

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 15, 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.

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

Public comment: Kathy Carter provided details of a carbon pipeline leak on April 3 in Sulfer, LA. With Summit Carbon Solutions adding more ethanol plants to their project, Carter suspects the size of the main line near Rockford will need to be increased. Carter expressed concerns of Summit being able to monitor and react to leaks, believes shelter in place orders are not realistic in a catastrophic event, and referenced Navigator's 1,800 feet minimum setback recommendation to Summit's 350 feet. Carter suggests the County get to work on its ordinance.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the April 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the claims presented: County #2214-2271 and Engineer/Secondary Roads #10581-10595. Motion carried 3-0.

AgVantage	LP	41.04	1
Ahlers	Legal	470.57	1
Alliant	Elect	260.22	1
Black Hills	Util	108.71	1
T Brinkman	Reimb	1000.00	1
Bruening	Rock	1256.65	1
REC	Elect	1011.56	2
YesWay	Fuel	1470.09	2
Carquest	Parts	31.84	1
G Carr	Reimb	243.96	1
Central IA Bldg Supp	Parts	1579.30	1
Centrl IA	Supplies	180.00	1
Central Park	Dentistry	398.90	1
CenturyLink	Phone	1349.85	2
CC Press	Notice	85.00	1
Charm-Tex	Supply	326.40	1
Chickasaw	Serv Fee	74.41	1
Charles City	Services	12648.69	1
Cooley	PortaPot	95.00	1
Cooley	Serv	475.00	1
Cott Systems	Record	2345.00	1
Croell	Matl	10618.00	1
Culligan	Service	35.30	1
Digital Ally	Equip	145.00	1
EBS	FCEHPT	143481.34	1
F&L Auto	Supplies	83.20	1
Galls	Equip	110.63	1
Gordon Flesch	Lease	107.05	1
GlaxoSmith	Supplies	496.86	1
Healthcare	Software	192.82	1
IA DOT	Fuel	375.26	1
McKesson	Equip	800.00	1
MDS Records	Services	86.72	1
Mid Am	Util	6113.66	3
Mills	Maint	821.33	1
NEIA Fasteners	Parts	74.52	1
Viafield	Fuel	149.00	1
Viafield	LP	1727.79	1
N IA Therapy	Eval	1625.00	1
Office Depot	Supplies	348.00	1
P Novak Elect	Serv	984.32	1
Ricoh	Services	102.00	2
Schumacher	Maint	368.35	1
Road Fund	Reimb	3958.23	2
Sec State	Notary	30.00	1
T Sindt	Reimb	58.14	1
Special Med	Therapy	2000.00	1
T-Mobile	Service	188.26	1

Verizon	Serv Fee	906.88	3
Visa	Misc	5898.64	12
Wex Bank	Fuel	3713.13	1
Windstream	Phone	363.09	1

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Keifer attended Motorola/Communications Tower, FMC Landfill, and NIACOG Emergency Response and Transportation meetings. Kuhn attended a meeting regarding a department head complaint, had several meetings with members of the City of Charles City and the Floyd County Medical Center (FCMC) on ambulance funding.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve hiring Wavelength Services to conduct a survey of the 1.5 acres for the Greenfield (Rockford) communications tower site for \$1,800. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve publication of notice on the disposition of three county vehicles by sealed bid and bids to be due May 6. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to open the public hearing for the FY25 county budget at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried 3-0. Auditor Carr reported receiving no comments in support of or objection to the proposed budget. With no public comments, Keifer/Jorgensen moved to close the public hearing. Motion carried 3-0.

Auditor Carr provided an overview of the budget including offsetting the transfer to Conversation with new equipment purchases, offering up to four \$10,000 home-related loans to veterans at 0% interest, new election equipment being purchased over three years at 0% interest, planning construction of two enclosures on south entrances of the building, communications tower bond payments, unfunded state mandates for mailing budget notices to taxpayers and mailing ballot debt public measurers to registered voters, an average of 3.5% increase in health insurance, wage/salary increases over 3%, revenue increases due to interest rates going up, property tax reform impact, and overview of tax rates and tax dollars. Kuhn added information on increases in funding ambulance services, adding back in the budget to transfer of funds from the General Fund to Secondary Roads, noted that the county was forced to reduce its tax levies due to legislation but because of increased valuations, the county was able to meet budget requirements this year with plans to maintain a 25% or higher ending fund balance.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Res #07-24* Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes and Approval of Elected Officials Salaries: The Board considered revenues, expenses, valuations, property tax levies, fund balances, debt, economic development, and other budget related items from elected officials, department heads, other boards and commission, and outside sources for planning the FY25 budget; the Board has considered FY25 county elected official salary recommendations as presented by the Floyd County Compensation Board and noted in the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on January 16, voted on February 21 to freeze the Board's salary as allowed per Iowa Code 331.907, and throughout the budget process considered a 20% reduction for other elected officials; the Notice of Public Hearing - Proposed Property Tax Levy for FY25 was lawfully published and that hearing was held on March 25; the Notice of Public Hearing - Proposed Budget for FY25 was lawfully published, that hearing was held on April 15 and the proposed FY25 budget does not exceed the amount of property tax dollars proposed on March 25. Be it resolved by the Board to: 1) Reduce the adopt the salaries for all county elected officials for FY25 as follows: Attorney - \$86,352, Auditor - \$79,441, Recorder - \$77,681, Treasurer - \$78,177, Sheriff - \$113,356, and Supervisors - \$40,098; and 2) Approve the Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes for FY25 as published. Roll call vote: Ayes-Keifer, Jorgensen, Kuhn; motion carried 3-0.

Jacob Page, County Engineer, provided the Secondary Roads Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) budget and noted he was unable to fund three new trucks that he had hoped to purchase due to insufficient fund balance and provided information on grants for certain projects that will be unknown until September. Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the FY25 IDOT for Secondary Roads Budget. Motion carried 3-0.

Page reviewed 15 projects proposed in the IDOT Five Year Program. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the IDOT Secondary Roads Five Year Program. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Drainage District #3 Main Open Ditch Repair Project Pay Ap #6 with Larson Contracting Central LLC for \$18,450. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board noted fees collected from the Auditor, Recorder, and Sheriff for the quarter ending March 31.

Kuhn provided copies of the January 9 and March 5 Ambulance Commission minutes, and January 15 Floyd County Medical Center Board of Trustee minutes, and 28E Agreement for Contribution for Emergency Ambulance Services between the Floyd County Medical Center (FCMC), City of Charles City, and Floyd County. The January 9 Ambulance Commission minutes reflect a member of the Commission will attend the January 15 FCMC meeting. The January 15 minutes reflect changing the FCMC budget asking from \$600,000 to \$500,000;

Kuhn noted that the city and county cannot raise a tax levy but the hospital can. The January 15 minutes also reference, FCMC Administrator Dawnette Willis discussed with the trustees that the city and county will be asking for emergency medical services (EMS) funding and tabled action until Spring. The March 5 Ambulance Commission meeting reference not knowing what was discussed at the January 15 FCMC meeting and that someone from the commission should attend the FCMC meeting and request their help with funding. Last week, Kuhn requested the FCMC chair put the request for funding on the board of trustee's agenda for their meeting this evening. Kuhn also met with Willis last Friday regarding the scope of the trustee's discussion to provide funding for EMS, the county's position on funding request and consideration to amend the 28E agreement. Willis was unable to attend today's meeting but shared with Kuhn that the trustees wanted to have further clarification and understanding on decisions regarding a municipal ambulance service or continuing to fund AMR for ambulance services. Steve Diers, City Administrator, mentioned last year's request to FCMC came from the Ambulance Commission due to the city and county being unable to fund the large increase with the new AMR contract and the hospital agreed to do so for year one of the contract; the intent was to transition what the Commission feels will ultimately be some type of locally operated ambulance service. With not being ready to start a municipal service by July, Diers will also be at tonight's meeting to request funding from FCMC. Diers stated there are economies and funding available to have a local ambulance service created that a private company is unable to obtain and that source, along with a supplemental EMS levy, in whatever form a county and/or city ownership might take.

Kuhn mentioned FCMC has the authority to raise taxes for support of necessary and sufficient ambulance services or to contract for the same. Dispatch records reflect 198 FCMC calls to transport patients to facilities, such as to other hospitals or nursing homes, or 17.87% of 1,108 total dispatched calls for ambulance services so far this fiscal year; in FY23, there were 249, or 17.91%, of 1,390 calls; in FY22, there were 241, or 18.1%, of 1,327 calls. Carr was asked to review ending fund balances and percentages of expenses over carryover fund balances from FCMC's FY25 budget. Kuhn recollects Willis informing him that the trustees did not want to increase their tax asking from \$500,000 to \$600,000 at the same time they were doing a \$29 million expansion.

Kuhn believes FCMC should pay their fair share of ambulance services and they seem to have adequate funding sources to do so. The AMR contract with the city and county is \$415,000 for FY24, increases 3% to \$427,450 for FY25 and increases 3% to \$440,273.50 for FY26 with the city and county splitting the costs 50/50 each year. The 28E agreement between FCMC, the city and county obligates FCMC to fund \$100,000 in FY24 with monthly payments totaling \$50,000 to the city and the same to the county with the agreement terminating June 30, 2024. Kuhn proposes amending the 28E agreement to end June 30, 2026 with FCMC's obligation increasing 3% in FY25 to \$103,000 with monthly payments totaling \$51,500 to the city and the same to the county and increasing 3% to \$106,090 in FY26 with monthly payments totaling \$53,045 to the city and the same to the county. Keifer suggested each of the three entities pay one third of AMRs fee as the hospital is benefiting from transports to the hospital, not just from the hospital; Kuhn thought it was best to stick to the 3% increase that is in the current agreement. Keifer mentioned not knowing what AMR will charge in the future; Jorgensen commented that AMR may choose not to renew. Kuhn mentioned that we know we are not going to have a municipal ambulance service by the end of the AMR agreement but we do know that if an EMS levy is successful, there is no funding source to start up a municipal service until at least July 2025 and that someone is going to have to borrow over \$1.25 million per the Commission's minutes which won't be take care of by \$776,000 in tax dollars. Jorgensen mentioned there would be Ground Emergency Medical Transport funds the second year of an established municipal ambulance services; Kuhn suggested that would likely be 2026 to get established so it wouldn't be until 2028 to receive GEMT revenue. Keifer/Jorgensen moved to designate Supv Kuhn to represent the County at the FCMC Board of Trustee's meeting to discuss the request for an amended 28E agreement for hospital's contribution toward ambulance services in FY25 and FY26. Motion carried 3-0.

Future agenda items: EMS Advisory Council request for date of the election, FY24 county budget amendment, and Child Support Recovery contract

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

**This is a summary of the resolution; full text of resolutions may be inspected during normal business hours in the Floyd County Auditor's office and at www.floydcoia.org.*

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Carr
Floyd County Auditor

Mark A. Kuhn, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors