

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisors  
December 4, 2018  
Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.  
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 with all Board Members present. Motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Pluth, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Third Judicial Report that they had received.

Melanie Summers-Bauler, Emmet County Attorney Elect and Michele Howing, Office Manager, came before the Board to continue their office renovations discussion. She stated that after last week's Board meeting, they found more space and will be switching offices with the Veteran's Affairs Office and Mental Health Services. This office has four separate offices and this way they will have everyone in one office. Mental Health will move to the upper level of the Courthouse in the Assistant County Attorney's office.

The security door for the Attorney's office, will cost \$5,399.00, the original doorframe will not have to be altered. They have also contacted River Valley Communications to do the system work for the security and key pad and they have estimated the cost for that being \$3,000- \$5,000.

Juhl stated that after talking with Board members, they have decided that they would not pull out the original floor tile. Their decision is that they lay the carpet tiles over the existing tile.

All of these renovations will be paid out of their collections program. Bauler stated that they would have to amend their budget to move some of the collection money into their budget so that these Vendors can be paid. Pluth stated that you have his support, you have worked hard to collect these funds and this is kind of like a reward for your office. Howing stated that total renovation costs would be approximately \$20,000. Schumacher also asked Bauler and Howing to explain how the money gets into their collection program. Howing stated according to Code concerning collection money, part of the money goes back to the State, part goes in the County's General Fund, and approximately 20% goes to the Special Fund, which is to be used by the County Attorney's Office. Howing stated that they first have to meet a threshold to begin getting any dollars.

Attorney's office stated that this move would take place over the holiday weekend, January 19-21. Juhl stated that they need to remember that it is snow season and a holiday weekend, making them aware that they may have to work with those situations concerning help from our custodians. In addition, since they will need to use the Boardroom for storing some of their items during that moving time, she asked if the Board could hold their January 22, 2019 meeting elsewhere. The Board agreed to do that.

Bob Lincoln, CEO of County Social Services (CSS), came before the Board to give the annual report and visit with the Board concerning CSS. He stated he had three perspectives to share with you today, those being the annual report concerning the activities from last fiscal year, our current monthly summary to show you where we are at financially and the first look at levy projections that his Board will be looking at tomorrow.

Their vision statement is that County Social Services connects persons experiencing life-changing challenges with innovative resources and supports to assist them in moving towards hopeful and happy lives. Their mission statement is that County Social Services increases community inclusion and capacity through nurturing partnerships.

Lincoln stated that the annual report is mandated by the State at the end of the fiscal year. He stated that the first section goes through the access standards and gives us real details. It mandates the number of mental health centers and hospitals that we engage in order to insure folks have access to the care they need. The access standards are driven geographically. We have to have access to services within 45 miles for rural areas and be within 35 miles for urban areas. In terms of time, we have to be able to have emergency access within an hour and urgent care within 24 hours and traditional access has to be within 4 weeks. These are standards set by the State.

Lincoln stated we have always had the broadest coverage of any region, but more and more regions are expanding their coverage. Schumacher asked the question of why does this region do more, Lincoln stated because we always have. Lincoln stated I think culturally, northern Iowa has had a richer array of service and also it is an economic decision. He stated we served 5,693 individuals in the last fiscal year. We have kind of been a template and leader among the other Counties, coming upon our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the State. Lincoln stated that at the end of the day, we are going to have to be a statewide system and be more alike than we are different.

Lincoln also updated the Board on Mental Health outpatient services. He discussed with the Board the I-Start Program is emerging as

a leader in the state of Iowa in serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), stating individuals supported by the program experienced significant reductions in mental health symptoms and had fewer psychiatric emergency department visits and hospitalizations over time. CSS is also excited about looking at a mobile crisis program possibly being implemented next year.

Judicial Advocate and Mental Health Advocate for Emmet County, JoAnn Reed, spoke during the meeting. Reed stated that after having visited with Chair Juhl she is asking the question of what is her relationship to CSS. She stated by Code, she is an employee of the County. Lincoln stated that is a decision for you (Board) and Reed. Do you want to go independently or operate with Alison Hauser's team? Lincoln stated it is time to clarify this with new office changes and a new employee coming on, stating each County operates differently. Juhl and Reed will continue the review of her job description. With the new hire, Lincoln is hoping their services will be more available, especially in Emmet & Pocahontas County.

Lincoln commended Juhl on the job she has done on the Executive Committee this year for County Social Services, stating he cannot say enough about her great input on the Committee.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer, presented a couple of utility permits. The first permit from Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative is to provide service to a new hog building for underground cable, bored and cased in continuous PVC conduit under 570<sup>th</sup> Ave at approximately 250' north of 120<sup>th</sup> St. Boring will be east to west from right- of- way to right- of -way. This will be in sections 13 and 14 in Iowa Lake Township. It was moved by Schumacher, Quastad seconded to approve the utility permit, at the recommendation of the Engineer. All ayes motion carried.

The second utility permit from Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative is for installation of (2) single-phase enclosures to be placed within and next to the right-of-way (1) at the SW corner of the intersection of 230<sup>th</sup> St and 480<sup>th</sup> Ave and (1) at approximately 3,975 south of that location.in Jack Creek Township Section 17 It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash to approve the utility permit, at the recommendation of the Engineer. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth also stated that the N52 North Bridge is open for traffic. Graves construction is still working on the Neppel Hill Bridge. He stated as long as they are still working, he cannot open that bridge for traffic.

Engineer stated that crews were out on Sunday removing snow. Right now, he has a couple pieces of equipment down, that being a maintainer and sander. Davis-Oeth also stated that the new pups trailers are in, insured and are usable. The trucks are a month out yet of being delivered.

A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher to accept the changes and adding the additional counties, to the 28-E Agreement with Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board received a joint drainage claim ECD (Emmet, Clay & Dickinson) #61 for November Engineering Services and Reclassification costs for \$811.50 payable to Jacobson-Westergard & Associates. The Board signed the joint claim and will forward back to control county, Dickinson County, for payment. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash to sign the joint agreement and forward to Dickinson County.

The Board received a bill for joint drainage district ED#3 (Emmet Dickinson) for improvements and labor for \$482.50. The bill was for engineering services in October and November for work on finalizing the Preliminary Engineering Report for ED#3. The Board signed the joint claim and Control County, Emmet will pay the bill. The joint bill will be forwarded to Dickinson County for joint signature. The Board also signed a joint drainage claim for repairs in EK#1 (Emmet & Kossuth Counties) for \$3,924.24, made payable to: Jeremy Meyer - \$981.06; Allen Meyer - \$981.06; Loren Meyer - \$981.06 and Nick Meyer - \$981.06. Emmet County is the control county and will pay the bill and forward a copy to Kossuth County for joint signature. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Pluth to approve the two above joint claims for payment.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Plan (MMP) for Owner, Christensen Farms Midwest LLC, Facility name Christensen Farms – C 20#60764.

A motion was made by Pluth, seconded by Quastad, to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

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Bev Juhl, Chair