

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
April 18, 2017
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Bev Juhl, Chair
Jeff Quastad
Roger Hash
Tim Schumacher

Absent: John Pluth, Vice-Chair arrived at 9:15

Juhl, Chair, called the meeting to order. Motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting and also approve them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Deb Tietje, Veterans Administrator, stated that three Veterans from Emmet County will be going on the Honor Flight in May. They currently have the longest waiting list that they have ever had and hopefully in September more of those on that list can partake in the flight. Another item she brought to their attention is the National Convention this year in San Diego in June. Her Commissioners have approved her going to this convention.

The Board discussed the preparation of a letter and or Resolution regarding the Master Matrix. Juhl stated that she put this on the agenda to have discussion between the Board members and what their input of ideas for a letter or a Resolution would be. Members shared their different ideas that they would like to incorporate within the document. Juhl will try and write up a draft for the Board members to look at and will try and present at next week's Board meeting for their review.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer, presented a utility permit for Board signature for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Armstrong Grove Township between Section 2 and 3 of Armstrong Grove Township, to replace overhead crossing with Phase 1 cable. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher to approve the utility permit. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth further discussed weed spraying for the County. Also present was Roxanne Christensen, Emmet County's Weed Commissioner. Juhl asked the question of what would happen if they did not do a weed spraying for one summer and do a fall spraying. Engineer stated that he is afraid that the public would not like this idea. Davis-Oeth also stated that we have just approved a new weed spraying policy and No Spray Policy. Juhl stated she and the Board feel that they know it will probably cost more but also feels the results will be better if the County does the spraying on its own. Juhl stated that we have to find the right person to do the spraying for the County who would be hired by Secondary Roads. Davis-Oeth stated that his person would be a weed sprayer first and then an equipment operator. The consensus of the Board was to continue spraying the County this year with a contractor and keep working with the County on hiring a person and purchasing equipment for next spring for weed spraying.

Moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to approve pay estimate No. 2 for joint ECD#61 open ditch cleanout for \$40,451.49 for Cory Juergens Construction LLC; for engineering services rendered by Jacobson-Westergard in the amount of \$6,879.20 and to Sam Wedeking Excavating on the Feldman farm NE of Terrill (SE) of Section 10 of Lloyd Township in the amount of \$255.00. The Board Chair will sign the joint statements and return to control county, Dickinson for payment. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Plans (MMP) for Bacon Maker, Gary Brown, owner, at facility address of 1895 570th Ave., Armstrong, Iowa and J & R Inc. Site 1, owner, Jay Gunderson, in SW SE 33-98-31 Denmark Township. They also reviewed letter from the DNR for New Fashion Pork – Farm 266-Erickson Site Facility ID #69231, giving notice of intent to issue a permit.

Motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

Bev Juhl, Chair