

Approved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
August 25, 2020 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:

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Chairman Pluth, called the meeting to order. The Board and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Schumacher, second by Glasnapp, to approve the minutes from August 11, 2020, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson Westergard Engineer, and Supervisors from Clay, Dickinson, and Emmet County present with a Joint Meeting via Zoom for the Completion Hearing for Joint Drainage District 61 Branch 61. Clay County Supervisors Barry Anderson, Art Hamrick, Burlin Matthews, Dan Skelton, and Randy Swanson; Dickinson County Supervisors Bill Leupold, Tim Fairchild, Pam Jordan, Steve Clark, and Kim Wermersen, and Emmet County Supervisors John Pluth, Jeff Quastad, Tim Schumacher, Roger Hash, and Todd Glasnapp. Hopper explained to the board members that Rezac Machine Shop, who completed the project, that there was a lot of water that had to be dealt with while digging as well as lots of rock and sedimentation. Leupold closed the public hearing.

Moved by Pluth, seconded by Anderson, to approve Payment #3 to Rezac Machine Shop in the amount of \$107,874.63. All voted aye.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Matthews, to approve payment #4 to Rezac Machine Shop in the amount of \$18,402.67 to be paid 30 days from today. All voted aye.

Discussion on the interest rate and terms of billing for the public hearing on Joint Drainage District #61 that was done July 18, 2019, was moved by Anderson, seconded by Clark, to approve a 5% interest rate over 10 years and waivers for those who had more than \$500 due for a single parcel. All voted aye.

Schumacher shared with the joint counties information regarding the ISAC Leadership Conference and the ISAC Certified Supervisor training program.

The Supervisors resumed their regular Board meeting and during public forum, Glasnapp reported that at the last Safety meeting, it was reported that our insurance rate will be going down this year due to a lower mod. Glasnapp also shared that CPR training will probably take place in September.

Pluth shared information on the 700 building grand opening in Estherville.

Quastad reported that ECCOG meets this Thursday.

Schumacher reported on a recent NWIA Planning meeting and the RIDES program.

The Board discussed with Auditor Sathoff the County's levy rates and compared them to last year as follows:

	2019-2020	2020-2021
County General Basic	3.70076	3.80
County General Supplemental	2.06893	2.12
County MHDS Fund (Mental Health)	.54775	.45138
Rural Services Basic	3.20164	3.33206

The Board also discussed some of the reasons why property taxes and levies went up; one reason was that Emmet County received a 7% increase Equalization Order from the State on all residential property throughout the county.

Auditor Sathoff shared information regarding a request for painting on the third floor of the courthouse for the Clerk of Court. The Clerk's office should get two quotes for the painting and bring to the Board.

Emmet County Engineer Walter Davis-Oeth reported that the asphalt work on both the A13 and N26 projects are complete. N26 shouldering should begin next week and the edge line for both projects should be start at the same time. Crews are also working on blow out patches. Crews will begin some culvert construction projects also. The pups have been delivered to the manufacturer and should be done by October or November.

Quastad shared that a resident had a concern regarding the SW part of the bridge up at Okamanpedian park. The bridge is Emmet County and the dam under it belongs to the DNR. Davis-Oeth will look into the issue.

Motion by Quastad, second by Schumacher to adopt Resolution 20-13 as follows:

RESOLUTION 20-13

RESOLUTION REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19 GOVERNMENT RELIEF FUND

A resolution by EMMET County to request reimbursement for eligible costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide economic relief related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, Governor Kim Reynolds allocated \$125 million of the State of Iowa's CARES Act funding to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

WHEREAS, local government funding reimbursements may only be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were not accounted for in the current fiscal year county budget, were incurred during the time period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 and have not been reimbursed from other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, EMMET County requests reimbursement up to \$116,739.09 in eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, EMMET County affirms that the above requests for reimbursement follow all formal published Federal and State of Iowa guidance on how the funds should be spent, and understand if the reimbursements are misrepresented, the local government will be liable for any applicable penalty and interest.

HEREBY RESOLVED but the Board of Supervisors for EMMET County on this 25th day of August 2020.

Chair, Board of Supervisors
Attested:

Auditor

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Glasnapp, Quastad, Hash, Schumacher, Pluth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the recent request from the Ringsted Community Improvement Organization requesting funding from L.O.S.S.T. funds for the Danish Heritage Center in Ringsted. Auditor Sathoff shared with the Board that the L.O.S.S.T. fund balance is \$667,447.04. Motion by Quastad, second by Hash to provide \$5,000 in L.O.S.S.T. funds. After discussion the motion was withdrawn by both Quastad and Hash. The Supervisors would like to visit the building and put on next week's agenda.

The Board discussed a letter from the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 234 requesting to open the current union agreement for the expressed purposes of increasing wages. Supervisors Schumacher and Hash will serve as representatives for the Board during negotiations. Auditor Sathoff will forward the Supervisor contact information and letter to labor attorney Mike Galloway.

Pluth shared with the Board that the company that was interested in leasing space on the tower actually wanted to take over the leases on the tower.

EMA Director Sheridan discussed issues with the Drone and that Emmet County will have a Burn Ban going into effect on Monday, August 31, 2020. He also reported that there are 49 active cases of COVID19 in Emmet County.

The Board reviewed the following Manure Management Plans:

Owner	Facility Name	Facility ID#
Roger Tirevold	Tirevold Roger Site 2	#59016
West Swan Swine Care LLC	West Swan Swine Care	#69123
White Swan Farms LLC	Tirevold Finisher Farm	#65440
Laverne Schnell	Schnell Custom Feeding	#59017
James Boyer	James Boyer #1	#58213
James Boyer	James Boyer #2	#62465

The Board reviewed a letter from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources regarding the Construction Permit for the East Ingham Livestock Site, Facility ID #60764 extending the construction start date from August 28, 2020 to May 1, 2021.

Motion by Glasnapp, second by Hash to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 am. All ayes, motion carried.

Amy M. Sathoff
Emmet County Auditor

John Pluth
Chairman