

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 Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to approve the minutes from November 21, 2017 meeting; also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer, presented to Board Resolution #2017-15, amending the FY 2018 Five Year Construction Plan. Discussion was held by Davis-Oeth stating that originally, these Bridge projects on N52 were two separate projects and they will now be combined into one specific project. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to adopt the Resolution amending the FY 2018 Construction Plan at the recommendation of the Engineer. All ayes, motion carried. The amended Resolution reads as follows:

## Resolution to Revise Emmet County 2018 Five Year Road Program

### Resolution No. 2017-15

Unforeseen circumstances have arisen since adoption of the approved Secondary Road Construction Program, and previous revisions, requiring changes to the sequence, funding and timing of the proposed work plan,

The Board of Supervisors of Emmet County, Iowa, in accordance with Iowa Code section 309.22, initiates and recommends modification of the following project(s) in the accomplishment year (State Fiscal Year 2018), for approval by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), per Iowa Code 309.23 and Iowa DOT Instructional Memorandum 2.050.

The following PRE-EXISTING Accomplishment Year projects shall be MODIFIED as follows:

Project Number Local ID TPMS #	Project Location Description of work	AADT Length NBIS #	Type Work Fund basis	Modification(s) applied	Accomplishment Year (\$1000's of dollars)		
					Previous Amount	New amount	Net change
L-B5457--73-32 L-122  TPMS ID: 35844	On N52, Approximately 0.1 Miles North of A34 and Approximately 0.25 Miles South of A34  Adolf Meyer and Clifford Kruse Bridge Replacement	390	Bridges  LOCAL	Changed Scope Changed funding amount Project Extent updated Changed location attributes	\$450	\$1110	\$660
L-B-54--73-32 L-119 TPMS ID: 35845	On N52, Approximately 0.1 Miles North of A34  Clifford Kruse Bridge Replacement		Bridges LOCAL	Removed from program	\$450	\$0	-\$450
<b>Totals</b>					\$900	\$1110	\$210

Fund ID	Accomplishment year (\$1000's of dollars)		
	Previous Amount	New Amount	Net Change
Local Funds	\$1,132	\$1,342	\$210
Farm to Market Funds	\$350	\$350	\$0
Special Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Aid Funds	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0
Total construction cost (All funds)	\$2,882	\$3,092	\$210
Local 020 Construction cost totals	\$1,132	\$1,342	\$210

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**Recommended:**

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Date

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County Engineer

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**Approved:**

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Date

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Chair Board of Supervisors

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**Attested:**

I, Amy M. Sathoff, Auditor in and for Emmet County, Iowa, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution passed and approved by the Board of Supervisors of Emmet County, Iowa, at its meeting held on the 5th day of December 2017.

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County Auditor

Davis-Oeth also discussed with the Board his seasonal hire. Traditionally, secondary roads has always hired two seasonal workers. Now he has hired a full time employee to replace one of the seasonal workers. He is asking for Board approval to hire one seasonal employee. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to allow Engineer per his request to hire a seasonal worker. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis Oeth stated that the Engineer's office has hired their full-time person, that being Garrett Henricksen.

Engineer and Board discussed a drainage issue of a landowner asking to outlet his water into a road ditch. He stated that he has heard that some other counties have the landowner downstream sign an agreement with the requestor landowner to outlet water into a road ditch.

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Quastad to table the appointment of their compensation representatives for the Board until next week's meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Schumacher stated that our advocate is somewhat different from the advocates for other county officials. The difference being we have to make raises affordable, we are the fiscal agents for the County.

The Board approved the appointment of Richard Mullen to the Armstrong Benefitted Fire District, replacing Gary Tonderum who has moved out of the area. The term will continue until January 1, 2019. In addition, Linn Ries was reappointed to serve on the benefitted fire district for Ringsted; his term will go until July 1, 2020. It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash to approve these two appointments. All ayes, motion carried.

Frank Johnson, representing Secure Benefits, met with the Board to explain and discuss the Mutual Medical Services Election to Participate and Release. Emmet County will receive an additional \$5,000, since they are an IGHCP member, if they decide to sign the Election to Participate and Release form. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to have Board Chair, Juhl, sign the election to Participate and Release. All ayes, motion carried.

Johnson also brought to the Board's attention the increase in the County's health insurer's fee with IGHCP (Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan)/Wellmark. The Health Insurer Fee is an annual fee imposed on the insurance industry to help fund reforms made pursuant to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). On January 1, 2018, the Insurer Fee is being brought back to all fully insured plans. There will be a 3.4%, (which would be \$30.37 per member per month) insurer fee added back to the premium. He stated that this charge is a per contract charge. Johnson stated that the Board needs to decide if the Employer or Employee will pay this increase. He stated that Emmet County has 28 family policies, which would be affected by this increase. Johnson stated to the Board that the group health insurance policy that they provide for their employees is a very big deal. Chair, Juhl, suggested that for the family policies, they would pay 28% of the \$30.37, which amounts to \$8.51 per month. The county provides single insurance at no cost to their employees. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, that this fee be added in the premium cost at the 28% payable by employee for the family policies, which would add approximately \$8.51 per month to those 28 family policies. This entire amount of \$30.37 per month will be added to the retirees' premium (three contracts) and also to the extension office's premium (two contracts). All ayes, motion carried.

Johnson stated that Emmet County's health insurance reserve account is in very good shape

The Board reviewed the interagency 28D Agreement between Kossuth County Board of Supervisors and the Emmet County Board of Supervisors, pertaining to sharing of Emmet County's Environmental Health Specialist, Aimee Devereaux. Kossuth's environmental Health Director retired recently. Preston stated that Emmet County will pay Devereaux and then will be reimbursed from Kossuth. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth to approve the 28D agreement concerning environmental health agreement sharing with Kossuth County. All ayes, motion carried. Preston will now present this agreement to her Board of Health later today.

The Board reviewed the Family Farm applications that were presented to them from the Assessor's & Auditor's Offices. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to approve the Family Farm applications as listed, including the deleted applications as recommended by the Assessor. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the joint drainage #EDC 61 received from control county, Dickinson County. The statement amount is \$1,831.50 payable to Jacobson-Westergard & Associates Inc. The statement will be returned to Dickinson County for payment.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Forms (MMP) for Mike Daggett, Facility Name, American made Pork, LLC, Facility ID#59780, located in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 15, Township 99, Range 32 of Swan Lake Township.

A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

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Bev Juhl, Chair