

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
September 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Absent:

Pluth, Chair, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. Also, it was moved by Glasnapp, seconded by Quastad, to approve the Joint Drainage Minutes from the joint drainage meeting held July 18, 2019 for drainage district ECD#61 (Emmet, Clay and Dickinson Counties) at Dickinson County Courthouse. All ayes, motion carried.

Quastad stated that a week ago he attended a juvenile detention meeting. Schumacher stated he had papers he had received from the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission. Schumacher will attend another meeting next week for Northwest Iowa Planning.

Hash stated he had a text from Roy Gage about concerns of no logging of odor complaints. Hash stated that they are having some issues with their recording when people call in their complaints. Hash will look into this with Central Bi-Products.

Pluth stated he received an invitation from Avera Holy Family Hospital, along with Emmet County Public Health and Estherville Lincoln Central School District concerning hearing thoughts in regards to mental health concerns in our area. The meeting will be held at Iowa Lakes Electric on September 16, 2019 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and they would like to know how many will be attending. Hash will talk to Sheriff Mike Martens about this also, and see if their department can send some representatives.

During public forum, Auditor, Amy Sathoff, informed the Board about the recent tentative equalization order issued by the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue issued a 7% increase in all residential and Ag dwelling properties in Emmet County. Assessor, Barb Bohm, is not going to appeal this decision with the Department of Revenue. Once the final order is received from the Department of Revenue, the Auditor will send a notice to all Emmet County's residential and Ag Dwelling owners by October 8.

It was moved by, seconded by Schumacher, 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 Schumacher, to approve the drainage claims as listed. All ayes, motion carried.

Melissa Krieger, Supervisor, from the Department of Human Services (D.H.S.) came before the Board to discuss the D.H.S. lease. She thanked the Board for letting her attend today. The current D.H.S. lease is up at the end of September. Krieger's suggestion is that we renew the lease for one year instead of the usual 3 years. Rudy Abel owns the D.H.S. building. Estherville is a full time office in Emmet County and this office serves Palo Alto and Kossuth counties, Estherville's office is the hub for these other counties. Krieger stated that the office is not centrally located and the emergency response time is a little longer that they would like. The office is outdated and Krieger has concerns for safety issues. Matt Madsen joined telephonically at 9:50 a.m.

Discussion was held with Krieger on a new site. She feels the site needs to be functional and professional looking, which the current site is lacking. She stated that the office is completely staffed right now, with no more room for expansion. She would like to be more centrally located and closer to law enforcement. The Board asked her about security and she stated that currently they do not have a security system but they need to be looking into that. She said we are very lucky so far, that no one has been hurt, stating that things have changed over the years for their office.

Madsen said after listening to all the discussion, that he appreciated the Board's concern for D.H.S.

The Board's response was to have the Auditor go back to the property owner and see if he would do a one-year lease and put the lease on the agenda for next week.

Brenda Moore, Emmet County Treasurer, came before the Board to ask for approval of the Investment Policy as presented. She discussed the policy with the Supervisors, after having made some changes to the Policy. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to approve the Treasurer's Investment Policy as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Melanie Bauler, County Attorney, came back to the Board to discuss the tentative Nuisance Ordinance that is being proposed. Bauler stated that this would be a guideline for our County to go by. The Board discussed about this being a government over-reach. Pluth stated some of these guidelines, concern me. Quastad's idea is to remove all interpretations, stating that we should concentrate more on if the nuisances affect a person's health, safety, happiness and welfare like the first sentence of the Ordinance states. The Board will again table this issue for two weeks.

The Board was presented a tentative Agreement between Emmet County and AFSCME Council #61, extending the dispatch contract for one (1) year. This would result in the contract being in effect for five (5) years, which is the maximum under the new law through June 30, 2021. Mike Galloway from Ahlers & Cooney in a brief note to the Board stated that basically, Ahlers & Cooney, would remove all the excluded issues from the contract and give the dispatchers a 2.5% wage increase July 1, 2020. The benefit to the union would be they maintain the permissive subjects in the contract and avoid the recertification election. The benefit being to the County is that you avoid the election, most of the major issues are removed from the contract, the wage increase is very reasonable and most importantly, you do not have to pay Ahlers & Cooney to go through negotiations with your group. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to accept and have Board Chair sign the Tentative Agreement. All ayes, motion carried.

Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth presented the Board with Utility Permits.

- Utility Permit for Iowa Lakes Electric for single phase utility line at 4926 110th St., in Lincoln Township, Sections 10 and 15. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, at the recommendation of the Engineer, to approve the utility permit. All ayes, motion carried.
- Utility Permit for Iowa Lakes Electric for upgrade to existing site (boring) at 1271 470th Ave in Sections 19 and 20 of Lincoln Township. It was moved by Glasnapp, seconded by Quastad, at the recommendation of the Engineer, to approve the utility permit. All ayes, motion carried.
- Utility Permit for Iowa Lakes Electric for upgrading to an existing facility (boring) in Denmark Township, Sections 19 and 30. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, at the recommendation of the Engineer, to approve this utility permit. All ayes, motion carried.
- Utility Permit for Iowa Lakes Electric to construct utilities across road at 4940 110th St in Lincoln Township, Sections 10 and 15. It was moved by Hash, seconded by Schumacher, at the recommendation of the Engineer, to approve this utility permit. All ayes, motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board of two upcoming retirements for Secondary Roads in October. The retirees being John Jenson and Rich Irmiter from the Armstrong Shop. Michael Brandenburg will transfer from the Estherville Shop to the Armstrong Shop. The Engineer is asking for the Board's acknowledgment to rehire for these two positions for the Estherville and Armstrong Shops, with a November start date, Board gave their approval to the Engineer.

Engineer stated that he believes his seasonal workers are returning this year, but will let the Board know officially in a couple of weeks. Davis-Oeth stated that Dan Burton would be helping the Dickinson County Engineer for the next month, due to Dickinson County having so many projects at this time.

Engineer gave a road report, stating the road upgrade South of Armstrong is just about done. They will be doing some ditch cleaning and culvert projects.

The Board reviewed the MMPs for the following facilities:

West Swan Swine Care LLC	Facility West Swan Swine Care	Facility ID #69123
James Boyer	Facility Boyer James Site 2	Facility ID #62465
James Boyer	Facility Boyer James Site 1	Facility ID #58213
Summit Pork II, LLP	Facility Jack Creek 26	Facility ID #70408
Roger Tirevold	Facility Tirevold Roger Site 1	Facility ID #61252
Roger Tirevold	Facility Tirevold Roger Site 2	Facility ID #59016
Mark Neppel	Facility E-Hawk One Finisher	Facility ID #59815
Mark Neppel	Facility Neppel Finisher	Facility ID #58398
Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC	Facility PI-298	Facility ID #65437
Laverne Schnell	Facility Schnell Laverne	Facility ID #59017
Jeff Ulrich	Facility Jeff Ulrich	Facility ID #57876

The Board reviewed two items received from the DNR:

The Construction Permit for the East Ingham Livestock Site, Facility ID #60764 and the Authorization to Use for the Jack Creek Livestock Site, Facility ID #68438.

The Board reviewed bill received from Jacobson-Westergard, for joint drainage district ED#3 (Emmet and Dickinson Counties) for \$4,907.80 for engineering services in August. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to sign and approve payment by stamped warrant of this joint bill by control county, Emmet. All ayes, motion carried. The bill will also be forwarded to joint county, Dickinson, for approval and signage also.

Also, Board received a claim from Dickinson County Auditor's Office for \$617.50 payable to Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, for joint drainage district ECD #61 (Emmet, Clay and Dickinson Counties) for August Professional services for \$140 and August engineering services for \$477.50, totaling \$617.50. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Glasnapp, to approve and sign the joint claim and return to control county, Dickinson County, for payment. All ayes, motion carried.

Quastad shared with the Board a bill from MichaelSon, Inc. for an adjusted total of \$24,077.50 for drainage district #26 that he discussed with the Board at last week's Board meeting. Quastad needs to get a new adjusted bill from MichaelSon, Inc. first, and then he will present to Auditor's office for payment by a paid prior check.

At 11:35 a.m., Board Chair Pluth adjourned the meeting.

Colleen Anderson
Clerk to Board of Supervisors

John Pluth
Chairman