

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisors

April 14, 2020

Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Board Room, Courthouse

Present: John Pluth, Chair

Jeff Quastad, Vice-Chair

Roger Hash, Telephonically joined the meeting

Tim Schumacher, Telephonically joined the meeting

Todd Glasnapp

Absent:

Chairperson, Pluth, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of attendance: Schumacher and Hash by conference call. Motion by Schumacher, second by Hash, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Pluth reported that there was no COVID-19 meeting today because the hospital had an exercise planned. As of yesterday's call there were 1,587 positive COVID-19 cases in Iowa, 41 deaths and 129 persons hospitalized with the virus.

Pluth shared a letter prepared by Swisher & Cohrt, PLC asking the IA Department of Human Services requesting that Emmet County remain part of the County Social Services region, even though Emmet is not contiguous to the region.

Amy M. Sathoff, Emmet County Auditor gave a Primary Election update. She shared that the Iowa Secretary of State is sending an Absentee Ballot Request form at the end of this month to every registered voter in Iowa. On Election Day, Emmet County will have one polling location at the Emmet County Fairgrounds. It will operate much like a drive thru. For the 29 days prior to the Election, the plan for in person voting is to block off parking on the south side of the courthouse and push curbside voting much like what will be done on Election Day. A small camper will be parked on the street with supplies. The City of Estherville plans to approve this plan on May 4, 2020 at their Council meeting. ADA Equipment and a voting booth will be in the south entry of the courthouse to minimize traffic in the courthouse.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer joined the meeting telephonically. He reported that the road crews will be moving to 4 10 hour days beginning next week. Monday – Thursday. 6:00 am – 4:30 pm.

Minimal blading was done on gravels after the storm Sunday due to recent graveling efforts. However, the road crews were out on the black tops.

Davis-Oeth presented the FY2021 Iowa DOT Budget with a total of \$3,879,570 in expenditures to the Board. Motion by Quastad, Second by Glasnapp to approve the budget as presented. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Glasnapp, Schumacher, Quastad, Hash and Pluth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Davis-Oeth reported that there are some issues with private tiles out letting into road ditches. Sometimes land owners just out let into the ditch. Secondary Roads would prefer that the tiling companies come in and request approval to out let into county ditches. Secondary Roads will be sending out this reminder to the tiling companies. The Board agreed that Davis-Oeth had an acceptable approach to the situation.

The Board reviewed the monthly claims. Amy M. Sathoff, Auditor discussed COVID-19 claims and that not all COVID-19 expenses will be reimbursable. For example if a department normally buys disinfectant. Then disinfectant may not be reimbursable.

The Board discussed the cost of light bulbs and that we may want to look into LED lighting.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Quastad to pay the monthly claims as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp to approve the monthly drainage claims. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed quarterly reports from the Sheriff, Auditor and Veterans Affairs.

The Board reviewed the monthly report from the Treasurer.

The Board discussed potential options for recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board reviewed the following Manure Management Plans:

Owner	Facility Name	Facility ID#
New Fashion Pork	Farm 228 – Booth	66621
New Fashion Pork	Farm 266 – Erickson	69231

Chairperson Pluth, adjourned the meeting at 10:22 am.

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

John Pluth, Chairman