

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
October 30, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors met in the Board Room of the Floyd County Courthouse 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: Kathy Carter spoke in favor of the Board and Zoning Commission pursuing CO2 pipeline, wind and solar energy ordinances. Carter sent a link with information to the board members.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the October 23, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the claims presented: County #888-920 and Engineer/Secondary Roads #10239-10248. Motion carried 3-0.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Keifer attended the EMS Advisory Council and Chamber of Commerce Business Improvement meetings and listened to a Summit video on water use for the Goldfield ethanol plant. Supv Kuhn attended Iowa Workforce Chief Elected Officials and Charles City Area Development Corp meetings.

Updates on Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: Supv Keifer and Auditor Carr updated the Board on unfinished work including the bollard, 3rd and 4th floor detention areas, ADA sidewalk, ceiling work, plaster work, paint and other projects. Jason McLendon, Samuels Group Project Manager, provided an update and is planning a meeting tomorrow with trades to address unfinished issues.

At 9:22 a.m. the public hearing opened for the FY24 county budget amendment. Auditor Carr reported she received no comments in support of or opposition to the amendment. Supv Kuhn provided an overview of the purpose for the amendment due to the Victory Avenue bridge replacement project funded through state/federal pass-through reimbursement. With no other comments, the hearing closed at 9:23 a.m.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Res #40-23* Budget Amendment & Appropriations: Floyd County FY24 budget has certain line items in need of adjustment since the original budget was certified on April 10, 2023 and subsequently amended on August 28, 2023; and the Board timely published notice and held a public hearing on October 30, 2023 for the amendment; be it resolved by the Board to adopt the FY24 Amendment of the County Budget; and be it also resolved to approve county departmental budget appropriations for FY24 as follows: Dept 20 County Engineer (Fund 20000) – Budgeted \$6,939,350, increase expense of \$1,700,000, Amended Budget \$8,639,350; appropriated at 100%. Roll call vote: Keifer, Jorgensen, Kuhn; motion carried 3-0.

Deputy Travis Bartz updated the Board that the request to purchase three vehicles from Karl Chevrolet. Insurance and warranty would begin when vehicles are picked up. The dealer can begin the upfit on one Tahoe now and that vehicle could be picked up a week later along with the other two Tahoe's which would be stored and driven back to the dealer to be upfitted at a later date. Auditor Carr reported the county's auditing firm is seeing a trend since COVID with vehicles being paid for ahead of taking position; it should be an exception, not the norm and warranties should not start until the county has possession of the vehicles. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the purchase of three Tahoe's from Karl Chevrolet and upfit on the vehicles and to use American Rescue Act Plan funds. Motion carried 3-0.

The consensus of the Board is to meet with the mayors of Colwell, Floyd, Marble Rock, Nora Springs, Rockford and Rudd on November 13 to discuss 28E Law Enforcement Agreement for services. Auditor Carr will inform the mayors of the meeting.

John Robbins, NIACOG representative, reviewed a quote and process to provide services to amend the Floyd County Zoning Ordinance pertaining to utility-scale wind energy and solar renewable energy. Fees for wind and battery is \$2,000 plus \$200 per additional meetings such as public listening sessions, and \$300 for additional meetings that require extra preparation such as educational workshops and the same costs for solar energy. Robbins suggested two to three listening sessions and one to two workshop meetings. The Board discussed whether to pay for funds through the General Fund or American Rescue Plan Act Fund. Supv Kuhn intends to draft a resolution on terms of intent for the Zoning Commission and Board as well as address a moratorium. Robbins suggested action on the moratorium be a separate item outside of NIACOG's services. Robbins will draft contracts for their services. The county attorney's office will be asked to assist in documents.

Jacob Page, County Engineer, asked the Board to consider a policy setting a minimum threshold where Secondary Roads could do work without being an agenda item. Discussion included being transparent through the process and meeting weekly should not cause any significant delay in getting the work completed. Curt Marth reported a large hole in Drainage District #3 in the field north of the railroad on Lancer and 175th St. Matt Staudt reported two holes in Drainage District #13 near Jersey and 240th St. The Board directed Page to have Secondary Roads do the repairs for both drainage districts.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Res #41-23* Resolution Setting Date for a Public Hearing on Amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for the Southwest Bypass Urban Renewal Area: Floyd County, together with the City of Charles City, previously established the Southwest Bypass Urban Renewal Area and adopted an urban renewal plan for the governance of projects and initiatives to be undertaken therein; and an amendment to the Plan has been prepared which authorizes the undertaking of a new urban renewal project in the Urban Renewal Area consisting of the City providing tax increment financing support to Zoetis in connection with the expansion of its workforce and manufacturing facilities for use in the Company’s pharmaceuticals manufacturing business operations; and, it is now necessary to set a date for public hearing on the Amendment; Be It Resolved by the Board as follows: Section 1. The Board will meet at the Floyd County Courthouse on November 27 at 9:00 a.m., at which time and place it will hold a public hearing on the proposed Amendment; Section 2. The County Auditor shall publish notice of said hearing in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the County. Section 3. Pursuant to Iowa Code 403.5, the County Auditor is hereby designated as the County’s representative in connection with the consultation process which is required under that section of the urban renewal law. Roll call vote: Keifer, Jorgensen, Kuhn; Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to set the canvasses of the November 7 City/School Elections for Tier 1 on November 13 at 10:30 a.m. and Tier 2 on November 20 at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Future agenda items: Iowa Sunshine Law training, wind energy project moratorium language, NIACOG’s contracted services and recommendations to the Zoning Commission.

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