

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
December 18, 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 with the deletion of Review/Action of Ahlers-Cooney invoice for Iowa Utility Board Intervention Services for Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline due to invoice issues not being resolved. Motion carried 3-0.

Public comment: none.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the December 11 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Kuhn moved to approve the claims presented: County #1292-1370 and Engineer/Secondary Roads #10329-10363 but not to approve Drainage claim #15399 to Bolton & Menk for a Drainage District #3 Open Ditch claim due to the invoice not meeting Supv Keifer's request for information. Motion carried 3-0.

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: All three supervisors attended the Iowa Sunshine Law training. Supv Keifer attended the Airport Authority meeting. Supv Jorgensen attended a meeting regarding medical examiner processes.

Updates on Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: The bollard still hasn't arrived. Bill Huey, Prochaska rep, was planning to be onsite this week. Young Plumbing has been onsite doing punch list work.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to allow the County Medical Examiner (ME), Dr Schrodt, to appoint up to four Medical Examiner Investigators (MEIs). Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen commented that recommendations for compensation for ME and MEIs is not ready but should be available for consideration for the next board meeting.

Jorgensen informed the Board of Schrodt's top four of ten applicants for MEIs to be Dawn Staudt, William Duncan, Martin Parcher, and Eric Whipple. Keifer commented on the appropriateness of appointing three of the four candidates being AMR employees. Discussion included ambulance crews are common MEIs, they cannot resuscitate a body and serve as the MEI should the person die, consideration of a balance of AMR and non-AMR MEI appointments, rescinding previous motion and allow five instead MEIs, funding over \$400,000 for AMR services, MEIs while on duty with AMR would need to be compensated as MEIs. Jorgensen/Kuhn moved to follow Dr Schrodt's recommendation to approve Dawn Staudt, William Duncan, Martin Parcher and Eric Whipple as MEIs, pending state approval. Motion failed 1-2: Ayes-Jorgensen; Nays-Keifer and Kuhn.

Keifer/Kuhn moved to rescind the motion made previously setting the total number of MEIs at four. Motion carried 2-1: Ayes-Keifer and Kuhn; Nay-Jorgensen. Discussion included having six MEIs and concerns of spreading the average of 26 investigations/year among six MEIs would thin the opportunity for each to gain experience in the field. Joanne Robinson, a non-AMR employee, was Schrodt's fifth choice. Bryce Hamm, a non-AMR employee, and Jordan Van Horn, an AMR employee, were the other two choices not specified as sixth or seventh by Schrodt. Robinson, attending via Zoom, withdrew her name as an applicant. Kuhn/Keifer moved to allow the ME to appoint five MEIs with the requirement of two being non-AMR employees. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the appointments of Dawn Staudt, William Duncan, Martin Parcher, Eric Whipple, and Bryce Hamm as MEIs, pending state approval. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyler Conley, Bolton Menk Engineer, provided an update on Drainage District #3 Open Ditch repair project. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Drainage District #3 Open Ditch Pay Ap #2 for Larson Contracting for \$40,500. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to assess \$2,000 on Drainage District #3 Main Tile for Secondary Road repair work. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to assess \$1,500 on Drainage District #13 Main Tile for Secondary Road repair work. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve Wrightz Auction Co, LLC's liquor license renewal application pending dram insurance coverage. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed the Iowa Sunshine Law presentation held last week. Discussion including purchasing approximately 50 Open Meetings/Records booklets for \$2 each to provide to various board members and commissioners, explanation of consent agenda, Advisory Opinion 23AO:0007 on editing meeting minutes before publishing, adding a disclaimer clause in the e-mail signature section regarding the information in the e-mail being subject to open meetings laws, best practice to notify the public when a majority of supervisors attend another board meeting, and fees for public record requests.

The Board discussed the Credit Card and Charge Account Policy. Discussion included whether to waive or set a minimum of allowable charges with sales tax, sales tax being an inappropriate use of taxpayer money, the Business VISA Account credit approval process, stricter guidelines requiring department name and cardholder name on credit cards, allowing other staff in the department to use the department head's card, authorization of staff on charge accounts, credit card or charge accounts being used where a claim could have been issued, limiting the number of cards a department head can have to one, department heads of autonomous boards/commissions and elected officials can establish their own cards/accounts without board of supervisor approval, clarifying/separating charge accounts versus credit card rules within the policy, changing words like "should" to "shall", removing the \$500 pre-authorization reference, enforcement of disciplinary action for misuse of charges made by departments who do not report to the supervisors, consideration of having the chair rather than the full board address issues and then only coming to the full board if an issue is not resolved.

Future agenda items: ME and MEI compensation, changing next weeks' regular meeting to Thursday, appointments to various boards/commissions, and 2024 board planning prior to organizational meeting.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Mark A. Kuhn, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors