 3-year Iowa Inspection Appeals and Licensing violations. Arjes explained issues: 1) missed filing paperwork with physician's signature in regard to a scheduled patient home visit; 2) a patient's homemade reacher/gripper was not listed as a durable medical equipment used in the patient's home; 3) an infection control violation was issued for not placing a barrier on the surface where the nurse's bag was placed and a clipboard was not wiped down. The inspector praised the agency for the overall inspection and a required plan of corrections was submitted and accepted.

Arjes has been having a difficult time hiring nurses so has suggested to the Board of Health to spread the workload between the other nurses and administrative staff, with a \$2/hour and \$1/hour increase respectively. If the staff cannot handle the additional workload, Arjes may consider hiring a part time nurse. Floyd County is primarily the only homecare agency in the county at this time; Mercy Homecare is not accepting referrals due to staffing issues. Arjes mentioned it is unclear with the merger between Iowa Department of Public Health and the Department of Health and Human Services with respect to regionalization and grant opportunities which could impact staffing and services. Arjes has been doing some immunization clinics and home visits. Kuhn commented the Board of Health sets wages and the Board of Supervisors approve the overall budget but is concerned of the administrative staff getting an additional increase following the 3% increase received in July and the boards need to be concerned about property tax reform facing the county over the upcoming years. Arjes said the increases will not impact the overall budget due to not replacing the nurse, her board discussed the changes at the July meeting but wanted it presented to the supervisors; Arjes will have her Board make this official under the Staff Update agenda item at this evening's meeting. The Supervisors will note the wage increase at a future meeting.

The Board noted Kim Schrage, Public Health/Home Health Care Office Manager, is retiring effective September 29.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to set the canvass for the Central Springs Community School District Special Election at for tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Room. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board noted the Post-Election Audit Report/Auditor Certification of the Central Springs Community School District Special Election. Auditor Carr reported that the 225 hand counted ballots from the Rock Grove precinct matched 100% to the machine tabulator results from election night.

Tyler Conley, Bolton & Menk professional engineer, presented a summary of the bids opened for Drainage District #3 Open Ditch Repair Project. There were 10 bids received ranging from \$414,750.60 to \$756,647.60. Conley has reviewed the low paperwork submitted by the low bidder, Larson Contracting Central, LLC and found it to be satisfactory. Estimates for the project were \$590,000. At the bid letting, the use of subcontractors was brought up; Conley mentioned provisions in Iowa Code to allow for this so long as the general contractor submits in writing to the board their intent to do so but ultimately the general contractor is responsible for all aspects of the project. Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the low bid from Larson Contracting Central, LLC for \$414,750.60 for the Drainage District #3 Open Ditch Repair project. Motion carried 3-0.

Future agenda items: moratorium on wind turbine construction and 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