

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisors

December 11, 2018

Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.

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 with all Board Members present. 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.

During public forum, Pluth stated he attended the safety meeting yesterday. Pluth stated that Mike Martens, Sheriff, would be working with Emergency Management & E-911 Director, Travis Sheridan, to test all the panic buttons. Pluth also stated the ALICE (alert, lockdown, inform, counter, evacuate) training will be held on Friday, January 11, 2019 from 9:00 to noon, at which time the courthouse will be closed. The County has gone 270 days without loss of time. Pluth stated they also discussed security issues and winter driving.

Juhl stated that the Board might have to get the advice of Mike Galloway on employees using marijuana for medical use. She stated that she learned at the recent CSS (County Social Services) meeting that although this is not a prescription; a card is issued to you if are on marijuana for medical purposes. Schumacher stated that if an employee is using medicinal marijuana, you might need to make your office Supervisor aware of this situation.

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

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

Nancy Danielson and Cody Newgard, representing, Blum & Leonard Insurance Agency came before the Board to discuss insurance. Danielson stated what we are renewing is your property/casualty premiums starting December 1. She stated claims are up a little this year. The increase is due primarily to property rates, which also includes physical damage on your vehicles. Quastad asked a question about adding new equipment, but not reducing rates on older equipment. Danielson stated she would talk to them on contractor's equipment and ask them if they do make an adjustment and lower values on older equipment.

Danielson stated the overall increase is about 2.9%. She believes next year, Emmet County will be vested with ICAP (Iowa County Assurance Pool). You started with the Company in 2013 and vesting takes 7 years. The premium increase will be about \$2100.

Danielson stated that liability- wise you are at 6 million, if you want more liability; I can give you more quotes.

Danielson also stated that cyber liability is a new hot topic this year. You do have coverage for that. You also have cyber breach liability, that being when someone gets into your data and gets your information. You have \$250,000 for cyber breach. If you are interested in getting more, Danielson can get us costs. She feels that we should, getting quotes and bumping up to 1 million. Quastad asked if that covered ransom also, she stated that I think it does. Quastad stated that he knew of a company that did get their information stolen. She will get back to the Supervisors with quotes for 500,000 and 1 million and re-visit with the Board.

Danielson stated that ICAP offers safety-training resources. She also stated that Emmet County gets 180 hours a year of free legal access. Juhl stated that I believe the Sheriff's office has used this. Danielson stated that there are \$1,000 grants that they can be used for safety items and Emmet County Auditor has applied and gotten these grants. One thing that has come up is insuring drainage districts. Danielson stated that you people as a Board man the drainage districts and they can be insured individually, stating the districts, are not yet according to insurance laws, legal entities of the County. We could add those maybe 140 ditches that are just Emmet County's adding approximately \$15,000 to our premium. Schumacher asked to clarify what we insuring against concerning drainage districts. Quastad stated that drainage districts are protected under the Code and his thoughts are the law protects them and we should stick with that. Schumacher asked if it is better to pay the insurance company or just pay when the incident happens, as we did when we contributed to the defense fund in the Des Moines Water Works trial. Quastad stated we would have to assess the added cost of these premiums back to the drainage districts. The Board made no decisions on this. Danielson has asked around and as of now, not many counties are insuring their drainage districts at this time.

Hugh Liveley, Executive Director, and Cindy Voss, Chief Operating Officer, with RIDES, came before the Board to share information and request FY20 funding. Their funding request is the same amount as the last previous years, that being \$5,000. The Regional Transit Authority dba RIDES is a private, non-for-profit organization, established by nine northwest Iowa county Boards of Supervisors and the Iowa Department of Transportation to provide public transportation within our Region. Voss stated that we have added a back-up taxi in Estherville to meet the demand. Voss stated we can take you anywhere within the City limits, going out of the

City is charged to individual on a per mile charge.

Lively stated that we have gotten some new busses and they have our new logo on them and we have gotten positive responses. We will probably be getting a new bus in this area soon. We are seeing a huge trend for employment transportation, working with economic development and factories. We continue to look for what are the needs in each community. Lively stated we have enjoyed having Tim Schumacher as our Board Chair over the last two years. Chair Juhl stated that their funding request would be considered at budget time.

Trapping beaver in drainage ditches was the next topic of discussion. Currently the beaver bounty is \$25.00. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to increase the beaver trapping bounty to \$50.00 per beaver in our drainage districts. This motion goes along with our neighboring counties' beaver bounty allowed. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the ownership & site name change from Jack Creek 17 to K & T Olson Swine 3 Site, located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 17, Township 98, Range 32 of Jack Creek Township.

The Board also reviewed the Authorization to Use for Facility ID #70098, HyPoint Site, located in the SW/SE of the SW ¼ of Sec 27, T-99N, R-34 W, Emmet County, Iowa.

A motion was made by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

Bev Juhl, Chair