

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
November 7, 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. A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

No one spoke during public forum.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer, stated about a month ago discussion was held on the purchase of a new pickup truck for secondary roads. He has received a quote from Motor Inn in Estherville for a 4-wheel drive Chevy double cab. It is equipped with a work truck model package, for \$29,124.00. He stated that this price was comparable with any other company competitively. This was budgeted originally.

Discussion was held concerning adding an additional full-time equipment operator that he had brought to Board's attention last week. He had talked with his labor employee Attorney and he felt it would be best to advertise for this position. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher, to add this full time position for secondary roads. All ayes, motion carried. Davis-Oeth likes the number of staff he has. In the future, with any retirement, he will consider not replacing personnel.

Davis-Oeth stated that they finished the N32 patch, shoulders are a little high, and they will go back and fix them. There are also a couple of other road projects they need to finish up.

At 9:30 a.m. Jesse Hansen, Kids Program Coordinator, with the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program came before the Board. Also present were Kathy Preston, Emmet County Public Health Nurse, and Mary Moorman, Office Manager, both for Emmet County Public Health. Emmet County has one of the highest ranking in the state for child abuse/neglect. Previously, Public Health coordinated programing supported by the Prevent Child Abuse Iowa grant. Hansen stated the kids program has had funding since 1990. We provide home visitation with the grants being used for children ages 0-8, to try and help- prevent child abuse. Hansen stated that they have changed the funding and want to streamline the funding to make sure the dollars go where they need to go.

Hansen stated that there are a couple of considerations, that being local control or a multi county site. She stated Emmet County's choice here is to go with Palo Alto County or keep it local. There needs to be a legal entity in charge of this funding. She stated that this is your decision to make as a Board. She stated that Emmet County is unique, because of different demographics to consider. November 15 is the deadline for signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the Board Chair could sign this. Juhl asked the question of whose decision would it be to go with Palo Alto. Juhl said that in looking at the numbers, we (Emmet County) are very different from Palo Alto. Juhl feels better about going on our own. They would have more control of where the money goes. Hansen stated that the community should know which way you decide on. There is a variety of individuals on this council. Juhl asked how would the council feel and what would they like to see done. Hansen had heard that they want to move toward local control as well.

Preston stated that the Kids Program has been good for Emmet County. She stated that Public Health could take a more active role. She supports the local control. Preston stated that we need to get everyone at the table to discuss the matter, to make a better impact on our communities.

Hansen was questioned about the Request for Proposal (RFP). She stated that it has not been released yet. Upon its release, we will know more of what the services will look like. Juhl asked Hansen the question of what do you need from the Board today. Hansen stated that the MOU could be signed.

It was moved by Schumacher to go for local control of the grant money in support of preventing child abuse and neglect. Pluth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Jamey Whitney, Executive Director, Upper Des Moines, and Alisa Schlieff, Family Community Services Director, presented information and requested funding for the FY19 year for \$15,977. He presented handouts to the Board. From October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 Upper Des Moines Opportunity assisted 1583 individuals in 627 Emmet County households at a total cost of \$403,355.

Whitney stated that they are going to try to focus more on individual counties and working together more comprehensively. Whitney stated they are spending more time in each community and educating individuals on what you need to know to become eligible,

making people aware of their services. Since doing this, we have seen an increase of people coming in again. We are trying to reinvent ourselves and pursuing the services out there.

He stated we are seeing quite a few requests for housing, stating we did double our funds for housing this year. Requests for housing assistance is for emergencies and the need is growing. Rental assistance has also increased. This provides rent subsidies to help people to not be homeless. Rental assistance has some requirements to be met in order to qualify.

Whitney stated the Youth Enrichment Programs have been big also. They helped to sponsor the Back to School bash. They also have after school wellness programs that they sponsor at the Regional Wellness Center. Juhl stated that Upper Des Moines and their programs and assistance serve many people.

At 10:00 a.m., Donnel Doering, Director of Operations of Elderbridge Agency on Aging, presented Elderbridge's annual report. She spent time reviewing the annual report and what they were involved in doing last year. She started with the annual report, highlighting pieces of activities. Elderbridge covers 29 counties in Iowa. She stated our major funding source are from federal funds, from the older American Act; then following state funds, etc. She stated the County Board of Supervisors contributions are an extremely important part of their operations.

One of our main services are the congregate and home delivered meals, they help fund in Estherville. Another area is the option of counseling and health screenings in Emmet County. She highlighted some of the areas. Doering stated that they are providing \$105,860 dollars of services.

Juhl stated that Elderbridge provides some important services in Emmet County. The county match request for FY 2019 is \$2.85 per senior, an increase of 5 cents from last year. For a total of \$7,205. Doering stated another way to look at it is Elderbridge spends \$14.69 in Emmet County for every \$1 of county funds requested. She thanked the Board for their support in the past. The Board will consider this at budget time.

The Board reviewed and Chair signed a bill for Jacobson-Westergard & Associates for October Services for \$1,836.00 for joint Drainage District #ECD#61. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to approve the bill and return to control county, Dickinson County, for payment. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Plan (MMP) for Christensen Farms, Facility Name CO20, facility #60764, at 5031 140th St, Dolliver, IA

A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

Bev Juhl, Chair