

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes  
February 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting  
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: John Pluth, Chair  
Jeff Quastad Vice-Chair  
Roger Hash  
Tim Schumacher  
Board Appointee Todd Glasnapp-sworn in at 9:30 a.m.

Absent:

Pluth, Chair, called the meeting to order. Motion was made by Hash, seconded by Quastad, to approve two sets of minutes from last week's meetings at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

No one spoke during public forum. The Board discussed the local option sales tax language.

The Board accepted the resignation of Todd Glasnapp from the Jack Creek Township Trustee position. The Board will table appointing a new person for Trustee until next week's Board Meeting.

The Board called a Department Head meeting concerning the Courthouse Closing Policy during adverse weather conditions. Department heads and departments represented were: Auditor, Amy Sathoff; Conservation Director, Eric Anderson; Sheriff, Mike Martens; Assistant to Engineer, Dan Burton; Recorder, Diann Minion; Assessor, Barb Bohm and Deputy Assessor Tammy Stine; Veteran's Director, Deb Tietje; Public Health Nurse, Kathy Preston; Clerk of Court, Cynthia Kelly; EMA Director, Travis Sheridan; Treasurer, Brenda Moore; representing the Attorney's office, Michele Howing and IT, Lisa Rosburg.

Pluth took the floor saying the reason for getting everyone together today was to go over the closing policy for the courthouse. The Board would like everyone to try to have their office open and a person present to represent their office during inclement weather. Pluth stated that sometimes it is a tough call to make; we are not saying that we are never going to close but we want to have a good reason to do so. Pluth stated if you do not feel safe, do not try to come in and you may use your comp time or vacation time.

Schumacher stated that we try to keep the courthouse open no matter what, the Sheriff's office and secondary roads are expected to be open. It would be the Department Head Chairs' responsibility to have one person in the office; we are here to serve the people. It was stated if the plows were pulled off the roads, we would consider closing. Sheriff Martens stated even in the worst weather, they are still working; we try to get to emergencies no matter what. Sheridan, EMA Director said in emergencies, we do call upon the City and County plows to help us.

At 9:30 a.m., Todd Glasnapp was sworn in as Emmet County's newly appointed Supervisor, replacing Bev Juhl who retired December 31, 2018. Todd's term will go until the General Election results are certified in November of 2020.

Monte Burrell and Treasurer, Brenda Moore, came before the Board to request abatement of taxes on three mobile homes. The total amount of the abatement for the three mobile homes is \$805.00. Discussion was held between the Board, Burrell, and Moore. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash to abate the taxes on all three of these mobile homes for a total abatement of 805.00. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to accept the Letter of Engagement for the County's audits for FY2019, FY2020 and FY2021 to Winther Stave & Co., LLP. All ayes, motion carried. Pluth discussed a phone call he had received last week from Williams & Company PC, a local firm that had submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP); their RFP was higher than the firm that was accepted.

The Board reviewed the ownership change for the Denmark 13 Site to Summit Pork II LLP; also includes a Manure Management Plan (MMP) update. Board also reviewed the Nutrient Management Plan for owner, Mike Mart, Facility Name Mart Farms #62718. Board reviewed a letter from the DNR on an authorization to use for the Paul Clausen Site, Facility ID #57871.

Glasnapp has had a call from a concerned citizen for drainage in Section 34 of Jack Creek Township. The culvert bridge is overflowing. Quastad stated that it would involve getting a Petition started and this issue may have to go to Court. Quastad is attending a drainage meeting tomorrow and he will ask about this problem at the meeting. The Board will consult with the County's Engineer for potential costs of addressing this situation.

A motion was made by Glasnapp, seconded by Quastad, to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

