

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
August 28, 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 21, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the claims presented: County #389-441 and Engineer/Secondary Roads 10112-10127. Motion carried 3-0.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Keifer watched portions of the Summit Carbon Solutions hearing with the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB). Supv Jorgensen attended the first Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council meeting where they discussed using the board room for meetings, reviewed Iowa Sunshine Law, and would like direction from the supervisors on election date recommendations. Supv Kuhn attended the IUB hearings and provided handouts entered into the record through the Area Development Corporation Executive Director Tim Fox's testimony; Kuhn is preparing an article for the newspaper.

Updates on Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: Supv Keifer mentioned a bill from Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating for \$2,975 for the plugged sewer drain. The board of supervisor's office has desks but there is still work that needs to be done in the room. The bollard has not been replaced yet. There is an Owner-Architect-Contractor meeting this afternoon.

At 9:15 a.m. the public hearing opened for the FY24 County Budget Amendment. Auditor Carr reported she received no comments in support of or opposed to the amendment. With no public comments the hearing closed at 9:17 a.m. Carr reviewed details of the amendment. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Res* #35-23 Budget Amendment & Appropriations: The Floyd County FY24 budget has certain line items in need of adjustment since the original budget was certified on April 10, 2023; and the Board timely published notice and held a public hearing on August 28, 2023 for the amendment; be it resolved by the Board to adopt the FY24 Amendment and be it also resolved to approve county departmental budget appropriations for as follows: Dept 51 General Services (Fund 01001 American Rescue Plan Act) \$926,993 increase and Dept 99 Non-Departmental (34000 Emergency Communications System Fund) \$4,150,000, both appropriated at 100%. Roll call vote: Ayes-Keifer, Jorgensen, Kuhn; motion carried 3-0.

Ben Chatfield informed the Board of a promotion on Motorola pagers used by first responders and included in the Emergency Communications System project. The quote for 173 new pagers is \$120,154.15, less \$8,650 for the promotion, plus \$164.17 for shipping, totaling \$111,668.32. An order would need to be placed by August 31, would take about 90 days for shipment, and pagers would likely be usable in March or April. The promotion comes with a 1-year extended warranty which provides for a total of a 3-year warranty. Discussion included distribution of pagers to agencies. Consensus of the Board was to proceed with ordering the pagers.

Jacob Page, County Engineer, provided updates on Secondary Roads activities including crews doing work orders, drive permits, mowing gravel and black top roads, blading, general shop maintenance, and sign inventory. The rock resurfacing project is completed. Two Packard Ave culvert replacement projects are completed. Debris is being removed on the S70 and 190th St bridges. Page reported that crews mowed trees on Drainage District #1 and the property owner reported he was going to spray the trees and would like to convert the property to prairie grass and wildflowers. Kuhn signed the pavement marking project plans. Office staff have completed S70 documents and are finalizing the 130th St bridge replacement project. There will be a pre-construction meeting tomorrow on the 155th and Victory bridge replacement project; crews will start work in the next couple of weeks. The annual report was submitted and approved by the Iowa DOT. The DNR reported that the testing for the underground storage tank in Rudd no longer needs to be tested and no further action is required; the consultant will provide documentation to close it and then the county can dispose of the property if they choose to do so. Scott Heinz commented on the poor condition of Packard Ave; Page would like to shift B60 on the 5-year plan to do earlier, then Underwood Ave, and then Packard Ave which would put it out five years. Jorgensen inquired about a rock issue on 150th St; Page looked at the road and found no issue.

Page provided an update on the State's All Systems Overweight Permits where the original law required participating county roads for the permit needed to be declared by July 1, 2025. Effective July 1, 2023, the requirement changed for counties to have an exemption for why a road should not be allowed on the list for permits. Page mentioned the county's bridge review shows one structure on paved roads that will not be able to handle the additional load so it has been blocked on the online DOT map. All other paved roads have been approved. The County Engineer's affiliate is still looking for guidance from the state on conflicting opinions.

Merlin Bartz and Isaac Lampa, Invenergy representatives, provided information regarding their 180 MW project with approximately 30 to 50 turbines depending on the turbine size, serving 52,000 American homes. More than \$171 million would be invested in the community via tax revenue and payments to landowners over the life of the project. Brandi Schmidt, Assessor, provided an overview of the assessment of wind turbines. Lampa commented that all easements are voluntary and if they find a landowner who does not want to sign up, they end up going around and the collection lines spiderweb from turbine to turbine to the substation. Heights of the turbines to the tip are typically about 499 feet and to the hub around 400 feet and a 6.5 MW turbine may be just under 600 feet; the heights of turbines for the Floyd County project have not been determined yet; the FAA and DOT have to sign off on the project. Lampa mentioned there would be 200-300 jobs for construction for the short term and up to eight full time operations and maintenance staff. Bartz mentioned examples of ancillary businesses and support industries transpired in communities where wind turbines were erected. The proposed timelines for the project would be development from 2023 to 2026, construction in 2026 and operational in 2027.

Future agenda items: The next meeting will be September 11.

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