

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes  
October 24, 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 Pluth, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting with a correction, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Jessie Hansen, Coordinator for Kids Program (Prevent Child Abuse Iowa) and Jamey Whitney, Executive Director from Upper Des Moines, presented some important information from the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program. This entity is combining State and Federal funding to help streamline funds in counties where both funds are received. You can go as an individual county or combine with other counties. Currently, Emmet County ranks 97<sup>th</sup> in the State of Iowa for overall county child abuse and neglect risk ranking. Counties with higher rankings have higher percentages of abuse, neglect, and all risk factors. The Board would like to review the information presented to them and have Hansen and Whitney on the Agenda on November 7, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer presented a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water for boring on east side of N-32/410<sup>th</sup> Ave going into Paul Petersen property to building site on Young property in Section 5 of High Lake Township. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, at the recommendation of the Engineer, to approve the utility permit. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth also presented the updated right-of-way acquisition for the Emmet Hill Bridge project for David Lair and Lisa Lair for 0.27 acre for a total of \$833.43. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to approve the updated purchase acquisition of the right-of-way. All ayes, motion carried. Davis-Oeth stated that the letting for the Emmet Hill Bridge project would be in January of 2018.

Davis-Oeth also updated the Board on the County's roads. He stated they are still working on the Fry road. Their next project will be the road build-up for the Howard Hog Site.

Sheriff Mike Martens and Judy Tangen, Service Coordinator for Mental Health, discussed with the Board the concerns with trying to get a contract with Avera for emergency mental health services for individuals. Martens stated that this is a much-needed service for our county. He believes we need facilities to stabilize the individuals and then do a step-down program, instead of stabilizing and letting the individuals go out on their own. He is supportive of the sub-acute program that County Social Services (CSS) is currently working on establishing in Waterloo. He stated that we have to be able to manage what we are doing here, stating again that Emmet County needs this.

Chair Juhl gave the Board an update on the recent County Social Services (CSS) meeting that she attended on October 19, 2017. Judy Tangen, Service Coordinator for Mental Health was also present for discussion. She stated that Emmet County does not have to leave the region if Kossuth decides to. If you have had a two- year relationship, you can stay in your current region. You cannot form a new region right now, according to the law. Tangen stated that region representatives had three points to address. One point is where the money is going; another point being brought up is the Life Long Links. The people stated that by utilizing Life Long Links, it costs a lot of money each month and most people do not use it and call locally anyway. Tangen stated that there are just so many unknowns now because of the many changes that have happened within the regions.

Quastad stated that at the juvenile detention meeting he attended recently, they were notified that 10 more licenses were added to Central Iowa, so they now have 60 beds with 50 of them being licensed beds.

The Board was presented a joint drainage bill for the ECD#61-drainage district (Emmet, Clay & Dickinson counties). The statement received is for Cory Juergens Construction LLC for payment #8 for \$63,863.94. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to have Chair sign the statement and return to control county Dickinson for payment. All ayes, motion carried.

Quastad discussed with the Board a drainage tile issue in drainage district #37 in Jack Creek Township.

Pluth has been presented a drainage petition for joint drainage district #ED3 in Twelve Mile Lake. The petition will be put on next week's Agenda.

A motion was made by Juhl to adjourn meeting at 10:40 a.m.