

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 24, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors met in the Board Room of the Floyd County Courthouse. Supervisors Dennis Keifer, Boyd Campbell, and Gloria Carr were in attendance.

Campbell/Carr moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Keifer opened the public hearing regarding the FY26 proposed property tax levy.

Brandi Schmidt, Floyd County Assessor, explained the recent mailer and clarified that a 10% increase in valuation is unlikely.

Carr explained the reduction the board has already discussed and how it affects the tax rate.

Public comment:

A citizen on a fixed income urged the county to prioritize needs over wants and operate within its budget.

A citizen criticized the property tax system, comparing it to a business, stating that income can't be created just because it's desired.

A citizen referenced the board's comments about making reasonable cuts and encouraged them to consider long-term financial planning, looking ahead not just to this year but to the next three to five years.

Campbell emphasized that, as an elected board, they are committed to fulfilling their responsibility by advocating for the people they serve and making decisions in their best interest.

The board reviewed items listed at the bottom of the notice, including increased funding for Emergency Management, general insurance, wages, Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System contributions (IPERS), the addition of a full-time jailer for safety, and a part-time dispatcher.

A citizen suggested freezing wages for county employees.

Keifer explained that the board has been working with department heads to reduce the proposed budget and identify efficiencies within each department.

The board also clarified the wage-related provisions of Iowa's "Back the Blue" law and the increase in IPERS contributions, particularly in the sheriff's department.

Schmidt discussed communication with state legislators and encouraged the public to share suggestions with local elected officials for potential budget cuts beyond those already addressed in the meeting.

A citizen inquired about alternative revenue sources available to the county beyond property taxes.

Carr explained that wind turbines would generate revenue for the county while also helping to reduce property taxes.

The group discussed the challenges facing rural Iowa, including the balance between retaining residents in their communities and the tendency for people to relocate to cities with more amenities.

Campbell/Carr moved to close public hearing. Motion carried 3-0.

Campbell/Carr moved to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Morrigan Miller
Floyd County Auditor

Dennis Keifer, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors

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March 24, 2025, 10:20 a.m.

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Carr/ Campbell moved to approve the amended agenda. The board removed the Child Abuse Prevention Awareness and Sexual Assault Awareness proclamations items from the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Public comment: None.

Campbell/Carr moved to approve the March 17, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Campbell/ Carr moved to approve the claims presented: County #2200-2259 and Engineer #11268-11277.

Motion carried 3-0.

Alliant	Elect	21.17	1
Amazon	Supplies	20.91	2
A Bellinger	Reimb	55.20	1
J Butterfield	Reimb	159.60	1
S Butterfield	Reimb	171.60	1
CenturyLink	Phone	100.44	2
CG Co	Serv	31.90	1
CC Press	Notice	132.12	2
CC Press	Publish	322.00	1
Charles City	Services	814.09	3
Colwell	TJ-Road	282.52	1
Floyd	TJ-Road	355.38	1
Marble Rock	TJ-Road	760.84	1
Rudd	TJ-Road	977.69	1
Cont. Fire	Serv	600.00	1
Cooley	PortaPot	105.00	1
Cooley	Serv	525.00	1
B Hinz	Reimb	121.80	1
DSLR Pro	Drone	9696.00	1
H Ducker	Reimb	30.00	1
FarmChem	Supplies	225.82	1
FCSO	Services	702.00	3
FC Treas	Serv Fees	214.24	1
S Funte	Reimb	25.80	1
Hauser Weishaar	Services	3000.00	3
Hy-Vee	Misc	96.36	2
IICA	Edu Serv	100.00	1
JDF	Supplies	412.19	1
LEAF	Services	297.20	2
J Lovik	Reimb	144.00	1
Marco	Maint	606.07	2
J McKeen	Reimb	141.50	1
McKesson	Equip	4.45	1
Melrose Ins	Ins	10695.75	1
A Miller	Reimb	144.00	1
M Miller	Reimb	369.18	1
NS-Rkfd Reg	Notice	694.35	2
N Iowa	Broadcast	155.00	1
Office Depot	Supplies	19.99	1
Omnitel	Phone	24366.67	1
Pollard	Exterm	105.00	1
Powerplan	Parts	251.45	1
T Schriever	Reimb	150.00	1
Schueth Ace	Hwd	11.69	1
Schumacher	Serv	494.00	1
SEAT	Dues	65.00	1
State ME	Autopsy	2042.00	1
D Swartzrock	Reimb	41.40	1
US Cellular	Phones	412.43	1
Upham Library	Reimb	771.01	1
Vanguard	Appraisal	2392.50	1
Vestis	Supplies	313.12	1
Visa	Misc	575.57	1
Visual Edge	Equip	27.99	1
L Wulff	Reimb	91.80	1

YSS	Shelter	139.95	1
N Zimmerman	Services	470.00	1

Updates on various boards/commissions/activities: Carr attended meetings for Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Community Partnerships for Protecting Children, DECAT, Floyd-Mitchell Child Abuse Prevention Council County Social Services Human Resources Committee, Iowa Workforce Development Chief Elected Official Board, and a legislative luncheon. Keifer attended meetings for Veterans Affairs, the Board of Health, the Chamber of Commerce, Early Childhood Iowa, Chamber Main Street, and North Cedar Aviation.

Carr/ Campbell moved to approve Samuels Group Pay App #46 for \$79,385.56 which includes a credit of \$1,229.63 for damaged paper folding machine, \$74,674.37 with American Rescue Plan Act Funds and the remaining \$4,711.19 from general fund. Motion carried 3-0.

Carr/ Campbell moved to approve Secondary Roads Department and the Teamsters Local Union Contract effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, wages to be reopened for negotiations for July 1, 2026 and July 1, 2027. Motion carried 3-0.

Jessy Wildsden, County Sanitarian, explained how a more accurate GPS unit would significantly improve precision for well and septic system locations. Campbell/Carr moved to approve the purchase of a GPS receiver for using Board of Health funds. Gordon Boge questioned the need for the system. Motion carried 3-0.

Carr/ Campbell moved to approve Res #14-25* Appropriation Changes: the Board reviewed departmental budgets for FY25 appropriation limits for several departments are in need of adjustment, and; be it resolved by the Board to increase appropriations from 90% to 100% for the following departments for FY25: Risk Management, Sheriff, and Treasurer. Roll Call: Ayes – Campbell, Carr, and Keifer; motion carried 3-0.

Legge Farms provided an explanation of services including weed/tree maintenance in drainage districts to be specified to receive an accurate quote. The board discussed the secondary road department's ability to manage parts of these projects. Tim Laube and Adam Miller provided input on the condition of the drainage districts.

The board noted the fees collected by the Auditor, Recorder and Sheriff for the quarter ending December 31, 2024.

The board noted the retirement of a Sheriff's deputy, Brian Tiedemann effective April 5, 2025.

The board noted the resignation of a Public Health Home Care Aid, Brittany Hicks effective April 18, 2024.

The board noted the relinquishing of office space by County Social Services.

Future agenda items: discussion with county attorney regarding 28E collections by Cerro Gordo County, Proclamations for Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month and setting the budget hearing date and time.

The board discussed FY26 budget items, including department cuts, IT solutions, 28E payments, general assistance placement, and public health employees' wages.

Campbell/ Carr 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.*

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