

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

July 18, 2017

Regular Meeting

Board Room, Courthouse

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

Absent: Jeff Quastad

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

During public forum, Auditor, Amy Setoff, shared that she attended ISACA last week and is working with other counties to gather information on unpaid drainage assessments from US Fish & Wildlife. There is a group of counties working to take this issue up with the National Association of Counties in order to see if a resolution can be found regarding the unpaid assessments.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer presented a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, located in Section 7 of Emmet Township for 3" water line. Dickinson has already approved. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the utility permit as recommended by the Engineer. All ayes, motion carried.

Engineer also presented a CSR Curve for right of way acquisition. We will need this acquisition in order to do bridge work on A17. Motion to approve CSR curve for R.O.W. acquisition by Pluth, seconded by Hash. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth, Engineer, also requested to have Board approval to purchase a motor grader that would work out of the Gruver shed. John Deere quote is \$279,900. Caterpillar quote was \$307,980. Davis-Oeth is recommending Caterpillar due to past service issues with John Deere and higher trade in value of the Caterpillar. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to approve Engineer's request to purchase the Caterpillar motor grader for \$307,980. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth shared that he will be attending court tomorrow at 11:00 am regarding a small claims case against Secondary Roads.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash to set August 15, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time for a Public Hearing on an Amendment to the FY18 Emmet County Budget. All ayes, motion carried.

Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, represented by Jason Bendixen, and Derek Behrens, met with the Board to show drone footage on the joint drainage district ECD#61 project. Project is 12 ½ to 13 miles in length and nine miles is presently finished. Juhl mentioned the annexation of Emmet County lands into Branch 61 and that Emmet County lands were not mentioned originally. The Board suggested that all Emmet County land that will be annexed into Branch 61 be notified of the annexation.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to approve a fireworks application and sign and issue a Fireworks Permit to Mike Gage at 4740 120<sup>th</sup> St, Dolliver, IA. All ayes, motion carried. The Auditor's office will forward a copy of this application and permit to the Emmet County Sheriff office.

A request was received by the Sweet Corn Days committee for use of the Courthouse lawn for our Merchant Market Vendors on Saturday, August 5, 2017. Motion by Hash, seconded by Schumacher to grant the request. All ayes, motion carried.

Bendixen and Behrens from Jacobson-Westergard also discussed the Petition to reclassify DD40 that the Board has received. Emmet County Drainage Attorney Rich Meyer joined the discussion. Behrens discussed the process that Jacobson-Westergard utilizes during a reclassification. Estimated cost of reclassification is \$2 to \$3 per acre with approximately 13,037 acres in DD40. Attorney Meyer shared code requirements for reclassification. Meyer shared that if the Board would approve the reclassification, it would need to be done by resolution. Meyer suggested a public meeting with the district in order to give stakeholders input into the potential reclassification. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:30, a public meeting will be held to gather input into the possible reclassification of DD40.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's semi-annual report. Treasurer Jurrens came and clarified questions on the Treasurer's Semi Annual Bank Statement and she will get the Board a corrected version for next week's meeting.

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to approve the Business Property Tax Credit (BPTC) applications for 2017. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to approve the new Military and Homestead Tax Credit Applications. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Plan (MMP) for Duane Hoffman, facility name Duane Hoffman DKH, Inc., 4552 320<sup>th</sup> St, Emmetsburg, Iowa and Nutrient Management Plan for Jeff Anderson, facility name, J.A.N.S. Farms Inc. #3, located at 1980 540<sup>th</sup>

Ave, Armstrong, Iowa. Also received was letter from DNR issuing the Construction Permit for Howard West Site, Emmet County, Facility ID #69353.

Motion was made by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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Amy M. Sathoff, Emmet County Auditor

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Bev Juhl, Chair