

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
February 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: John Pluth, Chair
Jeff Quastad Vice-Chair
Roger Hash
Tim Schumacher
Todd Glasnapp

Absent:

Pluth, Chair, called the meeting to order. Motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting with an addition, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, the Board asked Glasnapp if he would be an appointee on the Compass Point Committee, Glasnapp agreed to be on this committee. Pluth went to the County Social Services (CSS) meeting held recently. He stated that, there is some controversy of some of the counties leaving the region and some counties deciding to stay in the region. Fund balances, per the 28E Agreements signed by the counties, were also discussed. Pluth stated, this fund balance information was voted down for mediation and probably will be going to arbitration. Pluth attended the safety meeting held yesterday. The County's injury days without loss of work is down to 7 days. Pluth also stated that the security camera system in the courthouse is up and working. Next month, blood borne pathogen and HIPPA training will be at the courthouse.

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

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the County's drainage claims as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Amy Sathoff, Emmet County Auditor, came before the Board to ask to set the public hearing date for the FY2020 County budget. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to set the date and time for the public hearing on the FY2020 budget for March 12, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to sign the Ambulance Service Agreement between the City of Estherville, Emmet County & the Community Ambulance Service Inc. This Agreement will be for a five-year period, increasing \$500 each year. Emmet County's share is \$28,500 for the first year. All ayes, motion carried.

Amy Sathoff, Auditor, came before the Board to give her and Tom Egeland's, Custodian, recommendation for a new custodial hire, due to a recent resignation. The interviews are complete and they have made their choice and will offer the job to this individual. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Glasnapp, to go ahead with the hiring for the custodial position. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Glasnapp, seconded by Quastad, to appoint Daniel (Dan) Christensen to be a trustee for Jack Creek Township. All ayes, motion carried. Christensen's term would go until December 31, 2022.

The Board held a bid-letting opening for EPA 21 Line A Open Ditch. The cleanout will start at the beginning of the ditch all the way through Section 25. Two Bids were opened and they are as follows:

B&B Farm Drainage	\$9,850.00
MichelSon Inc	\$7,985 – not to exceed

The Board decided that before they award the bid, they need to get an estimated completion date from the bidder for this project. This will be tabled until next week's Board meeting.

The Board presented Years of Service Awards to the following employees for Emmet County and extended their congratulations to them.

		YEARS OF SERVICE	
Myron Brenner	20 years	Linda Woldruff	35 years
Chris Curry	10 years	Kathy Preston	10 years
Richard Irmiter	20 years	Mike Martens	35 years
John Jenson	35 years	John Pluth	10 years

Present for the years of service awards were Mike Martens, Sheriff, Linda Woldruff, Nurse at Emmet County Public Health, Chris Curry, Secondary Roads and John Pluth, Emmet County Supervisor.

Kevin Sander, Fitzgibbons Law Firm, came before the Board to request abatement of taxes for property in Ringsted, Iowa. The amount of the abatement of taxes is \$5,489. This property is located on 16 Beech Street, Ringsted, Iowa. The City of Ringsted is willing to take over this property and tear the house down. Sander is asking for the County's consideration of abatement of the taxes,

contingent of the owner signing a deed to the City. Sander stated that we could go through the abandonment process, but thought by first asking the Board to abate the taxes; it would save the City of Ringsted money. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to approve the abatement of the taxes at 16 Beech Street for \$5,489.00, contingent that the City of Ringsted gets title to the real estate by a deed and then having the deed recorded. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board was presented a claim from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates Inc. for \$810.00 for joint drainage district ED#3, for engineering improvements/ labor. The claim has been sent to Dickinson County for joint approval also. Emmet County is the control county for this drainage district and will pay the claim to Jacobson-Westergard, once it is signed and approved from Dickinson County. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to approve and pay the joint drainage claim. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Colleen Anderson, Clerk to Board of Supervisors

John Pluth, Chairman