

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

May 22, 2018

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 Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to approve the minutes from last week's regular meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried. Motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Hash to approve the drainage minutes from last week's meeting on May 17, 2018, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Hash stated that he had attended an Early Childhood meeting yesterday.

Jamey Whitney, Executive Director for Upper Des Moines, and Cindy Chicone, Financial Director for Upper Des Moines, came before the Board giving them an update on Upper Des Moines in Emmet County. He stated that they are finished up with renovations at the Roosevelt Middle School Building, which now houses part of Upper Des Moines. At the present time, they are still renting space at the old McKinley building for their children, ages zero to three. He stated that the laws are much more stringent for this age group of children. One of their goals is to bring all their kids together at the Roosevelt Middle School Building. Currently there is no sprinkler system in the building and this is one of the projects that would have to be completed before bringing the children ages zero to three to Roosevelt. The bathrooms would also have to be changed if the toddlers were to join them at the Roosevelt building. Additional projects that are going to be done are skim coating the floors and getting covers for all the radiators, which are more of a health and safety concern. Another big concern are the roof and windows of the Roosevelt Building that need replacing.

Whitney stated that the largest target area for Upper Des Moines is Emmet County. Utilizing the old Roosevelt building has made this ideal for Upper Des Moines. He stated that they have put a lot of money into the building already and are looking at adding more classrooms in the future. He stated that a structural engineer from Des Moines went through the buildings with him recently.

One of their biggest obstacles to face is the needed demolition of the old school building to the South. He stated that it is unsafe and bricks are falling off the outside of the building. Whitney also stated that there is a lot of asbestos in the old building that would need to be taken care of before the demolition. He stated that he has been told that there is grant money to tear down the old building and he will spend more time researching that issue. He stated that the moneys that Upper Des Moines currently receive could not be used for demolition.

Whitney stated that Upper Des Moines currently leases the building and stated that they do not want to take over the building's ownership until there is a plan in place. Schumacher stated that he is interested to hear what Upper Des Moines hears from the other entities, that being the City and the School District and to make sure that those entities are involved also. Whitney stated that he cannot tell you as Board members what to do, but would like to make a plan as a group. They are going to meet with the City and the School district and Whitney will bring more information back to the Board. Chair Juhl stated that you have the support of this Board. Whitney stated that things are stacked in their favor right now, knowing that Upper Des Moines has the Board's support is significant, and they will keep moving forward.

At 9:30 a.m., the Emmet County Fairboard and Emmet County Extension Service came before the Board to discuss information with the Board. Present were Bryan Whaley, Regional Director for District 2, Extension Director, Britany Rosburg, Nancy Rosburg, Vice-President of the Extension Council and Fairboard President, Brett Mace. Mace went on to say that, the Extension Council has approached the Fairboard to ask if they have any building or space available to move their offices to. They currently have a two-year lease on their present building. Mace also stated that they have been in contact with the County Auditor, Amy Sathoff. The Auditor, in the future, would like to combine all of Estherville's voting wards in one location. Their suggestion to the Board was possibly utilizing the armory building on the fairgrounds for these purposes.

Mace stated to start with, we need to know if we have the Board's support of this idea. They have had an initial meeting with the Fairboard and the Extension staff. The Extension Service is looking to expand some of its youth programs. An example would be, a youth cooking class, currently they do not have a kitchen to do this. The Extension service are also looking for more space. Rosburg stated that they would be looking at having 4-5 office spaces, with a meeting room. These two entities were looking at options of whether to remodel or build a new building. The plans will take some time. They said they just needed to know if they had the Board's support, since Emmet County is the Fairboard's landlord. Mace stated that it would involve a capital campaign to raise money to do this project.

Hash asked the question of they had any initial costs yet. Mace stated that they were probably looking at over a half million dollars to renovate the old armory building. Juhl stated that she was at the armory building with an architect a few years back and he stated it

would cost a huge amount of money, probably more than a half million dollars, at that time, to renovate it. The Board believes a new building could be built for less money. Schumacher stated that a couple of years ago, they put a new roof on the armory to try to keep the building usable for a time. The Board and Fairboard all agreed that the fairgrounds need more restrooms and a tornado shelter. They would like to see a building that could be used year round and utilize a shelter and more restrooms. They stated it would be nice to have large community room that would be available for renting out to individuals or entities also.

It was the consensus of the Board, for the Fairboard to develop a partnership with entities and looks at the steps necessary, do we need a new building or do we remodel some existing building. The Board is not sure the armory building is the answer. Pluth stated that this request is in our favor representing the Emmet County Fairboard. Nancy Rosburg is looking if there are any low interest loans. Schumacher stated that he believe grants are available out there for the Fairboard to look at. Whaley stated that Worth County just did a project like this, so maybe they could use them as a project model.

It was the consensus that money would be better spent on a new building, Schumacher stated that the Fairboard and Extension could get some ideas of what they want and need, go to an architect, and then come back to the Board and present and discuss those ideas at that time.

The Meyer 5 site public hearing for the new construction site scheduled for next week will not be held. On Monday, the Auditor's office was notified by Pinnacle that the ownership will change and the building will be moved 500' East in the same field, thus changing the master matrix due to the expanded separation distances. The Manure Management plans (MMP) and Manure Agreements will also change. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to resend the motion that scheduled the hearing for next Tuesday, May 29, 2018. All ayes, motion carried. The Board will set a new public hearing date when everything is ready and republish the notice with the new information.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Forms (MMP) for the Spencer Love Site #68485.

Also received by the Board was a new construction permit from Pinnacle for BDEM Livestock site, which will be located in the SE NW of Section 34 T99N R33W of Center Township. A public hearing date will be set at next week's agenda, pending notification from the DNR.

A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

Bev Juhl, Chair