Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 5, 2024, 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.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Public comment: none.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the minutes from January 29 Regular meeting and Joint meeting with the Zoning Commission. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the claims presented: County #1689-1723 and Drains #15404. Motion carried 3-0.

CCDA	Dues	40.00	1
Centrl IA	Supplies	294.00	1
Central IA	Shelter	3780.00	1
CC Housing	Rent	50.00	1
CC Press	Notice	796.25	2
Charm-Tex	Supply	39.18	1
FC Gen	Pstg	500.00	1
GRP Assoc	Disposal	17.00	1
IA Dept Justice	Fees	292.70	2
INOVALON	Software	556.26	1
IDPS	Services	300.00	1
IA DOT	Fuel	1348.75	1
IA Sportsman	Ads	100.00	1
K Watkins	Reimb	318.91	1
M Kuhn	Reimb	185.82	1
LEAF	Services	166.75	1
LSI	Support	13104.02	1
Mail Serv	Renewals	546.05	1
Marco	Maint	129.47	1
Powersports	Services	39.98	1
Menards	Supplies	163.36	1
M Mooberry	Reimb	108.49	1
NICAO	Screening	5083.22	1
O'Reilly	Parts	6.49	1
Omnitel	Phone	715.08	1
Schueth Ace	Hwd	53.93	1
Sirchie	Supplies	124.40	1
State ME	Autopsy	3167.00	1
Visual Edge	Equip	26.95	1
D Young	Fees	50.00	1
ACSTAR	DD3-Larson-PayAp	36000.00	1

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Keifer attended 911 Service Board and Communications Board meetings. Kuhn attended a meeting with NIACOG officials regarding providing services for Zoning duties on a per hour, as needed basis, and visited with John Robbins, NIACOG Planner, regarding the writing of the amendment to the zoning ordinance.

Updates on Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse Project: Keifer commented he has not received any additional information on water softener bids. Auditor Carr reported that Samuels Group employees did not come last week to look at the four ceilings for repair; they plan to be onsite next week and will also review the custodian's idea for the 4th floor stairwell ceiling.

The Board noted the resignation of two members of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC): Patrick Lumley, Charles City Council Member and co-chair of the EMSAC, and Dawn Staudt, AMR representative and EMSAC secretary. Remaining voting members are Dawnette Willis, co-chair, David Luett, Jeff Stirling, Marty Parcher, Kendall Nolt, and Brandy Molitor and Supv Jorgensen is a non-voting member. At Kuhn's request of why Jorgensen voted against Brandy Molitor, Jorgensen responded his suggestion at the January 22 meeting was to take into consideration the EMSAC's request to appoint who was recommended which wasn't

acknowledged. Jorgensen reported Molitor as being disruptive, interruptive, and speaking out of turn, and is concerned of other members leaving and moving forward without Lumley and Staudt. Kuhn referenced the January 11 EMSAC minutes that reflect the council determined the best approach to add new non-voting members was to leave the current process in place and allow the supervisors to review applications. Jorgensen is unsure if Lumley and Staudt will come back and does not believe there is interest in current members taking on chair and secretary positions; one suggestion was to rescind the last three appointments and make an attempt to bring Lumley and Staudt back and then move forward with other appointments. Kuhn mentioned he voted in good faith for Parcher, Nolt and Molitor and wouldn't know why he would remove Parcher or Nolt and would hope the council could get along and look for the common good which is to approve an EMS levy to provide ambulance service and funds for our EMS providers throughout the county. Keifer commented the applicants seemed qualified, didn't understand Molitor could be so disruptive, questioned the process to remove someone, and the value to keep EMSAC going. Parcher commented that Lumley is the primary driving force behind the effort and Parcher's experience with Molitor's disruptive force and not working well with others will not allow this effort to go forward.

Kuhn reported his conversation with Roy Schwickerath, former supervisor who served as a non-voting member on the first EMSAC effort, that his role serving as a non-voting member of the EMSAC was because the EMSAC's recommendation would come to him and the other supervisors consideration. Kuhn mentioned Lumley told him, and the January 11 EMSAC minutes reflect, that EMSAC has the authority to determine who is a voting or non-voting member; Kuhn does not believe EMSAC has that authority. Lumley commented he believed the process was in place to let the supervisors do the EMSAC appointments and at no time was the EMSAC going to make appointments to expand the council.

In response to asking Lumley if he would consider being reappointed, Lumley referred to his original application where he wrote that the EMS Association, a non-profit organization, should not be a member of the EMSAC and questioned the character and demeanor of EMS Association representation during EMSAC and Ambulance Commission meetings. Molitor commented the EMSAC meetings she attended seemed to be planning meetings with discussion, input and insight and her information and statements were intended to be a positive resource for the community effort; Molitor's request to join was not intended to be rude or negative but feels she has availability and resources to help people in the community and apologized for the conflict that she was not aware of. Kuhn commented with no solution at this time the issue will be on a future agenda. Jorgensen mentioned Lumley had a timeline to keep things moving for a September ballot issue although Kuhn has mentioned having the ballot issue on the November election.

