

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 26, 2024, 3:30 p.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 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public comment: none.

Kuhn/Keifer moved to approve the February 21, 2024 regular meeting minutes as corrected and the minutes from the utility-scale wind energy listening session held jointly with the Zoning Commission. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the claims presented: County #1813-1895, Engineer/Secondary Roads #10468-10490, and Drains #15406. Motion carried 3-0.

Ahlers	Legal	750.00	2
Alliant	Elect	527.09	3
Amazon	Supplies	16.99	1
A Bellinger	Reimb	116.28	1
Black Hills	Util	197.83	1
Bruening	Rock	8273.57	1
REC	Elect	1036.68	1
J Butterfield	Reimb	119.70	1
YesWay	Fuel	5219.01	1
Carquest	Parts	103.31	1
G Carr	Reimb	169.86	1
Express Lube	Serv	64.95	1
Centrl IA	Supplies	691.00	2
CenturyLink	Phone	1491.10	5
Charles City	Services	992.58	4
Charles City	Util	41.95	1
Colwell	TJ-Road	320.31	1
Floyd	TJ-Road	402.92	1
Marble Rock	TJ-Road	862.63	1
Rudd	TJ-Road	1108.49	1
CivicPlus	Services	6945.75	1
CJ Cooper	Tests	420.00	1
CMI	Equip	467.00	1
Cooley	PortaPot	95.00	1
Cooley	Serv	475.00	1
Cost Adv	Serv	4450.00	1
Crawler Parts & Equipment	Equip	8773.60	1
Culligan	Service	34.15	1
B Hinz	Reimb	149.34	1
D Mowers	Parts	840.42	1
EBS	FCEHPT	144562.62	1
Exceptional	CCR&R	5460.38	1
S Funte	Reimb	32.49	1
Galls	Equip	104.45	1
Gordon Flesch	Lease	121.66	2
Gierke	Tools	9142.54	1
Greene Ambl	Alloc	1125.00	1
Heartland	Util	45.00	1
B Hicks	Reimb	167.58	1
Hy-Vee	Misc	82.33	3
ILEA	Training	375.00	1
IDPS	Services	1756.50	2
JDF	Supplies	920.02	2
D Keifer	Reimb	168.31	1
LEAF	Services	289.16	2
Learning Conn	Fees	7475.12	3
Leroy's	Rprs	45.06	1
J Lovik	Reimb	102.60	1

LSI	Support	16684.00	1
M&J Snap On	Tools	117.67	1
Marco	Maint	476.73	1
Masters Touch	Pstg	4703.75	1
K McCoy	Reimb	332.44	1
Menards	Supplies	372.22	2
Mid Am	Util	9612.33	6
MPH Ind	Equip	1892.00	1
Next Gen	Update	2122.00	1
Omnitel	Phone	360.00	1
P Novak Elect	Serv	112.00	1
Pitney Bowes	Pstg	719.70	1
Pollard Pest Control	Exterm	103.00	1
Powerplan	Parts	391.15	1
Priority Auto Glass	Service	175.00	1
Pitney Bowes	Pstg	10000.00	1
Schumacher	Maint	368.35	1
Sherwin	Paint	29.49	1
Special Med	Therapy	2800.00	1
St. Joseph	Learning Con.	758.92	1
Hygienic Lab	Tests	171.00	1
Swartzrock	Parts	165.40	1
D Swartzrock	Reimb	52.44	1
US Cellular	Phones	268.51	1
UnityPoint	Service	258.00	1
Vanguard	Appraisal	2035.00	2
Verizon	Serv Fee	900.04	2
Visual Edge	Equip	56.12	1
Windstream	Phone	363.09	1
L Wulff	Reimb	158.46	1
ACSTAR Ins	DD3 PayAp4	18000.00	1

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Supv Jorgensen had conversations with several people happy to hear of the communications tower not being located at the Fossil and Prairie Center park. Supv Keifer attended a Chamber of Commerce Cultural Entertainment Committee meeting. Supv Kuhn spent time working on letters of support for the RAISE grant application.

