

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
April 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Absent:

Pluth, Chair, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Auditor Amy Sathoff informed the Board that the Auditor's office would like to be closed on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 to attend SEAT (State Election Administrator's Training) in Denison, IA. She would like her entire office to attend, with all the upcoming changes with the School & City Election combination and other election law changes. Sathoff informed the Board that she and Lisa Rosburg met with Mark Gruwell and Edwin Waleh, President/CEO of their local technology firm called Heartland Team Solutions. She stated that they went through the County's software and hardware; stating that Gruwell and Waleh were impressed with how Emmet County has things set up. Sathoff stated that what she would like to see us do is take advantage of their cyber security training. Sathoff also stated that we would definitely utilize them if we need their services.

Pluth attended a CSS (County Social Services) meeting in Mason City last week. Schumacher stated that he had attended the Iowa Workforce meeting last Thursday.

The Board joined with Dickinson County telephonically to discuss the acceptance of private tile into joint drainage district ED#3 (Emmet and Dickinson Counties). After discussion, it was decided that they will change the language in the Resolution, so this Resolution will be tabled until next Tuesday's Board meeting at 10:15 a.m. The language will change to reflect that the tile line that is going to be included within the joint drainage district only goes to the property line of New Fashion Pork's (NFP). The tile within NFP's property will remain their own private tile, which NFP will continue to maintain.

Bob Grems representing the Regional Wellness Center (RWC) and others from the RWC Board came before the Board with a funding request for the upcoming Splashpad & Playground project. Grems stated that the fundraising has been going well with EXCEL Estherville donating \$50,000 and the City of Estherville donating \$25,000. The Board would make the donation out the County's Local Option Sales & Services Tax (LOSST) fund. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to approve a donation of \$50,000 for the Splashpad & Playground, Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Glasnapp, Quastad, Hash, Schumacher and Pluth. Nays: None. All ayes, motion carried. The Supervisors were thanked for their donation with an applause and the RWC's Board verbally expressed their sincere thanks.

Justin R. & Denise Slinger came before the Board to discuss their delinquent property taxes. Schumacher informed the Board that he would take part in the discussion, but would not be voting as it could represent a conflict of interest. Slingers discussed their current situations with the Board. Present also was Emmet County Treasurer, Brenda Moore. Moore stated that the Board does have an option to suspend the payment of taxes though a Suspended Tax Program per Iowa Code, Chapters 427.8 and 427.9 and then reevaluate their situation at a time set by the Board. Moore stated that by suspending the taxes, there would be no accruing interest and the property would not go on tax sale in June. A motion was made by Hash, seconded by Glasnapp, to suspend the taxes and reevaluate again in July of this year. In July, Treasurer Moore would need to check and see if they still qualify. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Hash, Glasnapp and Pluth Nays: Quastad Abstaining, Schumacher. Motion carried. Pluth stated that this would only be a one-time deal for the Slingers.

The Board reviewed the MMP for owner, Thomas Olson, Facility K&T Olson Swine Site 2 #69213.

A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson
Clerk to Board of Supervisors

John Pluth, Chairman