

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisors

January 14, 2020

Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Board Room, Courthouse

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

Absent:

Chairman, Pluth, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Glasnapp, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Quastad stated that he and Travis Sheridan, 911 and Emergency Management Director, attended the HAZMAT meeting last week. He stated that Sheridan was elected Chairperson. Quastad stated that they have raised the stipend for firefighters. Pluth attended the Economic Development meeting last week and toured the building that the City is fixing up, at the corner of Central and S 7th St.

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

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

Brenda Moore, Emmet County Treasurer, came before the Board to ask for abatement of US Fish & Wildlife drainage assessments for 27 parcels for \$915.00; this amount does not include any penalties. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to allow abatement of the \$915.00 in drainage assessments. All ayes, motion carried.

Mike Martens, Emmet County Sheriff, came before the Board with an end of the year report. He gave the Board an abbreviated activity record for the Sheriff's office for 2019 and two prior years for comparison. He stated that he feels the County Attorney's office is doing a fine job of holding people accountable for their actions. He gave the Board a progress report on the new building down at the annex.

At 10:00 a.m., it was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i). Roll call vote was taken Ayes: Schumacher, Hash, Quastad, Glasnapp and Pluth. Nays: none. All ayes, the meeting moved into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i).

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to come out of closed session. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting moved out of closed session. No decisions were made.

At 10:30 a.m. Dale Langner, landowner in joint drainage district ECD#61, came before the Board to discuss joint drainage district ECD#61. He stated he wanted to come in today, as a concerned landowner in drainage district ECD#61 (Emmet Clay and Dickinson Counties and a small portion in Palo Alto County). He stated that Clay County Board of Supervisors are projecting improvements on their drainage district #37. Clay County are telling people that they are going to annex ECD#61 into drainage district #37 to help pay the costs of these improvements. Pluth stated that a letter was sent from our County's Drainage Attorney, Richard Meyer, to the Clay County Board of Supervisors back on August 7, 2019, stating the Boards' opposition to the annexation of joint drainage district ECD#61 into Clay County's drainage district #37. In the letter, Meyer stated that drainage district #37 and drainage district ECD#61 have been separate for nearly 100 years. Meyer also stated that the ditch for ECD#61 outlets into Trumbull Lake, a sovereign lake, which has a weir or dam at its mouth.

Langner thanked the Board for their support. and assurance that they are opposed to any attempt by drainage district 37 to annex ECD#61, or any attempt to assess an outlet fee against ECD#61 joint drainage district; also that our Board would not sign any type of documentation stating that they would allow the annexation.

The Board reviewed the quarterly reports from the Sheriff, Veteran's Affairs, Recorder and the Auditor's office. Also reviewed was the semi-annual report from the Treasurer's office.

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