

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
March 20, 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 last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Quastad, appointed representative for Seasons Center, discussed information with the Board about the Seasons Center meeting conflicting date and time. He will attend the Seasons Center meeting this Friday and will come back to the Board with more information.

Doug Hansen, Emmet County Attorney, discussed with the Board his findings on the proposed bike routes that were presented at last week's meeting. Present for the meeting were Chamber Director, Lexie Ruter, Emmet County Economic Development Director, Lyle Hevern, Penny Clayton, City Administrator and Dale Hustedt, CEO of Avera Holy Family Hospital, all Emmet County Bike Committee members. Hansen stated that Iowa Code Chapter 670 explains liability of Governmental Subdivisions. He stated that there are certain exemptions as described in subsection O. Where the Code states municipality, this includes the county. This subsection states, except arising out of a recreational activity. Hansen stated that this would apply to the bike routes. Hansen states that he believes the risk is quite low due to that exemption, but stated that there are still risks.

Pluth stated that our roadways are designed for automotive use and suggested maybe put some kind of disclaimer on the webpage for the bike routes and on the proposed bike maps. Reutter stated that she could try and do whatever the Board suggested.

Hansen stated that if the County approves the bike routes, that the Board should contact their insurance company. He stated that the county's insurance needs to know what the risks are out there, in case a special rider is required. Juhl stated that she spoke to a representative from ICAP at Des Moines last week, and he stated that the county is covered with or without bike signage for the proposed routes. Either way, the ICAP representative stated that you are covered. Juhl also spoke with our local ICAP representative, Nancy Danielson. Hansen, stated basically, with or without the signs, the same risks would be involved.

A motion was made by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to approve the proposed bike routes as presented by the Emmet County Bike Committee. All ayes, motion carried. Hustedt, a member of the committee, thanked the Board and Hansen for their due diligence for reviewing and looking at this request so carefully.

Mike Martens, Emmet County Sheriff, came before the Board to state that he has an open Deputy position, due to the resigning of a deputy who accepted a job elsewhere. Martens asked for the Board's permission to hire another deputy, he stated that this is a very competitive market for these employees. The Board stated they have no objections to his hiring a new deputy.

Martens also discussed with the Board, two pieces of courthouse security equipment. He stated that he has been working with the United States Marshall's office and GSA (Government Supply Association). This federal surplus equipment is for sale. It is all in good workable order, but has been used. The two items he is asking to purchase are an X-Ray Security machine (to scan bags, purses, etc.) for \$1719.16 and a walk through metal detector for \$100.00. These will be used on the third floor of the courthouse, when needed. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash to approve the purchase of the X-Ray Security machine and the walk through metal detector for a total of \$1819.16. All ayes, motion carried.

Juhl asked Martens about the Courthouse Security Committee getting together. She recently attended a building security meeting at Des Moines along with Auditor, Amy Sathoff. At that meeting, they had a hand out and Juhl stated that we (Courthouse Security Committee) should go through the information presented at the meeting and then present ideas back to the Board. Martens stated that he would like to see this happen also.

The Board received a claim from the Office of the Clay County Engineer to be paid to Hudson Law Firm for an Iowa Lakes Regional Water dispute for Joint Drainage district #61 for \$505.25. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to approve and have Chair Juhl sign the joint claim and return to control county, Dickinson County, for payment. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Nutrient Management Plan for:

Jeff Anderson, Facility Name J.A.N.S. Farms Inc. #2, Facility ID #57870, located at 2302 510th Ave, Ringsted, IA, 50578.
Manure Management Plan (MMP) for Understood Farms LLC, Operation Name Halfa, Finisher Farm, located in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 28, Township 99, Range 31 of Armstrong Grove Township.

A motion was made by Hash, seconded by Pluth, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

Bev Juhl, Chair