

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
July 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Todd Glasnapp, Chair
John Pluth
Tim Schumacher
Lisa K. Hansen
Jeff Quastad

Absent: None

Media: Ed Funston and Amy Petersen

Chairman Glasnapp, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Schumacher, second by Hansen to approve the minutes from the last two meetings also approving them for publication. All Ayes, motion carried.

During Public forum, Auditor Sathoff shared that the deadline is fast approaching for the Lincoln Township trustees to appoint a new Township Clerk and Trustee. This will be put on next week's agenda to move forward.

Quastad reported that he had attended a HAZMAT meeting.

Hansen discussed an event at Petersen Point on the 29th.

The Board discussed attending Conservation Board meetings and the Courthouse Addition project.

The Board reviewed a request to use the Courthouse Square and the A17 Bridge Access for the 2023 Sweet Corn Days from the Estherville Chamber of Commerce. Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher to grant the request. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Emmet County Recorder's Quarterly and Annual Reports.

The Board reviewed the Emmet County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report.

Honorable Judge Carl Petersen of the First District joined the meeting to introduce himself to the Board as Emmet County's presiding Judge.

Heidi Goebel joined the meeting to update the Board on the Iowa Health and Human Services Substance Abuse prevention program grant that was applied for by Emmet County Public Health Nurse, Kari Batman and Goebel. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$10,000.

Goebel explained the "Weed Not Worth It" program that will be implemented.

Part II of the program will be to assist small businesses with employee substance abuse.

Goebel also updated the Board on the first meeting of the Opioid Settlement Funds' Stakeholders Group.

Sathoff shared with the Board that a departmental budget is already in place for the Substance Abuse dollars but a budget amendment will be needed for the revenue and expenditures.

The Board discussed weed spraying with Emmet County resident Brent Hoppe.

Ayri Limon of Liberty National joined the meeting to discuss worksite benefits with the Board.

Arvin Druvenga of Winther Stave and Company along with Beth Burton from the City of Estherville joined the meeting to discuss financial reporting requirements for ECCOG.

Druvenga discussed the three different options to the County, auditing costs and the challenges that audit requirements present.

Auditor Sathoff inquired regarding the administrative aspect of the County assuming the role of administrating ECCOG.

Doyle Turner joined the meeting to discuss with the Board methanol production. Turner owns two companies that offer methanol production as an alternative to CO2 pipelines.

Turner would be asking the Emmet County Board of Supervisors to join the lawsuit against the pipelines on the basis of lack of economic development. No counties have signed on at this time. Cost of the litigation is unknown.

The Board discussed the review of Emmet County's Code of Ordinances, the Ordinance regulating excavations and other soil disturbing activities in Emmet County and the Resolution regarding the crossing of drainage districts by hazardous liquid pipelines.

Motion by Hansen, second by Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Amy M. Sathoff, Emmet County Auditor

Todd Glasnapp, Chairman