

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes  
August 13, 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. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting with an adjustment, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Pluth stated that the County has gone 192 days without loss of work injury. Pluth also stated our mod now is .98 they are anticipating a .86 next year.

The Board canvassed the Special Elections held on August 6, 2019 for the City of Estherville and the City of Dolliver. The official results were as follows:

Estherville Ward 1 Councilperson to fill Vacancy-Gary Heckard 190 Votes;  
Estherville Public Measure for new Aquatic Center Yes 732 No 329 Measure passed by 68.99 %;  
Dolliver for Mayor Vacancy (Write-In) Winner was Roger Rezac 13 Votes.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Glasnapp, to approve the results as listed in the Canvass Books. All ayes, motion carried.

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

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

A Letter of Intent for joint drainage district ED#3 was presented for signature from Jason Bendixen from Jacobson Westergard & Associates. The contractor, (B&B Farm Drainage), for the upcoming improvement project is ready to have pipe delivered and will probably start the project this week.

Frank Johnson and Mary Wilkins of Secure Benefits, met with the Board to discuss Employee paid voluntary long-term disability insurance. Employees will have to pay the entire premium for this voluntary disability insurance. The rates are generic rates, meaning it does not matter smoker, non-smoker or male or female. If you qualify for Social Security disability, this long-term disability insurance does integrate with Social Security and if it is on the job work comp. Every 5 years, your rates will change. At age 70 plus, your rates will stay there. Concerning pre-existing conditions, you have to be on the group plan for 12 months if you have had any claims for those pre-existing conditions.

Johnson stated what is nice is all applications are pre-printed and completely filled in and you will answer yes or no, so the County has a record of the signed waivers. Johnson stated you have to have 10 people signed up to have this benefit available to them as employees, stating it is an affordable plan.

The question was asked who decides the disability for the employee and Johnson stated the insurance company's medical examiner. This insurance is with Unum. Johnson would like Employees to sign on or off and explain the insurance to the employee with them being present. Johnson suggested that the Board offer

only one plan; they have two available plans one for 90-days and one for 180-days. Johnson stated the 90-day insurance plan, is normally what they write.

It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to approve the 90-days Select Long Term Voluntary Income Protection Plan to be offered to all employees at their own costs. All ayes, motion carried. There will be an upcoming open enrollment meeting to explain the plan. This date will be decided on in the near future. Johnson thanked the Board for their business.

The Board were presented the certified costs for the recent Special Elections from the Auditor's Office. The City of Estherville's bill for the August 6, 2019 Special Election was \$5,039.65. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Glasnapp to approve the billing for the City of Estherville for \$5,039.65. All ayes, motion carried. The bill will be delivered to the City.

Also presented were the certified costs for the City of Dolliver for \$564.65. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to approve the billings for Dolliver's Special Election for \$564.65. All ayes, motion carried. The bill will be sent to the City of Dolliver for payment.

The Board was presented a drainage claim from the Dickinson County Auditor's Office for publication of the Notice to Bidders for joint drainage district ED#3 made payable to Dickinson County News for \$94.28. Emmet County is the control county for this district. A stamped warrant will be issued from control county Emmet for this bill. The bill will be forwarded to joint county Dickinson for Board approval and signature also. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to approve and pay this bill by stamped warrant. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the MMP for the following:

- Owner, Tanner Oleson, Facility Name Tanner Oleson #1, Facility ID #57875 and
- Owner, Andy Gerhardt, Facility Name Gerhardt Armstrong Facility ID #59669.

A motion was made by Hash, seconded by Schumacher, to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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Colleen Anderson  
Clerk to Board of Supervisors

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John Pluth,  
Chairman