Gail Arjes, Public Health/Home Health Director, provided an update on the generator project which now includes a contract with MidAmerican Energy to provide bigger gas lines bored under Gilbert Street. Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the contract with MidAmerican Energy for $5,728.01 and to pay with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and also cover the cost of concrete work and Mills, Inc. services to hook up the generator. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the Ahlers-Cooney invoice for $3,494.19 for services provided for the Summit Carbon Iowa Utility Board Permit Proceedings and to pay for it with ARPA funds. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Res #03-24 Purchase of Right-of-Way by Floyd County: The Supervisors are charged with the purchase of right-of-way for construction and maintenance on the Secondary Road System, and the uniform treatment of landowners in right-of-way purchases is of paramount importance; therefore, be it resolved by the Board that the County Engineer is authorized to purchase the necessary right-of-way for construction and maintenance, using values computed in accordance with the following rate schedule: For additional land beyond the present established right-of-way: 1) By easement or deed: 5.4 times the 100% valuation; 2) Fence removal: Removal of woven wire-barbed wire combination fences shall be paid for at a rate of $4 per rod; removal of barbed wire only fences shall be paid for at a rate of $3 per rod, with distances as determined from the survey notes and plans; 3) Fence replacement: Replacement of woven wire-barbed wire combination fences shall be paid for at a rate of $16 per rod; replacement of barbed wire only fences shall be paid for at a rate of $14 per rod, with distances as determined from the survey notes and plans; 4) Trees: Consideration will be given to all healthy trees that are located in the house yard area. All trees displaced by right-of-way acquisition that are of a size that will allow relocation will be relocated by county or county contractor. Trees that cannot be relocated will be replaced, by county or county contractor, with a 1" or 2" nursery stock of similar wood type. County Assessor figures will be used as the land value for the following reasons: a) Factors are applied

uniformly throughout the county; b) Little good can be realized by a duplication of the value appraisal; c) Individuals have the protected right to appeal values set by the appraisal performed by the County Assessor. Roll call vote: Ayes-Keifer, Jorgensen, Kuhn; motion carried 3-0.

County Engineer Jacob Page and the Board discussed weed commissioner duties. Page reported that Tim Laube, Secondary Roads Superintendent, reached out to Ag Vantage to see if they would be interested in spraying areas throughout the county; their response was they were not interested. Keifer also spoke with an Ag Vantage representative who mentioned the size of their equipment is too large to do the work but would advise if they come up with suggestions of others that might be interested. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to appoint Tim Laube as the County Weed Commissioner effective today. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed FY25 budget information. Page mentioned the Iowa Dept of Transportation's deadline for the Secondary Roads budget is still April 15; Carr responded this does not align with HF718 Property Tax Reform changes where budgets are due April 30 and would likely require the county's budget to be due by April 15 as well. Wellmark's premiums are going up 4% but IGHCP and EBS administrative fees for partial self-funding are staying the same; the net for health insurance increases for the county's plan are 3.54% and dental rates are not available yet. Changes made from last week include budgeting for new election equipment, moving the purchase of a Sheriff's vehicle from Rural Services to General Fund, budgeting for enclosures over the south employee and dispatch entrances, and increased line items for conservation equipment/reducing the transfer to the reserve fund. Fund balances and levy rates were reviewed. The Board would like to reduce the proposed budget by $75,132. Suggestions include reducing the Compensation Board's elected official's salaries and those tied to the elected official by 20% and no increase for the supervisors.

The Board recessed at 12:55 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

The Board continued with FY25 budget reviews. Jorgensen will advise the Conservation Director to reduce the Dept 22 budget by $8,476 and Keifer will advise the Public Health Director to reduce the Dept 39 budget by $21,209; the reductions can come from FY24 re-estimates, FY25 budgeted proposals or a combination of the two. Original proposed wage increases above 3% will be reduced in the following departments: Auditor's clerks and precinct election officials, Recorder's assistant and clerk, IT director, and Communications supervisor and dispatchers. Agency funding requests for Floyd County Museum and Healthy Harvest were reduced to $0. Other items discussed were the potential of sharing a zoning director, currently funding cemeteries for maintenance of veterans graves at $7.50 each/yr, currently funding indigent burials at $1,000, transitioning Public Health IT services from Next Generation Technologies to Solutions, potential costs for implementing two-factor authentication, and waiting on cybersecurity insurance quotes.

Future agenda items: joint meeting with Board of Health regarding filling the Environmental Health/Zoning/911 Signs position, EMS Advisory Council membership, Communications tower, and setting the board meeting for the week of February 19.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Carr	Mark A. Kuhn, Chair
Floyd County Auditor	Floyd County Board of Supervisors