

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

January 29, 2019

Regular Meeting

Board Room, Courthouse

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

Absent:  
Vacant Seat

Pluth, Chair, called the meeting to order. Motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting with two adjustments, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Pluth stated that the CSS (County Social Services) meeting had been postponed. Schumacher attended an Iowa Workforce meeting in Spencer; he stated that the overall unemployment rate for the State of Iowa averages 2.4%, with Emmet's unemployment rate at 2.3%. Quastad stated he had attended a Seasons meeting and the discussion at that meeting was restructuring of the Board.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer, informed the Board that the crews were out snowplowing on the weekend and with the winds, are continuing to keep the roads clear of the blowing snow. He stated he is hoping to do interviews for a Maintenance Superintendent over the next couple of weeks.

There were two RFP's (requests for proposals) presented for the County's audit. They were from Winther Stave & Co LLP, Spencer, IA and Williams & Company, Estherville, IA. The RFP proposals are as follows: Winther-Stave & Co LLP for \$85,200 and Williams & Company for \$87,000 for FY2019, FY2020, and FY2021. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to grant the RFP to Winther Stave & Co. for \$85,200. All ayes, motion carried.

It was requested by Emmet County Public Health to be fiscal agents of Service Area 3A BETS grant. Kathy Preston, Emmet County Public Health Nurse, Mary Moorman, Office Manager and Amy Sathoff, Emmet County Auditor were present to discuss being the fiscal agent for Area 3A. Preston stated that what they want to do is be the fiscal agent for 3A for a budget of approximately \$341,000 split between three funding streams, those being EMS, the hospitals and Public Health agencies. They would be taking this over from O'Brien County on July 1, 2019. There are three years left on the 5- year grant. Schumacher asked Preston what she saw as the advantage for doing this besides a nominal financial aspect of \$1500-1600 per year for being the fiscal agent; charging a fee of \$11.00 per check written. Preston stated that if no one steps up and does this, then the funding would not be there for Emmet County. Preston stated we have purchased many things with this grant money that have benefited the people of our County.

There are eight counties involved those being: Lyon, Osceola, Dickinson, Emmet, Sioux, O'Brien, Clay and Palo Alto. Preston stated that they would submit a claim to the Auditor's office after it was approved by the State and will not pay the other counties until the grant money comes in first. Preston stated that she also plans to send to each of the counties in 3A, just as O'Brien County did, a Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement to be signed.

Schumacher stated it puts you in a leadership role in 3A. Preston stated that if it does not work, we could always step down from this responsibility. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to approve Public Health's request to be the fiscal agent for Service Area 3A BETS grant. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the MMP for Christensen Farms & Feedlots Inc., Facility name Christensen Family Farms – CO26 #60618. The Board also reviewed the Nutrient Management Plan for David Oleson, Facility name D and P Hogs Inc. Site #4 with ID #67605.

A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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Colleen Anderson, Clerk to Board of Supervisors

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John Pluth, Chairman