

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

June 20, 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 Quastad, seconded by Hash, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting and also approve them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Quastad further discussed the joint drainage district assessment for EKPA#1(TRI 84) that the Board has received for signature.

Todd Heck, representing Star Energy, discussed with the Board the recent fuel & LP bids that were awarded on June 6, 2017. Doug Hansen, Emmet County Attorney was also present. Discussion was held and Heck asked the Board to reconsider reversal of their bid award. Hansen stated that the County has done what it is required to do. Juhl stated that we are not required to accept the low bid. Heck stated that they have two propane tank sites in Emmet County and their fuel comes out of Emmetsburg, with MaxYield's coming out of county also, that being Superior. Pluth stated that community involvement of MaxYield and Pro-Cooperative was a factor also in the award of bids. Heck stated that he is aware that Star Energy is not widely known. Heck stated that you are right and we have to fix something here about the community involvement and making Star Energy known in Emmet County. Juhl stated that we are not going to change our decision this time and urged Heck, representing Star Energy, to bid again next year and be present when the bids are awarded. Heck stated that he will be back next year and prove they are better than MaxYield.

Barb Bohm, Emmet County Assessor and Zoning Administrator, presented the amendment to Emmet County's Zoning Ordinance concerning applying the minimum residential dwelling standards to the Zoning Ordinance that was presented a few weeks ago. Juhl stated that we have had a public hearing on this amendment already and under advisement from Attorney, Hansen, we need to either vote for or against the first reading of the amendment. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth to not approve the first reading of the amendment to the Ordinance. Roll call vote was taken: Those voting for not having the first reading: Ayes: Pluth, Quastad & Hash; Abstaining: Schumacher; Nay: Juhl. Discussion was held. Bohm stated that the Board of Supervisors can work on their own initiative and do any changes that you want to it or drop it. If you want to send it back to the Planning & Zoning Commission, they cannot do it for another year. Schumacher stated that he wished the Boards could work together in a better way, so it would be a group effort. Juhl stated let this one die and work together in a year, working on a new approach for this amendment. Schumacher asked when this new discussion would come about. Bohm stated that discussion on this proposed amendment started in March. It was suggested to set up a meeting between the Board of Supervisors and the Zoning Commission next year and work together. Juhl stated to Bohm to thank the Planning and Zoning Commission for their hard work on this.

Lyle Hevern, Emmet County Economic Development Director, presented information on the Come Grow With us program. He presented to the Board a handout from the recipients of grants using LOSST fund dollars that were awarded in the last year. Business owners that received the awards were very appreciative for these grants received. Juhl stated that in the future, for these grants she would like to see a stronger effort to spread the word out in our County. Hevern stated that if the Board decides to offer these LOSST money grants again, he would make the stronger effort to spread the word throughout Emmet County. The Board will put this item on the Agenda for next week, using LOSST funds. Board then discussed with Hevern about what is happening for economic growth in our County, Hevern informed them of some pending items.

Don Reefer, B & W Control Specialists, presented his drainage ditch brush control quotes. Reefer held discussion with the Board, that in the future, they may want to divide the county drainage ditches into 1/3rds, saving his guys road time from hopping around from drainage ditch to drainage ditch. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash to approve the quote presented for drainage brush cleaning in the amount of \$24,250. Ayes: Pluth, Hash, Schumacher and Juhl. Nays: Quastad. Motion carried.

Dan Burton, Assistant to the Engineer, presented a letter from landowner, Jack Christensen, concerning the tile outlet to Eagle Lake. Schumacher then made a phone call to Bryan Hellyer, DNR. Hellyer will give Quastad a call and they will go out and look at the problem. Hellyer said the DNR has done nothing there, but is not quite sure; there could be some sort of obstruction there. Burton presented for Board signature, the Overhead Light Replacement Agreement with the DOT. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash to approve and sign the Agreement. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to approve the Fireworks applications and sign and issue Fireworks Permits to Ryan Cellan at 4290 230th St, Wallingford, IA for July 1, 2017 and to Nancy Danielson at 2248 455th Ave, Wallingford, IA, for July 2-3, 2017. All ayes, motion carried. The Auditor's office will forward a copy of these applications and permits to the Emmet County Sheriff's office. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to appoint Jeanne Handeland as Township Clerk for High Lake Township, replacing Don Krough who is resigning. All ayes, motion carried.

A Petition for Reclassification for Drainage District#40 and part of Drainage District #70 was presented for Board approval. Juhl suggested that before anything happens on this, that Quastad should talk with Rick Hopper, Engineer, from Jacobson-Westergard. The Board will put this on next week's agenda.

The Board set a bid letting date and time for Joint Drainage District 61, CDE-Branch 61, for repair/cleanout work for August 22, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash to approve this date and time. All ayes, motion carried.

Board Chair was presented for signature a joint assessment for Joint Drainage District 61, CDE. It was moved by Plath, seconded by Qusted, to sign the joint assessment and return to control County, Dickinson for payment. All ayes, motion carried. The bills payments will be to Cory Juergens Construct LLC for \$68,178.85 (pay #3) and \$25,299.18 (pay#4) and to Jacobson-Westergard for \$5,498.70 for engineering fees.

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

Olson Swine Care LLC, name Olson Swine Care, located in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 24-99-33, Center Township;
Scenicview Farms, LLC, name Opheim, Finisher Farm, located in the N1/2 of the N1/2 of Section 2-97-33, Walnut Township, Palo Alto County; and
Hawkeye Four Site, name Hawkeye Four Inc., located in the SW1/4 of the NW ¼ of Section 12-99-32, Swan Lake Township.

Also Board reviewed letters from DNR stating that K&T Olson Swine Site, Facility ID#69122 , East Swan Swine Care Site, Facility ID#69107 and Olson Swine Care Site, Facility ID#68931 stating that they can begin use of the new swine finishing confinement building and the below floor deep concrete pits.

Motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

Bev Juhl, Chair