

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
April 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: John Pluth, Chair
Jeff Quastad Vice-Chair
Roger Hash
Tim Schumacher
Todd Glasnapp

Absent:

Pluth, Chair, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Pluth stated that he had attended the Iowa Lakes Corridor meeting and at the meeting he stated that in in future, they would be asking for more dollars, possibly bumping up from \$25,000 to \$30,000 in FY 2021.

Walter Davis-Oeth notified the Board of the Road Foreman hire for Secondary Roads. The new road foreman is Lucas Oleson, who will remain at the Armstrong shop. As of right now, some of the equipment operators are transferring positions. One transfer is Garrett Henriksen who will move from the Wallingford shop to the Estherville shop. Others transfers are still happening and once completed the Engineer's office will hire another equipment operator.

Davis-Oeth stated that we qualified for federal disaster (FEMA). His claims will be for secondary roads – tree removal, road repairs and other storm related repairs. He asked the Board, as Trustees for the drainage ditches, if they knew of any damage within the drainage districts that they would want to turn in to FEMA.

Davis-Oeth also informed the Board about the sinkhole on Hwy 15 approximately 2 miles N of Armstrong. The D.O.T. will set up everything, since this sinkhole is within the DOT's right-of-way. He stated a tile underneath the road has collapsed. It will be a 2-3 week process to get the repair done. Davis-Oeth stated he is aware and okay with the DOT'S detour and wanted to inform the Board about this situation.

The Board and Engineer discussed a road problem next to drainage district 40. Board asked the Engineer if it is a road problem or a drainage district problem. Engineer stated that he is leaning towards it being a drainage ditch problem. The road, at this time, curves around a large cottonwood tree, which is a landmark. The road and drainage district were probably built around the tree years ago. Engineer will work on this problem and Secondary Roads will help out the drainage district at a shared cost of some sort.

Engineer, stated that they will have to consider a possible transmission and engine rebuild for a grader. This is a second tier machine, so they may work on it this summer. Pluth stated that sometimes, you could invest much more than it is worth and Engineer agreed.

The Board tabled setting a Public hearing date for construction Design Statement and Master Matrix for K & T Olson Swine 3 Site, located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 17-98-32 in Jack Creek Township, due to necessary paperwork not being received from the DNR.

The Board heard an update from Jamey Whitney, Executive Director for Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. In addition, present along with Whitney was T.J. Thayer, Operations Director for Upper Des Moines. He stated that this 6-month update is part of a change when we restructured our Board to give updates to the Boards of Supervisors. He stated that as of today, they are at 86% of their services in comparison with last year's figures

for 12-months. Whitney stated that it has been a very busy 6 months this year and reports showed a high increase in need. Individuals served in Emmet County the entire last year was 6,520 and just in the last 6 months, Upper Des Moines has served 5,257.

Whitney spoke about the Middle School demolition that is presently going on. Whitney stated that the federal dollars have been approved and they are working towards securing ownership of the facility, stating once this is done, we can start using the money. He stated that Upper Des Moines has put approximately \$300,000 into the building already. Schumacher brought up the school's continued use of the auditorium. Whitney stated that by Upper Des Moines taking over the building, it takes away the grandfathered clause for the auditorium and now the auditorium will have to meet state codes after new ownership. State code licensing stated there is no fresh air ventilation in the auditorium at this time, so until that is fixed this will be an unusable space. It would be a very expensive project to do and Whitney stated surely Upper Des Moines would collaborate with the School in some way concerning this issue, if they could.

They have to take down the building in pieces, due to the complexity of things. Thayer stated there are many things that need to be upgraded to get the building to state code regulations.

The next agenda item is Resolution 2019-10 that Emergency Management Director, Travis Sheridan, informed the Board about at last week's Board meeting for a local match for the Hazard Mitigation Plan that he is applying for. The funds will be for the warning sirens at the County's area campgrounds. The Resolution reads as follows:

LOCAL MATCH RESOLUTION #

2019-10

FOR THE

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS,

Emmet County

(hereinafter called "the Subgrantee"), County of

(jurisdiction)

Emmet

, has made application through the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Division (HSEMD) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding from the

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, in the amount of

\$44,351

for the total project cost,

and

WHEREAS, the Subgrantee recognizes the fact that this grant is based on a cost share basis with the federal share not exceeding 75%, the state share not exceeding 10% and the local share being a **minimum** of 15% of the total project cost. The **minimum** 15% local share can be either cash or in-kind match.

and

THEREFORE, the Subgrantee agrees to provide and make available up to

\$6,653.00

(**Six thousand six hundred and fifty-three**

dollars) of local monies to be used to meet the

minimum 15% match requirement for this mitigation grant application.

The resolution was passed and adopted

16th

day of

April

2019

Signatures of Council or Board Members:

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I submit this form for inclusion with the HMGP Project Application.

Travis Sheridan

Print Name of Authorized Representative

Authorized Representative's Signature and Date

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to adopt Resolution 2019-10. Roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Schumacher, Hash, Quastad, Glasnapp and Pluth. Nays: none. All ayes, motion carried.

Christina Eggink-Postma, VP Program Coordination and Compliance from Seasons Center, presented the Board with an update on behavioral and substance abuse services that Seasons Center can provide for Emmet County. Season Center has an office in the hospital here in Estherville. Eggink-Postma stated that the reason she came before the Board today was due to the closing of Compass Pointe on April 15. She stated their number one priority is to make sure clients still have an opportunity to get services that they need. They have extended their hours and are compensating their staff to do this. She noted that they are taking a lot more calls. They are also hiring additional staff.

Eggink-Postma stated that their CEO has been working with the Compass Pointe Director and also have been in contact with the State ensuring services will be available. She stated that Season's Center is in all nine counties that Compass Pointe covered. Eggink-Postma stated that Season's gets reimbursed mostly from insurance and Medicaid, some contracts and federal grants for care coordination, but primarily from insurances.

Eggink-Postma asked the Board if they would consider allocating funds that were for Compass Pointe to Seasons. They are going to make this request in all nine counties that Compass Pointe served.

JoAnn Reed, Mental Health Advocate for Emmet County, asked about the court committals and whether they can be transferred over to Season's Center.

The Board stated that they would re-visit this entire issue with their County Attorney. The Board also stated that looking into the future, they would need to establish a contract with Season's Center, but legal steps have to be taken.

Hash and Glasnapp shared information about the closing of Compass Pointe. Quastad had a discussion with other Board members about a possible refund of the last quarter money they had just sent to Compass Pointe last week. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash to ask Compass Pointe to return at least 5/6 of the quarterly payment just made of \$2414.50, because of the closure of Compass Pointe on April 15, 2019, and they will not be rendering any more services for the rest of the quarter. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Central Service Costs Allocation Plan from FY18 for FY2020 through indirect costs for the local DHS office estimated at \$30,159 for reimbursement back to Emmet County. It was moved by Hash, seconded by Schumacher, to accept and have Board Chair sign the Certification of Cost Allocation Plan. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the MMP's for owner new Fashion Pork for Facility Farm 252 Ivey #68755 and Facility Farm 266-Erickson #69231.

A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson
Clerk to Board of Supervisors

John Pluth,
Chairman