

Unapproved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
September 8, 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 Quastad, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Sathoff mentioned to the Board that Iowa Lake and Tuttle Lake Campgrounds had significant storm damage over the weekend.

Emmet County Engineer Walter Davis-Oeth presented a utility permit application from Alliant energy. Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp to approve the Alliant Energy utility permit to install new 3 phase 4/0 AL UG along 550th Avenue and 240th Street. Cable will be plowed at the back of the right of way and directional bored under road crossings. Work will be taking place along 550th Avenue south of 230th street to Ringsted and 240th street from Ringsted to Hwy 15. T98N R31W, sections 15, 16 & 33. All ayes, motion carried.

Davis-Oeth presented the Gravel crushing contract for the Egeland Pit for 2021 to crush approximately 100,000 ton for \$2.45 per ton. Motion by Hash, second by Schumacher to approve the contract. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed a rough crossing issue north of Tuttle Lake. Davis-Oeth reported that it is on the schedule for next year for repair.

Davis-Oeth reported that the culvert on the county line has been finished and he reminded the Board regarding fall staffing issues and harvest.

Davis-Oeth mentioned a tile issue near Ringsted and asked for direction on how to proceed. The Board and Davis-Oeth discussed different options for Drainage District 76. The City Council are the trustees for the District. Consensus is that the Board should talk with the City of Ringsted and discuss the options. Drainage District 76 is not currently assessed by Emmet County since control was relinquished to the City of Ringsted in 2002 by resolution.

The Board reviewed the monthly claims. Motion by Glasnapp, second by Schumacher, to approve claims. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Motion by Schumacher, second by Hash to approve the following joint drainage district claim and forward to Dickinson County for payment:

Drainage District	Vendor	Amount	Work Performed
ECD 61 BR 61	Jacobson-Westergard	\$1,308.40	Professional Services

Motion by Glasnapp, second by Hash to proclaim September 2020 as National Voter Registration Month and September 22, 2020 as National Voter Registration Day. All ayes, motion carried.

Auditor Sathoff presented the Iowa Secretary of State's Vote Safe Iowa Initiative Grant Agreement. Sathoff explained that \$17,200 allocated to Emmet County will be utilized to protect Precinct Workers from exposure to COVID19 for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Some of these protections will be plexi-glass barriers, a ballot-folding machine and an absentee ballot envelope-opening machine. Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp to sign the grant agreement. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the monthly Treasurer's report.

Hash and Sathoff reported on the meeting of the CARES Act Committee. The State of Iowa has allocated \$116,739.09 for Emmet County. As a matter of administrative convenience in the light of the emergency nature of this program, local governments may presume that 25% payroll costs for public health employees and 25% of payroll costs for public safety employees are payments for services substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Heidi Goebel in the Auditor's office is presently gathering all the information the State will require for the September 15, 2020 deadline. If Emmet County does not have enough for the first round, we will for sure have it for the second round.

Once funding is secured, the Committee will bring recommendations to the Board regarding how to utilize the funding.

Public Health Nurse, Kathy Preston joined the meeting and Chairman Pluth shared that he would be meeting with a contractor regarding the Annex roof issues.

Preston reported that there are 230 positive cases of COVID19 in Emmet County. She also reported that Emmet County Public Health would be doing all the contact tracing for Emmet County Schools and the College.

Environmental Health Director, Aimee Devereaux joined the meeting and shared that she had met with Preston last week and did hand in her resignation. Her last day will be October 2, 2020. Devereaux will be going to work for the Des Moines Area Community College. Schumacher and Pluth thanked Devereaux for her hard work and service to Emmet and Palo Alto County. Devereaux and Preston recommend that going forward the position should be full time and not shared with Palo Alto County, especially if the new

employee does not have experience. Devereaux shared a summary with the Board of what the position all entails.

Devereaux also shared that there are many different venues to recruit for the position and that other counties are willing to mentor. The Board discussed various options for the position and Pluth will be in contact with Kathy Preston by the end of the week so that they can move forward with recruitment efforts.

The Board reviewed the following Manure Management Plans:

Owner	Facility Name	Facility ID#
Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC	PI298 Finisher	#65437
Andy Gerhardt	Gerhardt Armstrong	#59669

Chairman Pluth adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Amy M. Sathoff
Auditor

John Pluth
Chairman