

Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting  
November 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Public comment: Dustin Straube read a letter addressing the Board of Supervisors' duties in relation to the proposed wind energy ordinance. Kathy Carter spoke about karst topography, noting she only learned of it six months ago and questioned whether the Board has sufficient knowledge; she also requested a more detailed map. Rhonda Groshens reiterated Straube's concerns, specifically objecting to reducing the setback from 1,000 feet to 750 feet from sinkholes. Ray Stonecypher discussed a state-built lake that does not hold water, expressing frustration that neither the state nor county will plug it; he attempted to plug it himself.

Carr/Campbell moved to approve November 18, 2025 minutes and canvass minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Rottinghaus/Carr moved to approve the claims: County #1147-1200 & Engineer #10322-10337. Motion carried 3-0.

Acterra Group LLC	Services	880.38	1
Alliant	Elect	163.09	2
Amazon	Supplies	932.48	5
Arnold Supply	Parts	469.96	1
AT&T	Phone	53.96	1
Butler Co	Reimb	5375.67	1
Cedar Falls PD	Serv	96.11	1
CenturyLink	Phone	106.19	2
Charles City	Services	220.88	3
Colwell	TJ-Road	370.08	1
Floyd	TJ-Road	465.53	1
Marble Rock	TJ-Road	996.65	1
Rudd	TJ-Road	1280.71	1
Comm Innovators	Security	330.00	1
Dakota Supply	Supply	6449.87	1
Dist II	Dues	150.00	1
EOJohnson	Service	225.53	1
FarmChem	Supplies	14.98	1
Fox Rehab	Eval	7480.00	1
Fun In Son	Tuition	1095.00	1
Henderson	Parts	15575.49	1
D Hughes	Services	690.00	1
Hy-Vee	Misc	705.81	1
IC Preschool	Tuition	2090.00	1
ICAA	School	90.00	1
IDALS	Training	210.00	1
ILEA	Training	70.00	1
INOVALON	Software	3135.56	1
ISAC	Dues	50.00	1
Jendro	Disposal	210.10	1
JDF	Supplies	1450.20	2
LEAF	Services	138.24	1
Learning Conn	Fees	8151.10	4
Lynch Legal	Service	4005.00	1
M&J Snap On	Tools	278.49	1
Main Street CC	Fees	5000.00	1
Marco	Maint	147.45	1
Mid Am	Util	930.57	3
Mills	Maint	1500.00	1
NH Preschool	Tuition	360.00	1
M Parker	Rent	200.00	1
Pitney Bowes	Pstg	994.56	1
Plainfield	Service	278.00	1
Pollard	Exterm	105.00	1
Powerplan	Parts	381.64	1

B Schmidt	Reimb	56.88	1
T Schriever	Reimb	219.04	2
Schueth Ace	Hwd	19.99	1
Sioux Sales	Uniforms	102.19	1
US Cellular	Phones	372.00	1
C Vais	Rent	200.00	1
VaxCare	Vaccines	915.50	1
Visa	Misc	895.00	1
Visual Edge	Equip	31.99	1
Windstream	Phone	363.09	1

Updates regarding various boards, commissions, and activities since the last meeting: Carr attended the following meetings; County Social Services, FMC Governance Board and FMC CPPC sub-committee for library funding, and met with County Attorney Todd Prichard and County Engineer Adam Miller regarding the proposed right-of-way ordinance. Rottinghaus attended the Charles City Chamber of Commerce and E911 meetings. Campbell attended the FMC Early Childhood Iowa and Northeast Iowa Regional Airport meetings and discussed the Washington School Watershed. All three supervisors met individually with John Robbins to review proposed amendments to the wind energy and battery storage ordinances.

Mayors Jerry Engelhart (Marble Rock), Trevis O'Connell (Floyd), and Randy Hassman (Nora Springs) discuss the Law Enforcement 28E Agreements with the board. Carr reviewed two 5-year plans for Colwell, Floyd, Rudd, Rockford, and Marble Rock. Plan 1 increases the per capita rate by \$4.75 in FY27, and Plan 2 by \$4 in FY27. For Nora Springs, Plan 1 would raise the rate by \$35, Plan 2 by \$30, and Plan 3 by \$15. After discussion, the group agreed a one-year contract is preferable to a four-year term and expressed interest in Plan 2, which proposes \$13 per capita in FY27 and Plan 3, \$80 per hour for Nora Springs.

