

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

August 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting

Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Jeff Quastad, Chair  
Tim Schumacher, Vice-Chair  
John Pluth  
Todd Glasnapp  
Lisa K. Hansen, joined telephonically via Zoom at 9:04 a.m.

Absent:

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

During Public Forum, Emmet County Auditor, Amy M. Sathoff reported that Property Tax Statements are being prepared for mailing.

Quastad reported on the Central Iowa Juvenile Detention meeting he attended.

Glasnapp reported on yesterday's Safety Committee meeting.

Auditor Sathoff reported that the first report for the American Rescue Plan funds is due on August 31, 2021, even though Emmet County has not spent any of the funding at this point.

Auditor Sathoff shared with the Board a summary of 2021 Election Law Changes for Iowa Voters that the Iowa State of Association of County Auditors prepared.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Pluth to approve the monthly claims as listed. All ayes, motion carried.

EMA Director, Travis Sheridan and IT Director, Lisa Rosburg joined the meeting to discuss Emmet County's current website and the new website being designed by Kevin Grems. The new website's initial setup will cost \$1,150 and have a yearly fee of \$290. The new website will be able to update quickly by individual Departments.

Sheridan also shared recent EMS legislation and challenges in the recruitment of EMT's and Firefighters.

The Board reviewed the Emmet County Treasurer's Report.

Emmet County Auditor, Amy M. Sathoff reported that Emmet County's current Election equipment will be obsolete next year and presented three proposals from the three companies certified in the State of Iowa. The three systems are Dominion, Election Systems and Software and Unisyn.

The Unisyn is the least expensive. Sathoff is requesting \$109,084.00 in L.O.S.S.T. funding for the equipment. The new equipment would be utilized beginning 2022. The reason Sathoff and her staff are recommending the Unisyn equipment because at the end of a long election day, Precinct Workers struggle with balancing write-ins. This equipment would print out all the write-ins on the results tape to assist the Precinct Workers with the process.

This ballot boxes are collapsible and would solve the storage issue that we currently have for the equipment.

The Board discussed financing options for the equipment. Supervisor Quastad does not feel that L.O.S.S.T. is the right funding avenue. Supervisor Pluth noted that the Board has known this was on the horizon for three years.

The balance of the L.O.S.S.T. fund is currently at \$729,912.32.

The Board did not take action on Auditor Sathoff's request.

Pat Boggess, Surveyor for Jacobson Westergard, Emmet County Assessor, Barb Bohm and Emmet County Attorney, Melanie Summers Bauler joined the meeting to discuss the Peterson Point Survey. Boggess is willing to do the survey but would prefer to do it in late fall due to fact that the monuments are in a heavily wooded area. Boggess reported that it would be a difficult survey to do and will take some time. Boggess shared the current and past survey processes and how to establish a line on the original government lots.

Summers Bauler recommended that the proper procedure for the County would be to move forward with the survey and then have the abstract created.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Glasnapp to go into Closed Session pursuant to IA Code 21.5(1)(c) at 10:37 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Glasnapp, Pluth, Hansen, Schumacher and Quastad. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

No decisions were made during closed session.

Pluth reported that there will be a meeting with the CMBA Architects on August 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The Board continued to discuss the Election Equipment and financing options. The issue is tabled until next week.

The Board reviewed the following Manure Management Plan:

Owner	Facility Name	Site Number
New Fashion Pork	Farm 254-Morlins	#68548
Summit Pork II, LLP	Denmark 32	#70337

The Board reviewed the letter from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Authorizing the use of the Denmark 35 Site.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Glasnapp to adjourn the meeting at a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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Amy M. Sathoff  
Auditor

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Jeff Quastad  
Chair