

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

October 1, 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. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. It was moved by Hash, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the minutes, with an adjustment, from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Quastad stated that he had attended the Iowa Drainage Association meeting held here in the Boardroom last week. He also stated that last Friday there was a Seasons Center Meeting and stated a new Board has taken over. Quastad also informed the Board about the ECCOG (Emmet County Council of Governments) meeting he attended last week and discussion was held about the truck.

Hash attended a Northwest IA Regional Trust Fund meeting last Thursday.

Pluth attended a CSS (County Social Services) meeting in Hawkeye, Iowa, last Wednesday. Pluth stated that CSS has come to an Agreement with Kossuth County and they will pay off their debt owed to CSS over a couple of years. The CSS payment per capita now is \$35.17 and the maximum the State allows is \$43.00 per capita. He stated that Kossuth County is still trying to leave the Region.

Schumacher stated he had attended a Regional Workforce Development Board Combination Meeting last week. Schumacher informed the Board about new regionalization that may be coming forward.

Melanie Bauler, County Attorney; Barb Bohm, Emmet County Assessor; Aimee Devereaux, Environmental Specialist; Public Health Nurse, Kathy Preston and other individuals from the public came before the Board to discuss the proposed Nuisance Ordinance. Bohm shared with the Board just a few Counties that do and do not have Nuisance Ordinances. The Code of Iowa, Chapter 657, covers nuisances, but makes the process lengthier and more costly, going through court proceedings. Health, safety and welfare is the purpose of the Nuisance Ordinance stated Bauler.

The Board held discussions with Bauler, Bohm and Devereaux. People from the High Lake area also came to the meeting. A person from this area, James Paulson, from the High Lake area, spoke to the Board. Their High Lake area where they live has gone downhill, where it used to be a beautiful location. Their hands are tied unless they spend their own money, without the County having a Nuisance Ordinance. There are garbage, rats, broken windows and a lawn that is never mowed in their area now. They feel their High Lake Addition has become an eyesore and are very concerned.

The Board discussed some things in the Ordinance that they want excluded and some things that they want included. Bauler stated the ordinance would be countywide. There will be a county contact person being the investigator for complaining calls. Safety concerns would go to Sheriff Martens as they have been doing, zoning concerns would go to Bohm, health concerns to Devereaux and Emmet County Public Health Office.

Chair Pluth and Board decided to have Attorney, Bauler, draw up a new draft, with the additions and exceptions, and we will vote on it at next week's board meeting.

Mike Martens, Emmet County Sheriff, came before the Board concerning storage for his office. He stated he is running out of secure environment storage for the Sheriff's Office. He has forfeiture items that need to be ready to go when we need them. He has visited with Kathy Preston, Emmet County's Public Health Nurse, about putting a new building on Public Health's property. He also stated in talking with Preston, that public health is running out of storage for their records, so part of the building could be used for permanent storage for public health also. The whole building would be a secure environment with a security system installed.

The building would be approximately 50 x 100 with either a 14' or a 16' door. The building will be completely insulated, have floor drains and part of the building would be heated. Discussion was held where the money would be coming from. Schumacher asked if there were possible grants out there and then mentioned the Local Option Sales Tax Fund. Martens says he is not budgeted for this building at this time. Martens stated that the builder stated he could start in October, with the building being done in November, but the builder suggested getting it booked as quickly as possible.

The Board would like to see Travis Sheridan, Emergency Management Director, included with this building proposal for his storage also.

Martens will gather the information for the remainder of the bids and present to the Board next week, with the possibility of using LOSST (Local Option Sales & Services Tax) funds.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Plans (MMP) for the following:

Annual MMP for K & T Olson Swine 3, LLC	NW NE of 17-98-32 (Jack Creek Twp)	#70491
MMP for East Swan Swine Care	Owner, Andy Olson	#69107
MMP for K & T Olson Swine	Owner, Thomas Olson	#69122
MMP for Tirevold Finisher Farm	Owner, White Swan Farms LLC	#65440

Quastad discussed a drainage tile problem in drainage district 63 in Section 19 of Armstrong Grove Township. There is a county drainage tile that does not exist, but it shows up on the County's drainage maps. Quastad stated in reading in the drainage minute books, when it came to bidding, the tile was dropped off. Pluth stated that he believes we would need a Petition signed for this improvement. Quastad believes the area is not surveyed and is concerned that the area is not deep enough to get the problem taken care for the drainage ditch. The question was asked by a landowner/tenant could we put the tile line in that was supposed to be there. If it is an improvement, it would involve an Engineer. The Board will further research this situation.

A motion was made by Hash, seconded by Quastad, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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Colleen Anderson  
Clerk to Board of Supervisors

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John Pluth,  
Chairman