

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
November 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.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 at 2:00 p.m. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to approve the minutes from the last meeting held October 29, 2019, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Pluth discussed the recent Board meeting he attended at Webster County. He stated their group was there to try to persuade Webster County that they are a big part of the Western quadrant and want them to stay in the County Social Service (CSS) region. Pluth stated he believes Counties are concerned with no reporting of where the dollars are being spent. Pluth stated that if CSS would give us feedback for the dollars CSS is spending and the number of clients they are serving, it would satisfy the requests of some Counties. Butler County is the fiscal agent for CSS.

Melanie Bauler, County Attorney, came before the Board to ask for her employee of 20 years, Michele Howing, to be paid out for 76.5 hours vacation at her hourly rate. She stated that they have the money in their budget. She stated that their office has three upcoming trials before the end of December. Bauler stated that she depends on Howing to line up all the witnesses for these trials and Howing is needed in the office. It was moved by Hash, seconded by Quastad to allow payout of 76.5 vacation hours at her hourly rate. All ayes, motion carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Engineer, came before the Board with a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric for Iowa Lake Township in Sections 18 and 19 on Hwy A-17/120th St. for underground boring. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, at the recommendation of the Engineer, to approve this permit. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth stated that they have hired one person for the Estherville Shop. The new hire is Ryan McMurty and he started his job last week. Davis-Oeth stated that another hire decision would be made shortly.

Schumacher stated that he had an individual ask him about adding some gravel on a County B Road. This person stated that in a couple of areas it is turning back into a dirt road. Engineer stated that they would look at this situation.

Engineer presented a Site Specific Agreement between Ducks Unlimited, Inc. and Emmet County. Ducks Unlimited and Emmet County have entered into this Agreement to assist in the Jensen Slough Project to benefit migratory waterfowl and other natural resources on 232nd St. The County will have to pay no more than \$5,000 cash for the culverts and \$1,000 for the gravel. The project will consist of replacing the metal pipes, which are rusting away, with concrete culverts. All the extra costs over the amounts listed above for this project, will be paid by Ducks Unlimited. Engineer stated that this project would benefit this area.

Engineer stated that they are short- staffed at the present time. Davis-Oeth stated that they still have another hire yet to be made and two individuals are not working for non-work related medical reasons.

It was moved by Hash, seconded by Glasnapp, 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.

At 2:30 p.m., the Board held the first tier of the canvass for the newly implemented City/School Election. The new City/School Elections stay within your Counties.

The first tier canvass will be the first and final for the Cities of Armstrong, Gruver, Ringsted, Dolliver, Wallingford and for Council Person Ward 1, Ward 5 & At Large for the City of Estherville.

It was determined by the Board that no Mayor candidate got the 50% plus 1 of the total votes cast for the City of Estherville Mayor position, so a Run-Off Election will be held on December 3, 2019.

The Board certified the canvass results and the winners of the Cities' Elections are as follows:

CANVASS CERTIFIED WINNERS FROM THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019

CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION

FIRST TIER CANVASS

| <u>CITY OF ESTHERVILLE</u> | VOTES | | VOTES | VOTES |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|---|
| COUNCILPERSON WARD 1 | | COUNCILPERSON WARD 5 | | COUNCILPERSON AT LARGE |
| GARY HECKARD | 252 | ROY GAGE | 117 | GENE HAUKOOS 840 |
| <u>CITY OF ARMSTRONG</u> | | | | |
| MAYOR | | COUNCILPERSON AT LARGE | | <u>COUNCILPERSON TO FILL A VACANCY</u> |
| GREGORY W. BUUM | 155 | ROBB NUTT | 252 | RONALD TRENARY 191 |
| | | JOANN EATON | 176 | |
| <u>CITY OF GRUVER</u> | | | | |
| MAYOR | | COUNCIL PERSONS AT LARGE | | |
| ANTHONY HANSON | 19 | ROBERT GOMMELS | 16 | |
| | | BRETT GREMS | 17 | |
| | | WESLEY BADDELEY | 17 | |
| | | FRED KNAACK | 17 | |
| | | DARLA M. PYLESKI | 20 | |
| <u>CITY OF RINGSTED</u> | | | | |
| MAYOR | | <u>COUNCIL PERSONS AT LARGE</u> | | |
| DAN JORGENSEN | 52 | JOHN PETERSEN | 49 | |
| | | JULIE NICKOLAS | L Aidig 52 | |
| | | | Larsen 56 | |
| <u>CITY OF DOLLIVER</u> | | | | |
| MAYOR | | COUNCIL PERSONS AT LARGE | | |
| ROGER REZAC | 12 | VIRGINIA HATLAND | 12 | |
| | | JILL GRIESE | 8 | |
| | | DELORES GRIESE | 5 | |
| <u>CITY OF WALLINGFORD</u> | | | | |
| MAYOR | | COUNCIL PERSONS AT LARGE | | |
| JARROD FISHER | 34 | JEREMY BODLE | 34 | |
| | | LINDA MICHELSON | 33 | |
| | | RYAN CELLAN | 32 | |
| | | MARY MOORMAN | 31 | |
| | | BRIAN BEHREND | 34 | |

The first tier canvass was also held for the Graettinger-Terril School District (Palo Alto County controls), North Union School District and Estherville Lincoln Central School District (Emmet County controls). The second tier canvass will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2019, for the two school district that Emmet County is in control of. After the second tier canvass is complete, the totals and winners will be in next week's minutes.

It was moved by Glasnapp, seconded by Hash to accept the results presented in the Canvass Book and the Board stated that a Run-Off Election would be held on December 3, 2019 for the office of Mayor for the City of Estherville. All ayes, motion carried.

Mike Martens, Emmet County Sheriff, came before the Board to discuss cell phone stipends for Deputies, Thomas Schultes and Justin Schultes. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to approve the cell phone stipend of \$20 per month. All ayes, motion carried.

Sheriff stated the 911-software upgrade is underway. Martens stated that part of the program is slated to go live around the first part of next month.

The Board received a drainage claim for joint drainage district ECD#61 Branch 61 for Engineering Services for Oct for cleanout for \$577 payable to Jacobson-Westergard & Associates. It was moved by Glasnapp, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the bill and forward to Control County, Dickinson for payment. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board received a drainage claim for joint drainage district ED#3 (Emmet & Dickinson Counties) for \$1,853.50 for Engineering services for ED#3's improvements, payable to Jacobson-Westergard & Associates. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to approve the bill and pay by stamped warrant. All ayes, motion carried. Emmet County is the Control County for this joint district. The joint bill will also be forwarded to joint county, Dickinson.

The Board reviewed the annual Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) for John Esler, Facility name Hog guy Farms LLC-Jacobson Site #59780, located in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of 15-99-32, Swan Lake Township.

The Manure Management Plan for owner, Jeff Anderson, Facility J.A.N.S. Farms Inc site #1 #60020.

A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson
Clerk to Board of Supervisors

John Pluth,
Chairman