

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes  
July 9, 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 at 9:00 a.m. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Hash, seconded by Glasnapp, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

Public forum will be held at the end of the meeting.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer came before the Board. In terms of Secondary Road work, secondary roads are primarily just doing gravel right now. When they are caught up, they will be doing some culvert work.

He informed the Board that at the Estherville shop, they have been having trouble with their fuel pumps. The computer system that runs the pumps may need to be replaced. Davis-Oeth stated that he is looking into totally replacing the computer system and pumps. The pumps and technology are old. This would be a major expense and he feels he can fit it into his budget.

He also stated he budgeted for a loader this year. He stated a loader is \$250,000 to \$260,000.

Davis-Oeth also discussed that we do need a motor grader. The current machine will need a new engine and transmission. Parts alone for a rebuilt engine are hard to come by and it takes Secondary Roads' mechanic a lot of time to do the repairs. His idea is that being the 20-year old machine is not worth a lot and his concerns are that we should not put that much money into the current machine. It would be a sizable expense, the Board would have to approve the purchase, and the Secondary Roads' budget would need to be amended. He stated our fleet of motor graders are getting older.

Davis-Oeth, will get quotes for both of these machines and come back to the Board with that information.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to approve the claims as listed in the claims register with the addition of the E911 claim to Pictometry for \$8389 and a reduction in claim from non-departmental for Pictometry from \$31,742 to \$4,983. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the drainage claims. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board as Trustees for drainage district #121 (Emmet) and #10 (Martin Co, MN) per the Agreement signed May 2, 2017 between Emmet County, IA and Martin County, MN reviewed the bills on the Main Open Ditch presented by the Auditor's office of Emmet County. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to have Board Chair sign the joint special assessment for Emmet's Drainage District #121 and forward bill to Martin County for their payment share. There will be a total levy of \$20,018.50 or .1794406 per unit. (Emmet's share is 59% or \$11,810.92, Martin County's share is 41% or \$8,207.58 for their district #10's outlet fee to DD.121). All ayes, motion carried. Emmet County will assess their landowners lying within drainage district #121 with this fall's taxes.

Schumacher left at 10:00 a.m. for a short period.

The Board revisited the joint assessment for drainage district EK#4 (Emmet and Kossuth Counties). Kossuth County is Control County for this district. Kossuth County is asking for a special levy assessment of \$1045.52. (Emmet's share is \$501.12 and Kossuth's share being \$544.40). It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to approve this assessment and return to Control County, Kossuth for payment. All ayes, motion carried. Emmet County's share will be assessed with this fall's taxes.

It was moved by Glasnapp, seconded by Hash, to have the Board Chair sign the claim for joint drainage district EK#4 for \$170.00 payable to Anderson Tiling and forward to Control County, Kossuth for signature and payment. All ayes, motion carried. The bill is for the repair of one tile hole in IA Lake Township, Section 36, in the northwest quarter.

The Board received a bill from the Dickinson County Auditor's Office payable to Jacobson-Westergard for joint drainage district ECD#61 for \$3,155.45 for June professional services for \$2,149.65 and for June engineering services for \$1005.80. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to have Board Chair sign the joint claim and return to Control County, Dickinson for payment. All ayes, motion carried.

Schumacher returned to meeting at 10:15 am.

The Board received an invoice from Jacobson-Westergard for joint drainage district ED#3 for professional services rendered in June for completion of plans and specifications for \$1,287.25. Emmet County is the control county for this district. The joint claim has also been sent to Dickinson County for signage and approval. The bill will be paid by Emmet County by stamped warrant. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to sign and issue a stamped warrant for this bill. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board has received a new construction permit application for a confinement feeding operation for East Ingham Livestock LLC site. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to set a public hearing date for this confinement site for July 30, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at the Boardroom at the Emmet County Courthouse. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to approve the Business Property Tax Credit (BPTC) applications for 2019 and approve the one disallowed and the retired BPTC's applications. All ayes, motion carried

The Board reviewed the Auditor's quarterly report.

The Board reviewed the MMP's for:

- Facility, Dennis Moore #58423, Owner, Dennis Moore;
- Facility J.A.N.S. Farms Inc Site #3 #60560, Owner Jeff Anderson;
- Scott Griffith, Facility #60326.

Three of the Supervisors attended the fair board meeting last week. They discussed some storage issues. Mike Martens, Emmet County Sheriff, also visited with the Board about storage concerns. They held some talk and discussions about a new building at the fairgrounds, which could house additional entities.

A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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Colleen Anderson  
Clerk to Board of Supervisors

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John Pluth,  
Chairman