

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes  
February 21, 2017  
Regular Meeting  
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Bev Juhl, Chair  
John Pluth, Vice-Chair  
Tim Schumacher  
Jeff Quastad  
Roger Hash

Absent:

Supervisor Juhl, Chair, called the meeting to order. Motion was made by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting and also approve them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Auditor Amy Sathoff gave an election update. Ringsted Special Election will be held on March 7, 2017. The City of Armstrong will attempt one more time tonight to appoint a council person. Juhl will be attending a CSS meeting tomorrow. Pluth mentioned that if anyone is interested in going through the Roosevelt school building, they may do so at 1:00 pm today. Pluth, Quastad and Hash attended the Library luncheon last week.

County Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth discussed a road ditch cleanout that may require additional clean up with Board.

County Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth, Don Reefer of B&W Control Specialists and Roxanne Christensen, Emmet County Weed Commissioner were present to discuss weed spraying in Emmet County with the Board. Also present were Travis Fredrickson, Dan Burton and Rich Blinkman from the Secondary Roads department. B&W has done weed spaying and brush control for Emmet County for several years. Discussion was held regarding spraying in front of farm residences and the liability that comes with that. Residents requesting no spaying do need to come in and fill out paperwork yearly with the Engineer's office and post no spray signs. Davis-Oeth also expressed his concern regarding the spraying in front of residences and mentioned that education of the public would be necessary.

Davis-Oeth mentioned concerns about weeds around county signs. Don discussed the different nozzle types and chemicals utilized and explained their effectiveness. Don shared his experience with sprayers and quit using boom less truck application due to inconsistent application issues. Don also mentioned the possibility of certified organic farmers and how they could impact future spraying procedures. Supervisor Quastad expressed his concerns regarding the effectiveness of the present program. Reefer said that there is always room for improvement and that is why communication with the Board is necessary. Davis-Oeth will work on bringing an updated policy and contract to the Board at a later date.

Supervisors Pluth and Quastad expressed their concern regarding gravel application in February. Davis-Oeth explained that they were attempting to keep roads in good shape attempting to cover black spots.

A motion was made by Schumacher to set the public hearing date for the FY2018 Emmet County Budget for March 14, 2017 at 9:30 am., seconded by Hash. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Quastad to appoint Barb Bohm as the Emmet County Zoning Administrator, seconded by Schumacher. All ayes, motion carried. Bohm indicated that they are going to begin the process of amending the Zoning ordinance to include minimum specifications for rural dwellings.

Terry Reekers explained that the Emmet County Flood Plain Administrator for FEMA under the Emmet County Code of Ordinances manual is also the Zoning Administrator. Reekers is willing to work with Bohm with his knowledge of the flood plain. Reekers will continue to monitor and assist as necessary. When ready, Bohm and Reekers will bring proposed updated language for the Emmet County Code of Ordinances to the Board.

Terry Reekers, Emmet County EMA Director presented and requested the Board sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Iowa for the Hazard Mitigation Plan that is done every 5 years. Motion made by Schumacher to sign the memorandum, seconded by Pluth. All ayes, motion carried. Emmet County will be invoiced for \$7,500.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Plan (MMP) for:

Scott Griffith Facility, located in the NW NW of Section 32, Township 100 North, Range 32 West, Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa;

Motion by Quastad, seconded by Hash to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 am. All ayes, motion carried.