

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
July 8, 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. Motion carried 3-0.

Public comment: Derek Straube questioned how county website information is fact-checked, such as on wind turbine webpage. Kuhn commented items on the website were presented and reviewed at previous Zoning Commission and/or Board meetings and assumes information provided by John Robbins, NIACOG Planner, is correct. Straube referenced the Wind Energy Property Value document as a document that should be fact checked. Kuhn welcomes Straube to provide information to the public hearing for the zoning ordinance on July 29.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve the June 28, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the claims presented: County #1-51 and Eng/Secondary Roads #10734-10752. Motion carried 3-0.

Ahlers	Legal	907.00	3
TEK/AMR	Service	17291.67	1
Arnold Supply	Parts	34.36	1
Black Hills	Util	35.26	1
BMC Aggregates LC	Supplies	195.00	1
Centrl IA	Supplies	279.00	1
Central IA	Shelter	6654.16	2
CenturyLink	Phone	683.38	7
CG Co	Serv Fee	95.52	2
CC Press	Notice	491.59	1
Floyd	Util	50.09	1
Rockford	Util	138.19	1
Cont. Fire	Serv	925.00	1
Cooley	PortaPot	95.00	1
Cooley	Serv	475.00	1
EOJohnson	Service	74.25	1
FC Aud	Misc	329.92	3
GeoComm	Equip	5847.87	1
Healthcare	Software	192.82	1
Hometown	Rent	112.00	1
Inland Truck	Parts	904.49	1
INOVALON	Software	556.26	1
Jendro	Disposal	4507.32	3
Kanrad Tech	Software	1500.00	1
LEAF	Services	166.75	1
Learning Conn	Fees	1468.25	1
Marco	Maint	138.75	1
McKesson	Equip	143.27	1
Mediacom	Serv Fee	216.52	1
Mick Gage	Serv	203.85	1
Mid Am	Util	81.37	2
Molsteads	Reprs	59.80	1
Mikes C&O	Tires	858.29	1
Motorola	Comm	66912.00	1
NAPA	Parts	13.90	1
New Hampton Red Power, Inc.	Parts	316.00	1
Next Gen	Update	2167.00	1
NS-Rkfd Reg	Notice	846.04	1
Office Depot	Supplies	86.66	1
Omnitel	Phone	1075.08	2
Petroblend	Parts	425.42	1
Sadler	Parts	313.67	1
Schueth Ace	Hwd	455.10	2
Shield	Software	10489.00	1
Solutions	Support	74389.14	1
Superior	Supplies	1890.00	1
T-Mobile	Phone	204.47	1
T-Mobile	Service	458.90	2
Truck Co	Equip	208.90	1

WIN	Services	750.00	1
Ziegler	Parts	150.24	1

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Keifer attended a Landfill meeting. Jorgensen attended a Conservation Board meeting. Kuhn attended a Dept Head meeting and had a conference call with Tim Whipple, Ahlers & Cooney regarding the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline permit.

Kuhn provided an overview of the intervention process leading up to the permit issued to Summit Carbon Solutions by the IUB. Whipple has asked the seven counties to consider filing a motion for the IUB to reconsider their decision to issue the permit. The seven counties and other entities are considering the same, all with a filing deadline of July 15. It is likely the IUB will deny the motion, but Kuhn believes it is important to stand together one last time on behalf of the 11 Floyd County property owners who have not filed easements with Summit. Kuhn emphasized this is not a motion to appeal, but a motion for the IUB to reconsider their decision. If the motion to reconsider were dismissed or not allowed, the county's representation with Ahlers & Cooney would expire. Jorgensen questioned at what point should property owners take on the battle themselves instead of using county funds when the majority of the property owners have signed easement agreements with Summit. Kuhn responded the motion to reconsider does not affect the property owners who have voluntarily entered into an easement agreement and already received payment and believes the motion to reconsider would align with the resolution approved recently that objects to Summit's ability, as a private for-profit corporation, to use eminent domain to take property. Keifer/Kuhn moved to direct Ahlers & Cooney legal counsel to file a motion for the Iowa Utilities Board to reconsider the final decision and order on Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline permit. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer/Jorgensen moved to approve Ahlers Cooney invoice for \$36.15 for professional services for Summit Carbon IUB proceedings and to pay for with American Rescue Plan Act funds. Motion carried 3-0.

Kuhn proposed what he believes is the best option to secure passage of much funding for essential emergency medical services, including: 1) Impose a property tax levy of \$400,000 per year for five years with funds deposited in an EMS Trust Fund, and would cover the current AMR agreement that expires June 30, 2026 and provide a dedicated funding source for an additional 3-year extension. The property taxes collected would be used to continue the formula the county uses to fund Nora Springs and Greene volunteer ambulance services for response to calls in the county. The Marble Rock First Responders would also receive a small portion of property taxes. 2) Ask the Hospital Board of Trustees to continue to contribute their annual \$106,090 payment in the third year of the amended 28E agreement plus any percentage increase charged annually by AMR for the extension of the agreement from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 up to a maximum of one-third of the total cost of the emergency ambulance services provided by AMR. Kuhn realizes this is a big request for the Hospital Board to consider but believes it is an investment in the future of the hospital and the patients they serve. Jorgensen agrees efforts have stalled and is in favor of supporting Kuhn's proposal to go to the Ambulance Commission and eventually to the EMS Advisory Council. Charles City Mayor Dean Andrews mentioned representatives of the city, county and AMR met a couple weeks ago and came up with proposal very similar; Andrews thinks there could be some tweaks to the proposal but believes voters could get behind this path. Brandy Molitor questioned if Nashua Ambulance would be a recipient of funds. Kuhn mentioned they have not been a part of this funding source. Andrews mentioned Nashua City Council decided to go a different direction. Auditor Carr commented that if the EMS levy passes, an EMS advisory council may make a recommendation to fund Nashua and the board of supervisors at that time would need to approve funding. Keifer commented the proposal makes sense.

Adam Sears, Conservation Director, presented the Floyd County Conservation Board's Annual Report for the period ending June 30, 2024. Highlights include implementing a QR code reservation system, a bioreactor was installed at Mink Creek, a new wetland area at Little Cedar Wildlife area, a Winnebago River display at the Fossil and Prairie Center, resurfacing the Center's parking lot, and trail surfaces reworked. Future plans include making the Cedar River a State Water Trail and reestablishing the trail system at Wentlands Woods. Sears also provided a spreadsheet of the history of revenue produced at county parks.

Bernie Solomon, IT Director, provided an update on communication media technology for hosting the zoning ordinance amendment hearing at the Floyd County Youth Enrichment Center facility on July 29.

Jorgensen/Keifer moved to approve the EMC Insurance Terrorism Insurance Coverage Rejection form. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board noted the resignation of Katelyn Miller, Jailer, effective July 21.

Future agenda items: Drainage District #3 Open Ditch project Pay Ap #8. Kuhn informed Straube that there will not be an agenda item to fact check the wind energy system webpage but the public will be able to present information at the July 29th hearing.

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