

Unapproved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
September 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Absent:

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Chairman Pluth called the meeting to order. The Board and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Quastad, second by Hash, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During Public Forum, Glasnapp reported that EMA Director Sheridan has ordered the approved trailer. Sheridan did obtain another bid but it was higher than the approved bid.

Pluth & Schumacher shared information regarding the Mental Health Region Emmet County is presently aligned with. Since Emmet County is no longer contiguous with the County Social Services Region, the Department of Human Services is pushing Emmet to join a contiguous region. The Sioux Rivers Region has indicated that they would like to come and give a presentation to the Board.

The Board shared various meetings they will be attending within the next week.

Emmet County Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth reported that the shouldering on the N26 project is done and striping should begin next week. Dan is currently working on projects for next year and trying to include the last section of A13. As of last Friday, Davis-Oeth reported that there was only 400 tons left to go on the extra gravel that was approved. He reported that shoulders were widened on the curves south of Wallingford. Crews will begin ditch cleanouts after harvest is complete.

Quastad asked if it looked like the gas barrel and electrical hookup for the snow mobile club would work. Davis-Oeth said he was not opposed to the placement.

Schumacher & Quastad discussed a recent weed spraying meeting they had with area farmers. They asked Davis-Oeth to determine the number of miles of right away Emmet County sprays and the average cost also. Davis-Oeth explained the current weed spraying process.

Davis-Oeth shared that Emmet County has received the reimbursement for the pup trailers and that backhoe and loader purchases are planned for this fiscal year.

Resolution 20-14 was presented to the Board and reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION 20-14
RESOLUTION OPTING OUT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE TO DEFER
THE PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEE SOCIAL SECURITY TAX**

A resolution by EMMET County to opt out of the Presidential Directive to defer the payment of employee social security tax.

WHEREAS, a Presidential Directive to defer the payment of the social security tax has been signed on August 8, 2020 proving for the deferral of the employee's portion of social security taxes for certain employees for the period beginning September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, Emmet County feels that the opt-out is necessary because Emmet County Employees would have to pay the taxes later and Emmet County could be held liable for repaying for anyone who leaves county employment in the meantime.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, EMMET County is opting out of the presidential directive to defer the payment of employee social security tax.

HEREBY RESOLVED but the Board of Supervisors for EMMET County on this 22nd day of September 2020.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attested: Auditor

Motion by Quastad, second by Hash to adopt Resolution 20-14. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Glasnapp, Quastad, Hash, Schumacher, Pluth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hash, second by Glasnapp to sign the Revolving Loan Fund Promissory Note for Brad Haugen. All ayes, motion carried.

Conservation Director Eric Anderson and Naturalist Ashley Reed joined the meeting along with the following members of the Conservation Board: Curt Larson, Kim Swanson and Dave Enerson.

The Board discussed the Peterson Point appraisal options prepared by Assessor Barb Bohm. After much discussion, a motion was made by Glasnapp to pursue an appraisal, second by Hash.

After discussion options the motion was amended as follows by Glasnapp. Motion to get opinions/appraisals from local companies, including Howell and Clarken real estate. Hash seconded the amendment. All ayes, motion carried.

Emmet County Recorder Diann Minion presented her request to change the current vacant 20 hour per week position in the Recorder's office with a 30 hour per week position at \$15.00 hourly.

After discussing several options. Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp to permanently change the position to a 30 hour a week position at \$15.00 per hour. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Glasnapp, Quastad, Hash, Schumacher, Pluth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasnapp, second by Hash to approve the following joint drainage district claim and forward to Dickinson County for payment:

| Drainage District | Vendor | Amount | Work Performed |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| ECD 61 BR 61 | Emmetsburg Reporter | \$46.96 | Final Hearing Notice Publication |

All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Hash, second by Quastad to approve the following joint drainage district claim for payment:

| Drainage District | Vendor | Amount | Work Performed |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------------|
| ED1 | Dickinson County Engineer | \$2,208.61 | Repair |

All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the following Manure Management Plans:

| Owner | Facility Name | Facility ID# |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Andrew Olson | Andrew & Lorie Olson | #59781 |

Pluth shared a letter regarding the opening of bargaining with the Dispatcher's Union.

Glasnapp discussed the replacement of a tile in DD50 near Ringsted. He will get a drainage petition from the Auditor's office and proceed.

Motion by Hash, second by Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Amy M. Sathoff
Auditor

John Pluth
Chairman