Updates on Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse (LEC) Project: The Board discussed the water softening system project and reviewed an e-mail from Deputy Pat Shirley regarding issues in the jail area with lime buildup potentially caused from buildup in the mechanical room boilers and/or hot water heaters. Keifer commented on his follow up with one of the bidders who was waiting on the county to hear if the jail inspector would allow a system in the corridor behind the jail cells; Shirley reported to Keifer that the jail inspector had no issue with placement of the system but the State Fire Marshall and city code enforcement should be contacted which Keifer said he would contact. Keifer is looking at another company put a quote together and that company confirmed with that company that a reverse osmosis system would not be a solution for the courthouse/LEC issues.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure would be reasonably expected to increase the price of the government body would have to pay for that property. Roll call: Ayes-Keifer, Jorgensen, Kuhn; motion carried 3-0.

The Board moved into closed session at 9:18 a.m. and returned to open session at 10 a.m.

County Attorney Todd Prichard presented a cash offer to Stephen Schlader to purchase basically a 1.5-acre rectangular parcel at a fair market value, cash offer, of \$15,000 and an anticipated being able to rent space on tower with a shared 15% for Schlader and 85% to the county for 30 years. The intent would be that the driveway would be in the county's parcel and Schlader would have a permanent easement. Jorgensen/Keifer moved to offer to Schlader to purchase 1.5 acres for \$15,000 cash, set up a 15% profit sharing arrangement with the landowner and the rest to the county for tower space rental, costs of closing and survey would be the county's expense, and to grant easement for ingress and egress to landowner for driveway. Additional comments include that Schlader needs time to think about the offer and should be able to come back to the board by next Monday and Kuhn commented that members of the Tumilson family are agreeable to the Schlader site proposed. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed the Floyd County Home Base Iowa Initiative that offers up to \$10,000 in 0% interest loans for five years to qualifying veterans securing employment and purchasing of a home in the county, downpayment assistance, closing costs, assistance and/or home repair. Changes to the Distribution of Funds section include the Board's intent to allocate \$40,000 each year for three years. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the Floyd County Home Base Iowa Initiative Administrative Guidelines as amended to the Distribution of Funds section. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed an updated draft of the Environmental Health Specialist/Zoning Administrator/911 Signs Administrator job description. Posting and newspaper samples were reviewed. Kuhn mentioned entering into a contract with NIACOG to assist with Zoning administration after the vacancy occurs. Jen Solomon, BOH/Zoning/911 Assistant, mentioned another county that will fill in to do Board of Health duties for water tests, time of transfers, etc. Recommended members of the interview committee are the Chairs of the Board of Health and Zoning Commission, a member of the Board of Supervisors, Public Health/Home Healthcare Director Gail Arjes and Auditor Carr. Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the job description, advertising plan with applications due March 22 and establishing the interview committee as discussed. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Ahlers & Cooney invoice for \$64.97 for Navigator Iowa Utility Board proceeding and payment to be made with American Rescue Act Plan Funds. Motion carried 3-0.

Kuhn/Jorgensen moved to approve a contract for the purchase of new voting equipment as presented in the Unisyn Voting Solutions Budgetary Proposal with a 3-year no interest payment plan starting with 1/3 of payments beginning July 2024 and subsequent payments due July 2025 and July 2026. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board noted the receipt of the completed FY23 Cost Allocation Plan for recovering local administrative expenses for the Department of Health and Human Services and Child Support Recovery in FY25.

Bernie Solomon, IT Director, was not available to attend the meeting. However, the Board discussed directing the director to develop a webpage for the wind energy projects related to the amendment of the Zoning Ordinance and purchasing cybersecurity insurance which will require the two-factor authentication on computers and opens opportunities for state funding of hardware components. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to purchase cybersecurity insurance coverage through Melrose Insurance through Ryan Turner Specialty for \$8,582.88 with coverage starting this fiscal year. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed FY25 budget information. The Board reviewed all departmental budget expenses with minor changes, shifting FY24 and FY25 transfers to Emergency Management from General Supplemental to General Fund, increasing funding Foster Grandparents from \$2,500 to \$3,000, budgeting for the 0% veteran loans, accounting for a FY24 amendment in the ARPA fund for the Ahlers-Cooney overpayment of \$901, levy rate options and carryover fund balances. The Board will set the first hearing date/time at next week's board meeting.

Keifer mentioned a message he received from Scott Cerwinski, Chickasaw County Supervisor, asking if the County has a need for fill dirt that needs to be moved.

Future agenda items: offer proposed to Schlader.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Mark A. Kuhn, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors