

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
October 2, 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 and Supv Dennis Keifer; absent: Supv Jim Jorgensen.

Keifer/Kuhn moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

Public comment: Jeff Wright, mayor of Colwell, informed the Board on the recent crisis of the city's well failing. Professionals have deemed the well has dirt, gravel and sand from holes in the pipe. The price tag on a new well is \$200-300,000. Grants are being sought to remedy the issue. A short-term fix would be to put in a new lining to hold material back but a Department of Natural Resources representative advised not to do this and in lieu to plug the existing well and dig for a new. Citizens have been asked to use minimum water. Floyd County Emergency Management Director Jason Webster organized a pallet of donated bottled water from HyVee. County Sanitarian Jeff Sherman will conduct a water test of Colwell Fire Departments well which could possibly be certified for the city to use for a temporary option. The State of Iowa has a truck with a nurse tank that could be used to haul water from another town if needed. Wright is not asking for any assistance from the County but just wanted to let the Supervisors know of the situation.

Keifer/Kuhn moved to approve the September 25, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 2-0.

Keifer/Kuhn moved to approve the claims presented: County #657-688 and Engineer/Secondary Roads #10180-10192. Motion carried 2-0.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Keifer met with Invenergy representatives Merlin Bartz and Isaac Lamppa about their wind turbine project. Supv Kuhn attended an Area Development Corp board meeting and worked with a group petitioning for a wind ordinance and some of the wind companies about the proposed petition. Supvs Keifer and Kuhn attended the Area Development Corporation's anniversary event.

Updates on Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: Supv Keifer will be meeting with a company to look at the boiler flue project; discussion included whether the issue is a matter of settings to defer the air to the boiler room or if any equipment needs to be installed. Auditor Carr reported that the scope of the sewer drain does show rocks that should be removed; Carr will check with the city of Charles City on some options to remedy.

Keifer/Kuhn moved to set a public hearing on October 16, 2023, at 9:15 a.m. for an application from Nick Hopp on behalf of Double Double U to rezone 1.25 acres from Ag to I-1 for the purpose of putting up storage units. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed issues with people dialing into the conference phone and not hearing people talk at meetings. Discussion including an upgrade to the conference phone, a sound system with microphones and speakers, having a designated place for people who want to address the board to come closer to the table or a podium so the callers on the phone can hear them, and differences in sound on recording devices. Supv Keifer will follow up with the IT Director on options.

Future agenda items: Holding the October 9 regular board meeting in the EOC/Training Room to discuss a petition requesting a wind moratorium and updates to the zoning ordinance at 10 a.m.

Keifer/Kuhn moved to adjourn. Motion carried 2-0.

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Mark A. Kuhn, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors