

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 24, 2024, 10:00 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: Charles City Mayor Dean Andrews requested the Board meet with the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council regarding the direction of the vote for the EMS levy. The vote is very important to the city due to the city not being able to afford increased ambulance costs over the years and it seems that there are multiple directions of where this is going. Kuhn mentioned he looks forward to the recommendation of the Council and from listening to the Council's meeting last evening, they have voted on a recommendation and plan to present it for the May 6 Board meeting.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the April 15, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the claims presented: County #2272-2375. Engineer/Secondary Roads #10596-10610, and Drains #15410. Motion carried 3-0.

Alliant	Elect	377.29	3
Amazon	Supplies	16.99	1
RTS Tact.	Supply	6929.90	1
ARAMARK	Supplies	267.00	1
AT&T	Phone	49.22	1
A Bellinger	Reimb	185.25	1
Bruening	Rock	3308.66	1
J Butterfield	Reimb	171.57	1
S Butterfield	Reimb	37.62	1
Charles Caswell	Easement	57.50	1
Centrl IA	Supplies	935.08	3
Central IA	Shelter	297.00	1
CenturyLink	Phone	126.03	3
CCADC	Alloc	11525.00	1
CC Press	Notice	4669.32	2
CC Library	Alloc	8526.62	1
Charles Theatre	Fees	260.00	1
Charles City	Services	1116.99	7
Colwell	TJ-Road	355.81	1
Floyd	TJ-Road	447.57	1
Marble Rock	TJ-Road	958.22	1
Rudd	TJ-Road	1231.33	1
CoZo	Edu	175.00	2
D & L	Reprs	1519.10	1
B Hinz	Reimb	132.81	1
EMC	Ins	36.00	1
EOJohnson	Service	275.92	1
Exceptional	CCR&R	5969.16	1
FarmChem	Supplies	3.33	1
Fed. Fire Equip.	Serv	244.00	1
FC Eng	Misc	805.19	1
FC Fair	Alloc	5000.00	1
FC Gen	Pstg	4750.00	1
FCSO	Services	713.25	1
FC Treas	Serv Fees	239.57	1
S Funte	Reimb	35.91	1
Galls	Equip	184.36	1
Gordon Flesch	Lease	244.66	3
Hy-Vee	Misc	89.28	2
ICIT	Edu	350.00	1
ICRA	Dues	150.00	1
Iowa Rec	Dues	20.00	1
IDPS	Services	1756.50	2
IA DOT	Fuel	1074.63	3
IA DOT	Fuel/parts	25590.48	1
ISU	Training	360.00	1
IA Workforce	Unempl	1384.39	2

JDF	Supplies	514.78	3
L Kristiansen	Reimb	192.66	1
LEAF	Services	1282.84	3
Learning Conn	Fees	5625.66	3
Learning Conn	Training	1397.52	1
Lessin	Parts	2.50	1
J Lovik	Reimb	149.91	1
Mainstay	Maint	771.00	1
MR Library	Alloc	3645.49	1
Marco	Maint	606.20	2
Masters Touch	Pstg	334.00	1
Mick Gage	Serv	59.09	1
Mid Am	Util	988.80	3
Miller&Miller	Reimb	217.52	1
NH Tribune	Ad	437.00	2
NS Library	Alloc	4397.68	1
NS-Rkfd Reg	Notice	766.28	1
N Cedar	Alloc	17429.00	1
NICAO	Screening	1623.21	1
N IA Lawn	Services	12.99	1
Pollard	Exterm	105.00	1
Powerplan	Parts	354.64	1
Rkfd Library	Alloc	3979.12	1
Rudd Library	Alloc	3705.07	1
Schueth Ace	Hwd	80.67	3
St. Joseph	Learning Con.	849.82	1
Hygienic Lab	Tests	300.00	1
State ME	Autopsy	2097.08	1
Superior	Supplies	92.99	1
D Swartzrock	Reimb	50.73	1
CTK	Training	500.00	1
US Cellular	Phones	368.09	1
Visa	Misc	243.06	1
Visual Edge	Equip	73.55	2
WIN	Services	750.00	1
L Wulff	Reimb	129.39	1
218 Express	Fuel	1570.91	1
ACSTAR Ins Co	DD3/PayAp6	18450.00	1

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Jorgensen attended the EMS Advisory Council (EMSAC) meeting where they voted on their recommendation for the ballot issue, discussed plans to educate the public and noted chair Patrick Lumley's resignation. Keifer attended a Charles City Chamber of Commerce and North Cedar Aviation Authority meetings and attended the Floyd County Medical Center (FCMC) Board of Trustees meeting as an observer. Kuhn represented the County at the FCMC meeting and was happy to hear the trustees approved the county's request for funding for two additional years with a 3% increase from the current year; Kuhn also attended an Iowa State University workshop for planning and zoning officials.

Kuhn/Jorgensen moved to approve the Amended 28E Agreement for Contribution for Emergency Ambulance Services between FCMC, the city of Charles City and the County. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed the date of the election for the EMC ballot issue. The EMSAC unanimously recommended the election be held in September. Kuhn commented EMSAC's minutes with one referencing not wanting to be on the ballot in November because of the potential of the Charles City Community School District having a bond referendum on that election and after it became known of that not being an issue, the Council wanted to have a special election on the EMS levy in September to focus attention on the importance of EMS services. The EMSAC's late decision to want the election in September was due to the presidential race distractions in November blurring the issue. Kuhn thinks this is nonsense, voters are smart and can decide who they want for president and if they want to support a property tax increase for needed ambulance services on the same ballot. Kuhn's reason supporting the tax levy election should be held in November include: 1) imposing a tax levy up to \$0.75 could raise property taxes up to \$11,640,000 spread over 15 years; a tax increase of that magnitude deserves the scrutiny of the maximum number of voters at the General Election versus the far fewer voters who would vote in a September special election. It is not supposed to be easy to raise property taxes, even one as important as creating a funding source for essential ambulance services. 2) Only one candidate has filed papers for the two open board of supervisor seats. A September election does not allow time for candidates to

articulate their position on the EMS levy nor for voters to have ample time to consider the position of candidates. Kuhn read excerpts of candidate's remarks listed in the Charles City Press interviews for the 2022 General Election to support his position that he does not think it is right for the minority of voters to decide on the EMS ballot issue in September. 3) the estimated \$12,000 cost to conduct a September election. Kuhn has considered the vote of the EMSAC but it is just too big of an ask for too long of a time to be decided on by fewer voters.

Jorgensen commented it was mentioned at last night's EMSAC meeting that it hard to know what it will take to get a new ambulance service up and running and it might take the \$0.75 or \$776,000/year will probably need that amount of funding for the first three or four years. When the GEMT kicks in, hopefully there will be a breakeven point and the asking could be lowered. If the population were to grow, the \$776,000 may not cover ambulance services in 12 years for example. As far as having informed voter representation at the ballot box, the goal of the EMSAC is to have informed voters who may choose to vote no. Jorgensen initially contacted people, because of their expertise, to be a part of the EMSAC and many of them have put in many hours on this issue and finds it hard to not support their recommendations.

Keifer referenced the history of special election turnout as a reason that a small number of voters should be able to determine what is going to affect the larger number of people. Keifer understands the EMSAC position to have the election in September because it will have an easier time of passing and believes they have done a good job educating people and if people are educated, they will vote what they think is best for them. Keifer's reason to have a November election instead of a September election is based on the smaller number of voters having a say in what could affect the greater population of the county doesn't seem right.

Gordon Boge, Coalition for Better County Government representative, agrees with points made by Kuhn and Keifer and thinks with the resignation of EMSAC chair Patrick Lumley, the EMSAC would appreciate having more time with having a November election.

Kuhn/Keifer moved to have the date of the election for the Emergency Medical Services tax levy be on the November 5, 2024 General Election. Motion carried 2-1 with Jorgensen opposing.

Kuhn/Keifer moved to approve the Child Support Services Contract Staffing between the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services and Floyd County effective July 1, 2024 . Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve Res #08-24* American Rescue Plan Act Allocation: The US Treasury requires submission of a Project and Expenditure Report for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024; be it resolved, the Board of Supervisors affirms allocating its total SLFRF allocation of \$3,038,275 as lost revenue to spend on government services and allocations toward lost revenue per the final rules for the SLFRF through March 31, 2024: Obligations plus adjustments total \$3,015,546.27; Paid through March 31, 2024 total \$2,804,038.98. Roll call vote: Ayes-Jorgensen, Keifer, Kuhn; motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moves to rescind that part of a motion made on March 18 setting dental premiums and employer/employee splits and, due to transitioning from a self-funded plan to a fully-funded plan, set dental premiums and employee/employer splits for FY25 as follows:

Single Dental Plan 1 at \$26.42/mo.; county pays \$13.42/employee pays \$13.00

Single Dental Plan 2 at \$32.34/mo.; county pays \$13.42/employee pays \$18.92

Family Dental Plan 1 at \$90.64/mo.; county pays \$51.64/employee pays \$39.00

Family Dental Plan 2 at \$112.20/mo.; county pays \$51.64/employee pays \$60.56

COBRA/509A rates, employee/retiree pays 100% of premiums as follows: Single Dental Plan 1 at \$26.42/mo., Single Dental Plan 2 at \$32.34/mo., Family Dental Plan 1 at \$90.64/mo., Family Dental Plan 2 at \$112.20/mo. Motion carried 3-0.

Future agenda items: Resignation of EMS Advisory Council member, recommendation for EMS Advisory Council ballot proposition, and FY24 county budget amendment.

Keifer/Jorgensen 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