

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
December 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Jeff Quastad, Chair
Tim Schumacher, Vice-Chair
John Pluth
Todd Glasnapp
Lisa Hansen

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 the last meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Quastad presented the electronically signed contract finalizing of the N26 project with the DOT and the Emmet County Engineer. Consensus of the group was to have Chairman Quastad add his signature also.

Emmet County Auditor, Amy M. Sathoff reported that the Auditor's office did receive another bid for the Annex Building Plumbing project on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 from Lakes Plumbing Heating and Cooling. Deadline for submitting bids was December 14, 2021.

Emmet County Veteran's Affairs Director, Deb Tietje joined the meeting along with Commissioners Marty Kane, Warren Evans and Mike Pyleski. The Commissioners have hired Casey Ross to start January 3, 2022 as the Veteran's Affairs Director. Current Director Tietje will remain on board to train Ross until the end of January. Motion by Pluth, second by Hansen to approve the Commission's recommendation. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Proposal for Subsurface Exploration for the Courthouse addition from Team Services. The fee estimate is \$4,380. Motion by Schumacher, second by Hansen to approve the proposal. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the draft letter to the Iowa Utilities Board regarding the CO2 pipelines and a recent local meeting with Emmet County residents. Quastad has also taken a draft resolution to Emmet County Drainage Attorney, Rich Meyer for his review.

The letter will be put on next week's agenda for official approval.

The Board reviewed the 2022-23 GASB 75 Engagement Letter from Nyhart. The service agreement provides for a full valuation for FYE 6/30/2022 with a fee of \$4,000 and an interim valuation for FYE 6/30/2023 with a fee of \$2,400. Motion by Glasnapp, second by Pluth to approve the service agreement. All ayes, motion carried.

Shannon Laundauer and Tom Nelson from the Iowa Lakes Corridor joined the meeting and shared the Corridor Annual report with the Board. Laundauer also shared the Corridor's Economic Development vision. Laundauer broke down the current programs and future Corridor programs.

Laundauer introduced Tom Nelson, VP of Business Development. Nelson will be working with small businesses and entrepreneurs.

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation provides Economic Development services and assistance in Entrepreneurship, workforce development, business expansion and housing development in Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, and Emmet County.

The corridor is funded by both public and private sector to increase economic development within the four county Corridor region.

The Corridor is requesting \$30,000 in funding for FY2023 from Emmet County.

Richard McKean shared information regarding the CO2 pipelines with the Board.

Shane Walter, CEO Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region joined the meeting along with Beth Will. Walter shared that the Mental Health region's funding mechanism will change drastically next July 2022 with dollars coming from the state rather than counties. Walter outlined upcoming changes to regional services.

Sheriff Mike Martens joined the meeting.

Will updated the Board on the Forest Ridge situation. Staff is currently still employed at the Gruver facility, some students have been retained in the community and all students are gone from the facility.

Emmet County Assessor, Barb Bohm joined the meeting to update the Board on Maple Hill Environmental Issues. Some progress has been made in the area. The letters went out in July 2021 and the property owners were given 60 days to make improvements. Bohm was looking for guidance moving forward.

Bohm will draft a letter to the residents and bring to the Board for approval.

Drainage Clerk, Lisa Rosburg joined the meeting.

Senator Dennis Guth and Don Etler joined the meeting to discuss proposed SF500 drainage legislation. Full text of the proposed bill can be found at <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/SF500/2021>. The proposed legislation would correct problems in seven key areas of Chapter 468 and was filed by Senator Guth in March 2021. The legislation is currently in the State Government Subcommittee.

Etler outlined a quick review of how SF500 improves the application of Iowa Drainage District Law in the Code of Iowa Chapter 468.

Etler shared a draft of anticipated changes to the bill after receiving input from counties.

The Board discussed CO2 pipeline concerns with Senator Guth.

The Board reviewed the Peterson Point survey performed by Patrick Boggess.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Amy M. Sathoff
Auditor

Jeff Quastad
Chair