

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

October 29, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting

Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Jeff Quastad Vice-Chair

Roger Hash

Tim Schumacher

Todd Glasnapp

Absent: John Pluth, in order to attend County Social Services (CSS) meeting in Webster County today.

Quastad, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. It was moved by Glasnapp, seconded by Hash, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Quastad stated he had attended a Juvenile Detention meeting last week and things are going well. Hash asked if anyone else was going to the Lakes Corridor meeting on November 7, 2019. Schumacher attended the transition/transformation of the Workforce Development meeting in Storm Lake.

The Board reviewed the quarterly report from Veteran's Affairs.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to accept the audit for Central IA Juvenile Detention Center. All ayes, motion carried.

Mike Raner, Safety Director, came before the Board to discuss the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Clearinghouse (FMCSA) for the County's CDL motor drivers. The FMCSA will become operational on January 6, 2020, and FMCSA-regulated employers must be ready to comply with the clearinghouse requirements on that date. This electronic database will contain information about commercial motor vehicle drivers' drug and alcohol program violations. He stated the FMCSA requires an employer to add language to their FMCSA drug and alcohol testing policy notifying drivers and driver-applicants that specific information regarding drug and alcohol testing will be reported to the Clearinghouse. Raner stated this change will be coming and we will have to amend our Drug and Alcohol policy for the County as per the FMCSA for persons that are CDL operators. Raner stated that there would be a training meeting tomorrow in Spencer to inform Employers and Employees, stating that Walter Davis-Oeth and Dan Burton from the Engineer's office plan to attend.

Concerning safety for the County, Raner would like to see the employees at Emmet County Secondary Roads wearing leather or cut resistant gloves, stating that injuries to hands are on the rise. He also mentioned some sort of traction-aid devices, to give us confidence walking and not slipping or falling this winter in the slippery conditions. He stated right now, falling or slipping is the number one comp claim in the State of Iowa.

The Board was presented a Drainage Petition for joint drainage district EPA #21 for Open ditch Line B and Open ditch Line B Lateral 1 repairs. The Petition asks that cleanout be done in Section 31 from 520th Ave to 530th Ave in Denmark Township and this repair crosses into Palo Alto County. It will fall under the \$50,000 cost and two contractors have expressed an interest in doing the project so they will do a verbal bid. Quastad stated that additionally, what he wants the contractor to do, is possibly build a berm at the beginning of the road and adding a pipe that would go through the berm to slow the flow of water. It was moved by Glasnapp to accept the Petition signed by Ryan Yager and Arnie Twait, seconded by Hash, and forward to joint County, Palo Alto. All ayes, motion carried. Emmet County controls this joint drainage district.

Schumacher informed the other Board members about the recent meeting he attended in Des Moines a couple of weeks ago. The meeting was for the Supervisor Affiliate Planning Committee. He stated that there is going to be special training for the office of Supervisor, this planning committee was accepted by Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC). He stated the trainings/sessions provide insights on how Supervisors should do different

things associated with their job. He also spoke on certification; a record of the sessions you attend will be kept track of by ISAC. Schumacher stated that he believes it will add credibility to the role of being a Supervisor.

Stacia Timmer, Director of Operations for Elderbridge Agency on Aging, came before the Board to give the annual report. She stated that Elderbridge serves 29 Counties and they are the largest Agency on Aging in the State. She shared with the Board information from the annual report from last fiscal year.

Timmers stated that the Agency serves individuals age 60 years of age and older. She stated that many people want to remain in their homes, and this costs more money for Elderbridge to provide services to them. What the County money really does is help to match the federal money. Timmer stated that 24 % of the population of Emmet County is 60 years of age and older and their cost per Senior in 2019 was \$45.40.

Elderbridge provides many services, that being congregate meals, home delivered meals, homemakers, legal assistance, personal care, respite care and transportation. Timmer stated to the Board that getting the word out that these services are available to seniors, is a great thing to do. The Board will consider Elderbridge's request for funding during the upcoming budget process.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Plan (MMP) short form update for Owner, Christensen Farms Midwest LLC, Facility name Site F003, Facility number #58494.

A motion was made by Hash, seconded by Schumacher, to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson
Clerk to Board of Supervisors

Jeff Quastad
Vice-Chairman