

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

June 12, 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 Quastad, seconded by Hash, to approve the minutes from the May 29, 2018 meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Juhl stated that she had attended a regional meeting yesterday for County Social Services. The Board will put on next week's agenda to consider contributing \$1,000 to hire a consultant to give advice to join a new region.

Pluth stated that he had attended a safety meeting yesterday. The County has gone 95 days without loss. He stated that safety director, Mike Raner, would be sending out the return to work policy for employees to sign. There is a Blood Born Pathogen class coming up for county employees on June 28, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Last Friday, Schumacher attended the Third Judicial District Meeting. He stated that even though they are having constant budget cuts, they are operating well. He stated that it was a good meeting.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer, stated that they held the fuel letting yesterday (Monday). He said this is something that they do yearly for the next fiscal year. Fuel and LP bids are as follows:

FUEL	MaxYield Cooperative	West Bend IA	\$226,215.70
	K & H Cooperative	Wesley IA	\$227,253.60
	Pro Cooperative	Estherville IA	\$224,435.70

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the low fuel bid from Pro-Coop for \$224,435.70. All ayes, motion carried.

LP	Ferrellgas	Estherville IA	\$8,775.00
	MaxYield Cooperative	West Bend IA	\$8,550.00
	K & H Cooperative (Gruver)	Wesley IA	\$8,115.00

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash to approve the low LP bid from K & H Cooperative (Gruver) for \$8,115.00. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, at the recommendation of the Engineer, to approve the utility permit for River Valley, which covers a large area, placing in their fiber. The utility permit is for an area east of Wallingford. All ayes, motion carried.

Engineer, Davis-Oeth, stated that some railroad crossings went in over the weekend. He also stated that the overhead flashing light replacement has begun today. They are replacing overhead lights by Ringsted today. The County has 10 of these overhead lights that will be replaced with beacon lights on the stop signs. He stated that the company can get about one of these replacements done per day.

Discussion was held with Engineer on roads, bridges and grading. He said the Emmet Hill bridge is a little off schedule at this time due to a high water mark and other items. They also discussed a county tile issue and visited about collective bargaining procedures.

Judy Tangen, Service Coordinator, West Quadrant, came before the Board informing them that Friday will be her last day working for the Mental Health region. She thanked the Board for all the support they have given to her throughout the years and she stated that it has been a pleasure to work for the County. The Board expressed their gratitude to her and wished her well with her new endeavor. She will be working with Ameri-Group doing case management for Emmet, Palo Alto & Kossuth counties.

The Board canvassed the results of the June 5, 2018 Primary Election. A motion was made by Hash, seconded by Quastad, to approve the results as listed in the canvass books. The canvass books are on record in the Auditor's office for review. All ayes, motion carried.

The following persons were nominated at the June 5 Primary Election and will move to the General Election Ballots:

County Board of Supervisors (Vote for Two)	
John Pluth	Republican
County Treasurer	
Brenda Moore	Democrat
County Recorder	
Diann Quastad Minion	Republican

County Attorney
Melanie Summers Bauler Republican

No candidate or write-in received enough votes to be nominated and move to the General Election Ballot for the following offices:

County Supervisor	Democrat Party-- (Vote for 2)
County Recorder	Democrat Party
County Attorney	Democrat Party
County Supervisor	Republican Party
County Treasurer	Republican Party

County Board of Supervisors	Libertarian Party (Vote for 2)
County Treasurer	Libertarian Party
County Recorder	Libertarian Party
County Attorney	Libertarian Party

It was moved by Quastad , seconded by Pluth, to approve the County's claims as listed in the claims register. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to approve the drainage claims as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board set the Public Hearing date for the new confinement site in Section 13 of Denmark Township, for Olson's Swine Care LLC. It was moved by Hash, seconded by Pluth, to set the date for the public hearing for June 26, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Nancy Danielson, representing IMWCA (Iowa Municipalities Worker's Compensation Association), and Cody Newgard, both working for Blum - Leonard Insurance, came before the Board concerning the renewal of the worker's compensation policy. Danielson stated that today she wanted to talk with the Board about workers' comp. The average mod rate for IMWCA is .82, Emmet County's mod rate is at .96. She went on to say that Emmet County has had a couple of big claims in the past. Your mod rate is based on your own claims. Any mod rate under 1 is what you are hoping for. In figuring the mod rate, it includes your last three years, but does not include the current year. These are not based per insurance company; mod rates are based on the National Workmen's Compensation Bureau. She stated we have lost some credits, but is hopeful these credits may come back. She believes the credits will come back before the mod rate will. Part of the increase in premium is due to the County's increase in payroll also. Danielson stated that by next year, she is hoping things will be better. Danielson also discussed that ICAP (Iowa Communities Assurance Pool) had recently been in touch with Emmet County. A few recommendations were made, mostly for the secondary roads' shops.

The Board received a request from Gene Haukoos, representing the Avenue of Flags, for use of the courthouse lawn in displaying of flags during the time the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall is in Estherville (from the dates of June 22-24,2018) It was moved by Hash, seconded by Quastad, to grant approval for use of the courthouse grounds.

The Board received two joint drainage claims from Dickinson County. The first bill is payable to Jacobson-Westergard & Associates for May Engineering Services for work on reclassification for joint district ECD#61 for \$4,686.00. The second claim concerns joint district ECD#61, Open Ditch, payable to Quality Farm Management LLC in the amount of \$8,553.60 for reseeding of CRP ground. Juhl, signed the joint claims for ECD#61. These two bills will be sent back to control county, Dickinson, for payment. The third bill is for ED79 joint drainage district (Emmet/Dickinson) for \$1,295.00, payable to Anderson Tiling LLC. Emmet County is the control county for this drainage district. Juhl, Chair, signed the joint bill. This joint bill was sent to Dickinson County for Board signature. This bill was paid today with the claims. It was moved by Hash, seconded by Quastad, to approve payment of the above joint drainage claims. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Forms (MMP) for:

NFP – Farm 168 (Solberg Site) #63804	Farm 255-Morlins-North #68912
Hawkeye Four #60817	Bacon Maker – Facility #62852

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