

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting  
November 13, 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.

Supv Jorgensen inquired why the resolution for the moratorium was not on the agenda; Supv Kuhn responded he had unresolved questions regarding Attorney Prichard's draft resolution but it will be ready for next week. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public comment: none.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the November 6, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed an extra charge of \$2.73 on the IT Director's credit card for Zoom licenses purchased online; a work order has been sent to Zoom requesting an invoice to support the charge or credit on the account. Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the claims presented: County #988-1083 and Engineer/Secondary Roads #10259-10291 and note that staff will continue to work with the \$2.73 charge from Zoom on the IT Director's credit card. Motion carried 3-0.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Jorgensen attended Foster Grandparents and Conservation Board meetings and provided an update on county park activities. Supv Keifer attended Board of Health and Joint Entity meetings. Supv Kuhn attended the Board of Health meeting and presented a concern to the Board regarding a local resident.

Updates on Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: Discussion included signage on the public entrance and other areas in the courthouse, still no bollard, no success on finding a contractor to do plaster work, and other items on the list of unfinished contractor work.

Marble Rock Mayor Jerry Engelhardt, Rockford Mayor Protem Sharon Enabnit, Rudd Mayor Jeff Bulland (via phone), Nora Springs Mayor Randy Hassman, Floyd Mayor Trevis O'Connell and the Board discussed 28E Law Enforcement Agreements. Current fees are \$4 per capita based on 10-year census date for the cities of Colwell, Floyd, Marble Rock, Rockford and Rudd and \$25/hour when needed for the City of Nora Springs. Sheriff Crooks presented research supporting the county is behind on the state average for law enforcement service fees. O'Connell provided the history of the development of the service agreements, is happy with the services provided in their community, and believes an increase is due. Hassman mentioned it is the intent of the city council to bring their police department back to two full-time officers but have not been able to fill the position; Bulland suggested having a shared sheriff deputy for the Nora Springs police officer position. Kuhn requested the Sheriff provide an accounting for fees collected for Nora Springs. Engelhardt commented that an increase is warranted and doubling the current rate would not be unreasonable. Enabnit concurred the rate needs to be increased but questioned what the coverage consists of. Nora Springs Police Chief Jesse Dugan commented the city has property in Cerro Gordo County but there are no agreements for services and they typically would only come if assistance for an emergency was needed. Bulland commented that a large amount of people in Rudd are disappointed in services, primarily because they do not assist with city ordinance violations and would be hard to justify increased fees. Crooks commented that the department does not do city code enforcement but provides patrol for the cities, mostly at night, checking doors, and being present in the communities. Kuhn commented on limitations of the sheriff's department and at this time is not considering hiring additional deputies. Examples of average costs of fees collected compared to a deputy's salary was reviewed. Crooks will meet with the mayors regarding advisory board discussions per section 13 of the agreements and bring suggestions back to the Board regarding continuation and negotiation per section 12.

State Medical Examiner Death Investigator and County Liaison Officer Mark Bethel, Global Medical Response Operations Supervisor Dawn Staudt and the Board discussed establishing a medical examiner program for the county. Bethel provided an overview of autopsy services in the county, explained how medical examiner (ME) and medical examiner investigators (MEI) function, and training offered through the state, preferably at Ankeny because of the ability to view the department's autopsy work. The county received notice that the four county-appointed medical examiners, who are physicians, do not want to be reappointed in January 2024; however, Staudt informed the Board that Dr Schrodtt will stay on as the ME if the county starts utilizing MEIs. Staudt has taken an online death scene course, is interested in becoming an MEI and is aware of at least two others interested. Bethel suggests the county have a Chief ME, eventually a Deputy ME, both of which need to be a Doctor of

Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), and four MEIs. Persons in the medical field and law enforcement are likely MEI candidates. Discussion included compensation, training needs, employee or contract relationships, budgeting for the ME/MEI program, when autopsy services are ordered, rolls of the ME/MEI, and protection from litigation. Bethel could start training as early as next week if the Board is ready to move forward with MEI training. Jorgensen will contact Dr. Schrodt regarding his commitment to continue ME services and his role in the ME/MEI program.

John Robbins, NIACOG Planner, and the Board set November 28 at 1 p.m. in the EOC/Training Room for an educational workshop session regarding the amendment to the county ordinance pertaining to utility-scale wind and battery storage. This will be a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors and the Zoning Commission.

Jody Applegate, Elderbridge Agency on Aging representative, presented information on the agencies services provided in FY22 and FY23 and requested the county contribute \$14,103 in FY25.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Drainage District #3 Open Ditch project Pay Ap #1 for \$29,250. Motion carried 3-0.

Jacob Page, County Engineer, updated the Board on Notice of Alleged Safety or Health Concerns from Iowa Department of Inspection, Appeals and Licensing in regard to a potential OSHA violation at the Solid Waste Collection Site for not having portable water for employees to wash their hands and employees not provided with a sanitary restroom facility. In response to the water, Page stated the staff wanted to provide her own portable water but the IDIA representative informed Page that the county should provide the water so Page procured a contract with Culligan Water to provide portable water to the site and has ordered a portable camping sink-handwashing station from Amazon. In response to the sanitary restroom facility, Page provided a photo of the portable restroom onsite and reported the restroom is cleaned regularly and in good condition. Page is awaiting feedback from IDIA.

The Board noted that Al Neilsen has resigned as a substitute to fill in at the Collection Site due to not being able to work as expected. Page will be posting the position to add staff to the substitute list.

Jacob Page, County Engineer, provided an update on Secondary Roads activities including continuing with work orders, driveway permits, general shop maintenance including a major repair to an excavator, shoulder work on black tops, cutting brush in ditches. A header on the overhead door on the Rudd shed was failing has been fixed. Minnowa continues to work on the 155<sup>th</sup> and Victory Ave bridge project; beams are set, the deck is being formed, and they plan to pour concrete the last week of November. Staff are working on plans for day labor projects for next year. Heartland Asphalt has been patching some roads.

The Board noted fees collected by the Auditor, Recorder and Sheriff for the quarter ending September 30.

The Board noted the Post-Election Audit/Auditor Certification for November 7 City/School Election. Auditor Carr reported the hand-count compared to the machine count matched 100%.

Future agenda items: moratorium resolution, medical examiner/medical examiner investigators

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Carr  
Floyd County Auditor's Assistant

Mark A. Kuhn, Chair  
Floyd County Board of Supervisors