

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
April 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Jeff Quastad, Chair
Tim Schumacher, Vice-Chair
John Pluth, joined the meeting at 9:10 am
Todd Glasnapp
Lisa K. Hansen, joined the meeting telephonically via Zoom

Absent:

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

During Public Forum, Quastad reported on an ECCOG meeting he recently attended and on the Central Iowa Detention meeting he attended.

Emmet County Auditor, Amy M. Sathoff reported that early voting has begun for May 11, 2021 City of Armstrong Special Election. Voters may cast their ballots in person from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday at the Emmet County Auditor's Office. Due to recent legislation ballots cannot be mailed out as of 5:00 pm yesterday.

Emmet County Sheriff, Mike Martens and Emmet County Assessor, Barb Bohm joined the meeting. Sheriff Martens presented an Analysis of a Courthouse Security Survey he had distributed to Emmet County Courthouse employees and a breakdown by office of the estimated costs associated with the Security Plan. The estimated cost is \$245,530 for implementation of all of the Courthouse Security Plan.

Martens suggested that the Plan could be implemented in stages with priorities given to those Departments with the greatest risk.

Sheriff Martens did mention that some Departments do not presently close their entry doors and that they really should as a first line of defense.

The Board and Martens discussed various impact resistant options available.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Pluth to have Sheriff Martens start with exploration of a door for the Assessor's office. All ayes, motion carried.

LeRoy Strong representing the Armstrong VFW joined the meeting to ask for abatement of the Armstrong VFW's 2019 property taxes. Emmet County Treasurer, Brenda Moore also joined the meeting. Supervisor Pluth noted that the 2019 property taxes Estherville VFW property taxes had already been abated and both Armstrong and Estherville's future property taxes are abated. He also noted that the Emmet County Board of Review made the determination that the VFW property taxes were to be abated and that the Emmet County Board of Supervisors did not agree with that decision.

Motion by Pluth, second by Glasnapp to abate the Armstrong VFW's 2019 property taxes. Supervisor Schumacher requested a roll call vote: Ayes: Quastad, Glasnapp, Pluth. Nays: Schumacher and Supervisor Hansen abstained from the vote.

Auditor Sathoff asked the Board to allow her to appoint an Elections Deputy. Sathoff is making the request in preparation for Emmet County compliance with SF413. Motion by Schumacher, second by Pluth to allow Auditor to appoint an Election Deputy at her discretion. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(c). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Glasnapp, Schumacher, Quastad, Hansen and Pluth. Nays: None.

No decisions were made during the closed session.

Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher to come out of closed session. All ayes, motion carried.

Denise Ballard and Cindy Allen with the IGHCP Health Insurance Trust joined the meeting to present Emmet County's July 1, 2021 Health Insurance Renewal. Heidi Goebel, Auditor's Assistant introduced the Supervisors to Denise and Cindy. Walter Davis-Oeth joined the meeting telephonically via Zoom.

Ballard reported that the IGHCP (Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan) Trust currently services 36 entities and has 9,657 members. The Trust provides partial self-funding to meet many plan designs. The Trust also provides lower administration fees due to controlling renewal costs through pooling.

The IGHCP Trust group average increase since 2006 is 2.90%. The Wellmark Trend for increases has been 7.85% during the same time frame.

Ballard shared the 2020 Trust Claims and Premium by Month for the entire Trust and an Emmet County Savings Analysis from the time Emmet County joined the Trust. Ballard reported on the 2020 Claims and Premium by Month, and a PSF utilization by plan year for Emmet County.

Ballard shared two monthly reports that the Emmet County Auditor's office receives from Employee Benefit Systems and overviewed the PSF (partial-self fund) process. She reviewed health current insurance benefits, PSF Risk and Utilization figures also. Emmet County's Trust Health Insurance Trust Fund Balance is \$621,871.31. Her recommendation would be to bring that fund balance down on a gradual basis.

Ballard met with Auditor Sathoff, Walter Davis-Oeth and Heidi Goebel to discuss employee concerns regarding plan design and costs associated with the renewal previously quoted.

Ballard is recommending a 5.17% decrease for the July 1, 2021 renewal in order to lower that fund balance and make the monthly premiums are more affordable.

Ballard also presented the current Dental Renewal and an Alternative. Currently Emmet County has three plans and Ballard is recommending going to one improved alternate. Motion by Pluth, second by Glasnapp to approve the alternate plan beginning July 1, 2021 with Emmet County paying \$18.75 of the monthly premium for employees that participate. Ayes: Hansen, Glasnapp, Pluth and Schumacher. Nays: Quastad. Motion carried.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Glasnapp to approve the -5.17% Health Insurance Renewal. All ayes, motion carried.

Ballard did present the vision renewal and alternates. Consensus of the Board to keep the Vision with the current plan. For future planning purposes Ballard recommended that Emmet County form an Insurance Committee, review all benefit design and pricing, evaluate the plan design and consider alternate plan designs in the future.

Emmet County Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth presented Resolution #21-13 to temporarily close West 14th Avenue North, from the intersection of 370th Avenue to the intersection of 375th Avenue (approximately .5 miles) due to regrading and graveling. Motion by Schumacher, second by Glasnapp to adopt Resolution #21-13. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Schumacher, Hansen, Glasnapp, Pluth, and Quastad. Nays: None. Full text of the Resolution can be found at www.emmetcountytia.gov or viewed in the Emmet County Auditor's Office.

Davis-Oeth also presented Resolution #21-14 to temporarily close A13 from intersection of N40 and N52 (approximately 4 miles) due to asphalt resurfacing. Motion by Pluth, second by Glasnapp to adopt Resolution#21-14. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Schumacher, Hansen, Glasnapp, Pluth and Quastad. Nays: None. Full text of the Resolution can be found at www.emmetcountytia.gov or viewed in the Emmet County Auditor's Office.

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

District	Vendor	Description	Amount
ECD 61 Main	Stacy Krieger	Beaver Trapping	\$1,150.00

The Board reviewed the following Manure Management Plans:

Owner	Facility Name	Site Number
Mike Kollasch	Jack Creek Site	#64637

Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Amy M. Sathoff
Auditor

Jeff Quastad
Chair