

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

May 2, 2017

Regular Meeting

Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Bev Juhl, Chair
John Pluth, Vice-Chair
Jeff Quastad
Roger Hash
Tim Schumacher

Absent:

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

The Board shared information concerning the juvenile detention center. Pluth stated that he had attended the Seasons meeting.

The Personnel Committee presented their biennial personnel policy recommendations. Speaking for the committee was Roxanne Budach; also present from the committee were Allison Larson, LuWanda Towell and Dan Burton. The Board will review their presented ideas and discussion and or action will be taken at next week's Board meeting.

The Board further reviewed the Resolution regarding the Master Matrix. The Board will continue their discussion and will put this item on next week's Board Agenda. Also discussed, was possibly implementing and adopting a good neighbor policy.

Barb Bohm, Emmet County Assessor and Zoning Administrator met with the Board requesting to set a public hearing date for an amendment to the Emmet County Planning and Zoning Ordinance. The recommendation is to adopt or include minimum specifications for residential dwelling standards. She stated her public hearing with the Emmet County Planning & Zoning Commission was held last Monday, April 24 at 5:00. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to set the hearing date for Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 9:45 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Engineer for Emmet County, presented for Board information the contract with Vogel Traffic Services for \$51,136.00. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad to approve the contract. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth, Don Reffer, B&W Control Specialists, and Roxanne Christensen, Emmet County Weed Commissioner, met with the Board to discuss the weed spraying policy for the county and the contract he has been presented with. Reffer stated his purpose for meeting with the Board was to reach out to the Board and talk about their new weed control policy and no spray program and to possibly come up with some guidelines for him and his men who spray to follow. His main concern is spraying in front of residences with children or pets outside at the time, the human factor he stated, which could be a liability issue for him. Reffer stated that he wants to do a better job and greatly increase the weed spraying program. Juhl asked Davis-Oeth if he had received many comments from the public about the new weed control and no spray policy. Davis-Oeth replied that he has had very few comments from the public. It was stated that there is a ditch over by Ingham Lake that is in a no spray area, but is in really bad shape with weeds. Christensen stated that she will contact the individuals along that roadside. She also stated that ditches along N52 also need a real good dosing this year, because of thistles that were present last year. Pluth also suggested that anytime ditches are disturbed with digging, that Reffer should be contacted for possible weed growth control. The contract for the spraying this year will be addressed and signed at a future Board meeting.

Terry Reekers, representing the Gold Star Family Memorial, made a request to the Board to place the Gold Star Family Memorial on the courthouse property. He stated that they had a list of 6 or 7 places to place the monument, each was scored and the courthouse property met all requirements. The Board was in agreement to place this monument on Courthouse property, but would like to see different drawings of this memorial on different locations of the courthouse's lawn property. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to place the monument somewhere on the courthouse lawn. All ayes, motion carried.

Matt Greene, Mediacom, presented a contract change for an upcoming change in phone service for the County. The main change will be going from 15 channel Primary Rate Interfaces (PRI's) to 18 channel PRI's. The new contract combines two of the existing original contracts. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to approve the change requested by Greene and have Board Chair sign the contract. All ayes, motion carried.

Pluth presented information concerning the entry way roofs and windbreaks on the Courthouse's east and west doors. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash to move ahead with the project for a cost of \$10,616.60. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to accept the audit of the Juvenile detention center. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the joint drainage agreement the Board received from Martin County, in Fairmont, Minnesota. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to sign the joint drainage agreement between Martin County drainage district #10 and Emmet County

drainage district #121. Roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Schumacher, Hash Quastad, Pluth and Juhl. All ayes, motion carried. Schumacher commended Quastad for all the hard work he has done to get this Agreement signed.

The Board reviewed the letter from the DNR for BWT Farms LLLP, Farm 267-Origer East, giving notice of intent to issue a permit. Also reviewed were Manure Management Plans (MMP) for Mike Kollasch, Jack Creek Site, in SW SE of Section 24, Township 98, Range 32 of Jack Creek Township; an MMP for Shane Smith, SMS Swine LLC, in NE SE of Section 28, Township 99, Range 34 of Estherville Township; a MMP for Jack Creek Livestock in the SE NE of Section 8, Township 98, Range 32 of Jack Creek Township, noting an owner and site name change and a MMP for New Fashion Pork, Farm 234-Knutson in SE SE OF Section 33, Township 100, Range 32 of Lincoln Township..

Motion was made by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

Bev Juhl, Chair