

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisors

January 21, 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:

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

During public forum, the Supervisors discussed meetings that they had recently attended. Schumacher attended the RIDES and the Northwest Iowa Planning & Development meetings last Thursday. Schumacher also attended the special meeting of the workforce in Storm Lake last week and will attend the workforce meeting this Thursday. Pluth will attend the County Social Services (CSS) meeting in Howard County tomorrow. Glasnapp will attend the Northwest Iowa Housing meeting tomorrow and hopefully will find out about the recent grant money that will be awarded.

The Board discussed the recent early closing of the Courthouse on Friday due to the weather. Schumacher stated that maybe what we need is a strong policy to handle these situations, which do not happen very often.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County Engineer, discussed the weekend snowstorm. Davis-Oeth stated that his secondary roads crews are out there today cleaning up. Pluth stated he heard several compliments on the roads this past weekend and commended the Engineer on a job well done.

Presented to the Board for signature was the Agreement with NyHart for actuarial services and information on OPEB (Other Post Employees Benefits). It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Glasnapp, to sign the Agreement and forward the Agreement on to Nyhart. All ayes, motion carried.

The City of Estherville represented by City Administrator, Penny Clayton and two Park Board members, Bob Jensen and Ann Ingvall, came before the Board. Clayton thanked the Board for taking their time and putting her on their Agenda today. Clayton informed and showed the Board visuals of the proposed structure for the new pool and requested funding from the LOSST (Local Option Sales and Services Tax) funds. She stated that they are starting to work on the deficit amount and are going to make application through the Enhanced IA Grant Program. Clayton stated that the pool will be a great amenity to the City of Estherville and all of Emmet County and surrounding counties and communities. The grant requirement requires that they secure funding from the City and the County. She went through the plans for the new pool and what will be offered within the new facility.

She stated that the facility, once completed, would have multiple lifeguards. Clayton stated that Excel has committed \$150,000. Schumacher asked the question of how much they are looking at for a contribution from the County. Clayton stated, obviously, any contribution you make would be greatly appreciated and if you do not want to decide an amount today and want to discuss it that would be fine. Jensen took the floor, stating that realistically, they are looking at a \$50,000 range. Jensen went on to state that this is going to become quite an attraction for our area, further stating anything that you can contribute in order for them to apply for the pending \$200,000 grant would be greatly appreciated. Jensen stated that the life expectancy of this new pool is a 50-year project.

The Emmet County Drift Busters Snowmobile Club, represented by Mike Blomstrom and Kelsey Harvey, came before the Board with a funding request from the County's LOSST funds. The Club recently purchased a 10 year-old groomer for Emmet County. The Club is responsible for \$9500 of the cost of the groomer. Blomstrom informed the Board that by this Thursday night, all trails in Emmet County will be groomed; this is the first time in 15 years that this will have been done. Currently there is no map available for these groomed trails, but that will come next year stated Blomstrom.

Blomstrom stated that we are asking for help to offset our costs for operating the groomer. Blomstrom stated that every year they fill out a grant application, but right now, our numbers are low because we have no history. Having the trails groomed will be a great asset and family activity for our County. Any help you can give us through a contribution from LOSST funds would be appreciated. Mike Martens, Emmet County, Sheriff, stated he would absolutely support the Board contributing to this through LOSST funds and reiterated to Blomstrom that once you prove usage the grant dollars will be more; Blomstrom stated that is correct. Blomstrom went on to say that snowmobile clubs are about creating a sense of Community.

Kenny Billings came before the Board to consider using LOSST funds to pay for the meal for the First Responders on March 27, 2020, being held at the VFW. His numbers presented were just for the Estherville Firemen and other first responders, but the Board stated that in order for them to feel right about helping with this situation; they would want all firefighters and volunteer fire fighters in Emmet County to be invited also. Billings will contact these other outside entities to see how many would be interested in

attending and get back to the Board on these numbers.

Michelle Ingvall, owner of Estherville Abstract has decided that she has no use for the old Sidwell aerial maps. The Board suggested contacting Emmet County Historical Society to see if they would be interested in having these books.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to adopt Resolution #2020-5 concerning the Compensation Board’s recommendation, reducing their salary recommendation of 4% to 2.5%. The Board will give a 2.5 salary increase to the Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff, Treasurer and the Supervisors. Roll call was taken: Ayes: Schumacher, Hash, Quastad, Glasnapp and Pluth. Nays: None. All Ayes, motion carried. Resolution #2020-05 reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2020-05
EMMET COUNTY COMPENSATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

WHEREAS, the Emmet County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Emmet County Compensation Board met on January 6, 2020 and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020:

| <u>Elected Official</u> | <u>Current Salary</u> | <u>Proposed Increase</u> | <u>Recommended Salary</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Auditor | \$56,660.70 | 4% | \$58,927.13 |
| County Attorney | \$81,405.42 | 4% | \$84,661.64 |
| Recorder | \$56,660.70 | 4% | \$58,927.13 |
| Sheriff | \$74,476.88 | 4% | \$77,455.96 |
| Supervisors | \$29,550.92 | 4% | \$30,732.96 |
| Treasurer | \$56,660.70 | 4% | \$58,927.13 |

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Emmet County Board of Supervisors approved the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019:

| <u>Elected Official</u> | <u>Approved Salary</u> | <u>Approved Increase</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Auditor | \$58,077.22 | 2.5% |
| County Attorney | \$83,440.56 | 2.5% |
| Recorder | \$58,077.22 | 2.5% |
| Sheriff | \$76,338.81 | 2.5% |
| Supervisors | \$30,289.70 | 2.5% |
| Treasurer | \$58,077.22 | 2.5% |

Approved this 21st day of January 2020.

EMMET COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ATTEST:

John Pluth, Chairperson

Amy M. Sathoff, Auditor

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It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Schumacher, to approve using LOSST funds for the new pool for \$50,000. Roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Quastad, Glasnapp, Schumacher and Pluth Nays: None Abstain: Hash. Motion carried.

It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Hash to approve LOSST funding for the Emmet County Drift Busters Snowmobile Club for \$7500. Roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Schumacher, Hash, Quastad, Glasnapp and Pluth. Nays: None. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Hash, seconded by Glasnapp, to approve using LOSST funding for the First Responders meal up to 75% of the cost, not to exceed \$2500, for all of Emmet County’s First Responders meal at the VFW on March 27, 2020. Roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Schumacher, Hash, Quastad, Glasnapp and Pluth. Nays: none. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the MMP for Owner, David Oleson, Facility Name D&P Hogs Site 4 #67605.

A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Glasnapp, to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

John Pluth, Chairman