

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
January 23, 2018
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 January 16, 2018 meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Motion was made by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to approve the minutes from the Emmet/Palo Alto joint meeting held January 18, 2018. All ayes, motion carried.

No one were present during public forum.

Discussion was held with Board about replacing the joint printer in the Auditor's Office. Amy Sathoff, Auditor, and Lisa Rosburg, IT, were present for the discussion. Rosburg presented a bid from Marco for purchasing a new copier/ printer, eliminating two printers in the Auditor's office. Currently, the Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder and Assessor jointly use one of the printers for different procedures. The joint printer that the above offices use is a 2008 printer and it is becoming very difficult to get parts for this machine. They are proposing to buy one printer, replacing the two that they have. The new quote for a printer from Marco is for \$12,195.00 for the outright price, Maintenance will be an additional \$1,292.64 per year. They would pay for this out of the IT budget and pay ½ now and ½ after July 1. Rosburg, stated that the maintenance in the quote covers everything but paper. Rosburg stated that this would also be a substantial savings to the County. The Board wants them to get another quote, possibly from the Company, Access, and report back to the Board. Access Systems will be coming to the Board meeting on February 6, 2018.

Lisa Rosburg, Drainage Clerk, and Auditor, Amy M. Sathoff, presented to the Board the fund balances in the County's drainage districts. Sathoff stated that she would keep an eye on the drainage balances and report to the Board. As of this time, the Board will wait and once again associate drainage with the property taxes in the fall of 2018. This association of property taxes and drainage assessments was started in the fall of 2017, when the County got a new financial program.

Sheriff Mike Martens discussed with the Board the fees for the medical examiner. Martens stated that recently there has been a change of leadership from Dr. Anthony Cook to Dr. James Creech. Both Dr. Creech and Craig Christensen has taken the necessary classes to become medical examiners. Currently, the fee is \$100 per call and Dr Creech has approached Sheriff Martens asking about increasing to \$200 per call. Martens stated that Dr Creech is putting forth the time to come to us and be this medical examiner for our County. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to change the fee to \$200 per call, retroactive to when Dr. Creech started. All ayes, motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m., Walter Davis-Oeth, Engineer, opened bids for N52 Bridge Project L-B5457-73-32. Two bid proposals were received by the Engineer's office. The first bid opened was from Graves Construction in Spencer, Iowa, for \$1,136,757.66. The second bid opened was for \$1,075,645.60 from Prahm Construction in Slayton, Minnesota. The low bid is Prahm Construction for \$1,075,645.60. The Engineer's office will check everything on the bids and get back to the awarding of the bid at next week's Board meeting.

Davis-Oeth, Engineer, also gave the road report. He stated that due to visibility issues, the plows were not out yesterday, except in the Ringsted area due to a lot of slush on the roads. He stated that the roads are not awful, but there are some significant drifts out there. He stated that it helped that the county's ditches were empty.

Kiley Miller, Executive Director for Iowa Lakes Corridor, gave the annual update and budget request for FY19 for the Corridor. The request will be the same as last year, being \$25,000. He thanked Emmet County for their support to the Iowa Lakes Corridor. He spoke to the Board about the value of economic development. The Board will consider the request during budgets.

Miller introduced, Brian Dalziel, Senior vice President of the Iowa Lakes Corridor. Brian spoke on building an entrepreneurial community. By doing this, it helps to connect this county much faster with others in the Corridor especially for people who are looking for potential jobs in Emmet County. He stated the people from Emmet County recently went to Storm Lake to look at housing for single-family dwellings. Again, he stated because we have a regional platform, it gave us an option to go from County to County. He spoke of Pillar Technology. They work out of host facilities that they call the Forge. The concept here being that individuals can work anywhere and move to a different area if needed continuing with their job. He stated that Studio 12 here in Emmet County has been a statewide player in entrepreneurial developments. Miller stated that the Forge is a sales process and having the lead is the most important thing. We have to diversify the County. Miller stated the question of where do we have a major impediment in our counties, answering it is the workforce as number one.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, acknowledging the letter of withdrawal for the Drainage Petition, dated 10-18-16 for joint drainage district ECD#61 for Mary Heikens in Section 15 of Lake Township in Clay County. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the letter from the DNR for authorization to use Facility ID #69353, Howard West Site in Emmet County and an authorization to use from DNR for Facility ID #61255 for Rush Creek Non-Stock Coop Site, in Emmet County.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.