Deputy Bartz reported on the renegotiated Motorola tower maintenance contract of \$910,000, which could be reduced if paid in full. Sheriff Dept equipment costs include laptops (\$54,008, with a \$10,000 grant) and body and in-car cameras (\$422,900, about \$42,000 annually for 10 years). Valero provided a \$22,900 grant, and additional submitted grant applications total over \$40,000. The communications tower fund has \$511,700; Bartz proposed using \$211,000 for cameras, leaving \$300,000 for tower maintenance. Carr recommended using bond proceeds closer to \$400,000 for the Motorola maintenance, fully fund the laptops and the first year of camera maintenance. Carr/ Rottinghaus moved to approve \$54,008 of bond proceeds for laptops and \$42,219.43 for one year of camera maintenance, with review in January after grant updates. Carr noted that future years of the camera contract would be the Sheriff's responsibility, with the exception of remaining bond proceeds. Motion carried 3-0.

Carr/Rottinghaus moved to approve Res# 45-25\* Awarding contract for 170th Street Bridge Replacement project BROS-C034(109)--8J-34: The Board approved awarding the bridge replacement project on 170th Street over Flood Creek to Peterson Contractors Inc. for \$1,032,155.50. Adam Miller, County Engineer, is authorized to execute all necessary contract documents once bond and insurance are received. Roll call vote: Ayes – Campbell, Rottinghaus, Carr; motion carried 3-0.

Rottinghaus/Carr moved to approve signing final plans for T47 HMA Resurfacing with Milling project FM-C034(123)--55-34. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller reported ongoing maintenance work including blading, mowing, shoulder pulling, and ditch cleaning. One internal applicant applied for the Floyd shop position, leaving an opening at the Charles City shop. Quotes for motor graders are pending. A new generator at CVTC was approved, with costs shared by the city, county, and state. Construction updates: 2025 HMA resurfacing projects are complete with final paperwork in progress; 2026 T47 resurfacing plans are being finalized; and design work continues on B45 bridges. In response to Campbell's question about tree stumps, Miller stated removal will occur once the ground freezes.

The Board discussed procedures for the continuation of the third reading of the Floyd County Zoning Ordinance concerning wind and battery energy systems. Campbell proposed ending by 9:00 p.m., while Carr opposed an automatic stop to allow completion if close to finalizing amendments. The Board discussed not reviewing the amendments to date but to begin with proposed amendments and allow public comment on each amendment individually. The public will be asked to avoid repetition and respect time limits. Jen Solomon will serve as timekeeper and provide copies of the second reading; Auditor Montagne will provide a sign-in sheet. Carr/ Rottinghaus moved to decide at 9:00 p.m. on December 2 whether to conclude the third reading or extend it. Motion carried 3-0.

Campbell brought up the letter from Senator Salmon and Representative Thomson regarding the Iowa General Assembly advising the Floyd County Board of Supervisors to pause approval of Invenergy's wind turbine project due to risks with karst terrain, groundwater contamination, and liability. The letter recommends independent geotechnical and ecological studies, robust insurance, and alignment with future Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) guidelines to protect resources and ensure sound decisions.

Merlin Bartz of Invenergy stated the letter effectively calls for an indefinite moratorium by requiring an IRP framework that may never become law. He noted added requirements for CAFO and turbine participants, karst concerns without confirmed risks, and lack of ordinance language. Invenergy supports the current compromise and proposes a third-party geotechnical evaluation before construction.

Kuhn addressed inaccuracies in the letter regarding IRP, clarifying House File 483, cited as Iowa's first IRP bill, relates to public building design and never advanced. Kuhn requested clarification from legislators.

The Board discussed necessary repairs in Drainage District 9, Lateral 18. Rottinghaus/Carr moved to approve Downing Excavating LLC estimate of \$2,050 to remove trees and repair the tile plus the cost of piling and burning trees or disposal by secondary roads. Motion carried 3-0.

Rottinghaus/Carr moved to approve the FY25 Annual Urban Renewal Report. Motion carried 3-0

Carr/Rottinghaus moved to approve Res #46-25\* Debt Certification and TIF Certification: The Board approved the annual certification of debt and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) obligations as required by law. The resolution covers: General Obligation Bonds totaling \$1,043,475 for FY25, Emergency Communications Bonds totaling \$606,025 for FY25, and TIF Debt within the Floyd County UR-T1 Economic Development District totaling \$653,650. The Board resolved to certify these amounts to the County Auditor. Roll call vote: Ayes –Rottinghaus, Carr, Campbell; motion carried 3-0.

Carr/Rottinghaus moved Family Farm Tax Credit Applications to allow 19 applications and 41 parcels and disallow 3 applications and 4 parcels. Motion carried 3-0.

Future agenda items: an update on the Right-of-Way Ordinance, the Law Enforcement 28E Agreement, the holiday schedule, and opening bids for Sheriff's vehicles.

Rottinghaus/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](http://www.floydcoia.org).

ATTEST:

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Floyd County Board of Supervisors