

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
December 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Absent: John Pluth, but joined telephonically twice

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

During public forum, Quastad and Hansen reported on a recent ECCOG meeting they attended.

Emmet County Auditor Sathoff shared that two candidates have filed paperwork for the January 25, 2022 Special Election to fill the vacancy of Estherville Mayor. Kenny Billings and Ann Goebel have filed.

Emmet County Attorney, Melanie Summers Bauler joined the meeting

Heidi Goebel from the Auditor's Office joined the meeting to present the following addition to the Emmet County Personnel Policy:

12.3.4 Compliance with Iowa Code 80.45A Beginning January 1, 2022, Iowa lodging providers must have all of their employees successfully complete certified human trafficking prevention training, in order to receive public funds as payments for services. Public funds include moneys from a county, and lodging providers include hotels, cabins, and AirBNBs. The full text of Iowa Code 80.45A can be found here: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/80.45A.pdf>.

Before employees reserve a room with a lodging provider, please verify the provider has been certified by checking this website: www.stopthiowa.org. The Auditor's Office will require that the employee also include this verification when submitting their reimbursement or receipts.

If the employee utilizes an uncertified lodging provider, the employee will not be reimbursed for the lodging costs or if a county credit card was used for payment, the employee will be required to reimburse the county for the charges. Please note that this certification only applies to Iowa lodging providers.

Travel: An employee will be responsible for all alcohol and tips paid while traveling for the county.

Jeff Quastad, Chair

Approved by Board on December 28, 2021

Motion by Schumacher, second by Hansen to approve the addition as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Pluth joined the meeting telephonically. And the Board discussed the draft letter to the Iowa Utilities Board regarding the proposed CO2 pipelines that would run through Emmet County. Emmet County Attorney, Melanie Summers Bauler also reviewed the draft letter. Schumacher will make recommended changes and the Board will act on the letter next week.

Supervisor Pluth left the meeting.

At 9:30 a.m. the Chairman opened the public hearing on the Emmet County Budget Amendment for FY2022. The Amendment was duly published and no written comments were received in the Auditor's Office. The Amendment is for the District Court budget which has unforeseen expenses in juvenile detention shelter care and transport. This amendment is for an additional \$40,000 in the Public Safety and Legal Services service area and is offset by \$30,000 in revenue by the Auditor's office billing the detainees resident County and Forest Ridge.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Hansen to close the public hearing. All ayes, motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Schumacher, Hansen, Glasnapp, Quastad Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hansen, second Glasnapp, to approve the budget amendment as published and presented by Auditor Sathoff. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board considered Resolution 21-30 regarding the Emmet County Compensation Board's FY2023 Elected Official Salaries Recommendations. Emmet County Treasurer, Brenda Moore and Emmet County Sheriff, Mike Martens joined the meeting.

Supervisor Pluth joined the meeting telephonically for the discussion.

Auditor Sathoff and Attorney Summers Bauler shared changes from the Back the Blue Legislation and the Emmet County Compensation Board recommendation of 12% for the Sheriff and 8% for all other Elected Officials.

The Board discussed the cost of living for 2022.

Auditor Sathoff, Attorney Summers Bauler, Sheriff Martens and Treasurer Moore shared discussions from the Compensation Board meeting.

Motion by Hansen to have Auditor Sathoff utilize the following figures for the FY2023 Budget: Sheriff – 9%, Auditor, Attorney, Recorder, Treasurer – 6% and Supervisors – 2%. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Schumacher to adopt the resolution minus 25% across the board. Motion died for lack of a second.

The four to one consensus of the Board was to have Auditor Sathoff utilize the following preliminary numbers for the FY2023 Budget: Sheriff – 9%, Auditor, Attorney, Recorder, Treasurer – 6% and Supervisors – 2%.

Supervisor Schumacher was in opposition of not moving on the Resolution.

Supervisor Pluth left the meeting.

Motion by Glasnapp, second by Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Amy M. Sathoff
Auditor

Jeff Quastad
Chair