

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes  
May 23, 2017  
Regular Meeting  
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Absent:

Juhl, Chair, called the meeting to order. Motion was made by Hash, seconded by Quastad, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting and also approve them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Quastad discussed a telephone issue concerning the Estherville Secondary Road Shop as per discussion held with Barb Nissen, office manager, still getting double billed - from Century Link and Mediacom. Quastad stated that he and Hash attended the Early Childhood Development meeting yesterday.

Amy M. Sathoff, Auditor, discussed and presented the E-Pollbook 28E Agreement. She has had a meeting with her precinct chairs and the meeting and hands on experience went very well. In order to be a part of the pollbook consortium group, this is a required Agreement with a yearly maintenance fee of \$1500 plus 2 cents per registered voter; making it approximately \$1652 per year. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to approve the 28E Agreement. Roll call vote was taken: Pluth, Quastad, Hash, Schumacher and Juhl. All ayes, motion carried. Board Chair asked that next time training is held, that the Board be invited to view the procedures of the Pollbook. The 28E Agreement can be viewed at the Auditor's Office.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth to table until next week's Board meeting the signing of the joint assessment for EKPA#1(TRI 84). This joint agreement involves control County, Kossuth, and Palo Alto and Emmet Counties. The Board is asking Kossuth County to forward the bills to them for this joint assessment for their review. All ayes, motion carried.

A public hearing on the proposed County Budget Amendments for FY2017 was presented to the Board by Amy Sathoff, Auditor. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to close the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the Budget Amendments for FY2017. Roll call vote was taken: Ayes, Schumacher, Hash, Quastad, Pluth and Juhl. All ayes, motion carried.

**Expenditures**

Service Area 1 Public Safety	\$ 56,283	(Trial & Staffing)
Service Area 3 Public Health	\$ 39,107	MCN Nurse with Grant
Service Area 4 Mental Health	\$240,733	Medicare payment – Advocate Region Disbursement

**Revenues**

Sheriff	\$16,362	Contract Services Increase
Public Health	\$45,000	MCN Nurse Grant

**Transfers**

Transfer Dollars from Fund 0006 to Fund 0001 per CSS	\$96,135
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At 9:45, the Public hearing for the proposed amendment to the Emmet County Zoning Ordinance was presented by Barb Bohm, Emmet County Assessor and Zoning Administrator, concerning applying the minimum residential dwelling standards to the County's Zoning Ordinances. Some members of the Zoning Board were present, those being Robert Schacherer and Richard McKean. Also present was Steve Hallgren, Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission, and Doug Hansen, Emmet County Attorney.

Discussion was held between the public and the Board. Mike Spear, citizen of Emmet County spoke to the Board about the importance of having this zoning amendment implemented. Spear stated that you as Supervisors are to look out for the people of Emmet County. Spear asked the Board to keep an open mind on this, take another look at this amendment; tweaking as necessary. Hansen stated that protective covenants for a subdivision have to be refiled every 20 years or they won't work anymore. This new amendment would have no control over agricultural properties. In the State of Iowa, agricultural areas are exempt from zoning.

McKean spoke saying if the Board rejects this amendment, it cannot be reconsidered for another year. He stated to the Board that there are choices; approving it, tabling it, make changes or adjustments to the amendment; or can let it set for a period of time. Bohm read a letter from concerned citizen, Nancy Danielson, she asked the Board for some lakeside residential zoning protection. Hansen stated that these zoning ordinances and amendments are default regulations for the protection of the citizens who own property when the need arises. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth to close the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth to table the amendment to the zoning ordinance and revisit it at next week's Board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Due to the tabling of the above Ordinance, the first reading was not held.

The Emmet County Fairboard represented by Brett Mace, Betty Fiddler and Dan Lutat revisited with the Board about the electrical facilities at the fairgrounds needing repair. At a previous meeting, the Board had asked the fairboard to get more than one estimate. The fairboard came back with two estimates that were returned to them. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to accept the estimate from Inman Electric Company Inc for \$10,906, using LOSST funds to pay for this project. All ayes, motion carried. The fairboard thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support.

The Board reviewed the Nutrient Management Plan for Duane Hoffman, facility name DKH Inc., located in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 32, Township 98, Range 32 of Jack Creek Township.

Motion was made by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

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Bev Juhl, Chair