

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

April 10, 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 Hash, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Amy M. Sathoff, Auditor, informed the Board that the Auditor's Office would be closed on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, to attend an Election Training in Denison, Iowa.

John Pluth stated he had recently attended a DECAT meeting and Emmet County's DHS numbers are not good, when compared to surrounding counties. He also informed the Board about information from the Safety Meeting held yesterday. He is going to have each Board member review the Return to Work Program from Safety Director, Mike Raner. The idea being, to implement this change within our Workmen's Compensation Policy. This procedure would save on our workmen's compensation claims. This item will be on the Board's agenda at a later date.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer, presented a utility permit for approval for Iowa Lakes Electric for an underground bore in Sections 20 & 29 of Emmet Township. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, at the recommendation of the Engineer, to approve the permit. All ayes, motion carried.

The Engineer stated that his crews were snow plowing on Monday. Today crews are remixing sand and calcium chloride to prepare for the upcoming weekend's weather. Engineer shared information with the Board about the bridge projects.

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the County's claims as listed in the claims register. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to approve the drainage claims as listed, noting that the claim for EPA#17, payable to Rezac Machine Shop & Welding for \$31,100.00 will be held pending approval of this joint claim by the Palo Alto Board of Supervisors. All ayes, motion carried.

Frank Johnson, Secure Benefits, representing our County Health Insurance, met with the Board to discuss the health insurance renewal with IGHCP. Discussion was held between the Board and Johnson about our health insurance going from Alliance Select to Blue Choice. Discussion was held on the chiropractors' issue. In Blue choice, the network only assigns so many chiropractors per population. With Blue Choice, if you go to a chiropractor that is not in the network, you will have to meet deductible and co-insurance first. It was discussed by Johnson that the County could change the plan that will be in effect on July 1, 2018 to include all non-network chiropractors, insurance paying 50% and Employee carrying insurance paying 50%. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to add to our Blue Choice insurance plan as follows: In the event of using a non-network chiropractor, the deductible will be waived with insurance paying 50% of the charge and employee paying 50% of the charge. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash, to sign the renewal for our health insurance going to the Blue Choice Plan through Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield, with a rate increase of 2.40%, effective July 1, 2018. All ayes, motion carried.

Amy M. Sathoff, Auditor, came before the Board to set a public hearing date for the FY18 Emmet County Budget Amendment. She discussed with the Board the items to be included in the upcoming budget amendment. So far, the District Court will need an amendment, due to shelter care costs. Other departments have until the end of today, April 10, to submit budget amendments. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to set the date of May 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Boardroom in the Courthouse for the amendment or amendments to the budget. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board has received a new Confinement Construction permit application. The application is for Meyer 5, Applicant, Pitchfork Ag LLC, located in the SW SE of Section 13.98.31, Denmark Township. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth, to set the date and time for the public hearing for Pitchfork Ag, LLC/Meyer 5 Site for May 1, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Facility CO26, Applicant Christensen Farms & Feedlots, withdrew their construction permit this morning.

The Board received a joint bill from Dickinson County for joint drainage district ECD#61 for \$1,108.70, payable to Jacobson Westergard & Associates. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to have Board Chair sign the joint claim and return to control county, Dickinson. All ayes, motion carried.

Board were presented for review the quarterly reports from the Auditor and the Recorder

The Board reviewed the electronic Manure Management Forms (MMP) for:

Farm 252-Ivey #68755 Farm 228 – Booth #66621 Farm 266-Erickson #69231 Iowa Lake Site #65180
Miller North Site #65182 Miller South Site #65181

A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

Bev Juhl, Chair