

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisors
February 25, 2020
Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Absent:

Chairman, Pluth, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Glasnapp, second by Quastad, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Pluth attended a DCAT meeting and that they awarded \$25,000 for summer reading programs at libraries and pool passes for low-income families.

Quastad expressed his concern over the current drainage legislation and asked the Board for input. The current legislation isn't going away but it is being reviewed. The Board will discuss this with Palo Alto County this afternoon.

Glasnapp attended NW IA Housing and the merger with Siouxland is going well and the Board is reorganized..

Schumacher introduced the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act 28E Agreement. Only liability to the County is for any misuse of funds, which has never happened. Schumacher has been on this Board for 9 years now and explained the programs. It looks like Clay County will be the fiscal agent and Goodwill will be the service provider. This region has been very proactive in this effort. Motion by Schumacher, second by Hash to approve signature of the 28E Agreement. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp, setting the Public Hearing for the FY2021 Proposed Emmet County Budget for March 24, 2020 at 9:30 am. All ayes, motion carried.

Brenda Moore, Emmet County Treasurer, Barb Bohm, Emmet County Assessor and Melanie Summers Bauler, Emmet County Attorney came before the Board to discuss a Public Nuisance Tax Sale Ordinance. Currently all delinquent taxes are offered on a regular tax sale. Iowa Code allows for a Public Nuisance Tax Sale on delinquent properties that are abandoned. With the Public Nuisance Tax Sale the County/City can clean up the properties easier, spend less money to acquire these properties and it can be done in six months' time rather than 2 years. The hope with this Ordinance is that the taxes get paid instead of writing them off and refunding tax sale holders which causes a negative in delinquent taxes collected.

The Board had many questions and decided to table this discussion until next week.

David Boe, an Estherville Township trustee has resigned. The Board of Supervisors does appoint this position and discussed potential candidates. Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp, to appoint Brent Hopp as Boe's replacement. All ayes, motion carried.

The following drainage invoices were presented for signature:

DD121	Martin County Auditor	\$ 247.23
DD 40 Main A Br 8	DD 40 Main A Br 8 – Private Outlet Repairs	\$ 265.51
DD 40 Main A Br 8	Phyllis Rohlin Rev TR	\$1,153.32

Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed potential topics for the joint meeting with Palo Alto County this afternoon. Some topics include a Drainage Engineer and a shared IT position.

The Board reviewed the following Manure Management Plan:

Owner & Facility Name: Paul Clausen Facility ID#: 57871

Chairman Pluth adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.

Amy M. Sathoff, Emmet County Auditor &
Commissioner of Elections

John Pluth, Chairman