

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes  
August 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting  
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Absent:

Media: Ed Funston and Mike Tideman

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

During Public forum, Supervisor Quastad reported on the ECCOG meeting he attended. The Board discussed the future of ECCOG and the potential of the County supervising the organization. Auditor Sathoff reminded the Board that the County does not currently have an accounts receivable financial software. Penny Clayton with the City of Estherville joined the meeting and reported that the City of Estherville utilizes Quik Books for the invoice tracking for ECCOG.

EMA Director updated the Board on the progress of the Hazard Mitigation plan. Sheridan asked the Board to consider action items for the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Supervisor Hansen reported that her and Supervisor Schumacher attended the ISAC conference last week.

Hansen also reported on the Early Childhood meeting she attended yesterday.

Auditor Sathoff informed the Board that candidate filing for the upcoming Combined City/School Election on November 7, 2023 began yesterday and that voters may start requesting absentee ballots beginning today.

Auditor Sathoff also suggested that the Supervisors consider attending the September 13, 2023 work session on HF718. Supervisor Schumacher is also attending the work session.

Supervisor Schumacher discussed wind energy issues in the area.

The Board reviewed the Notice of Action on Parcel 0511310011 requesting the suspension of property taxes. County Attorney joined the meeting and reported that the property is on tax sale and reported that the taxes have been paid by the holder of the tax sale certificate. The request is to suspend the taxes on the parcel.

The Board consensus is that this process should have been started a long time ago.

Motion by Pluth, second by Quastad to deny the request. All ayes, motion carried. A letter will need to be drafted for the property owner denying the request.

Courthouse addition discussion. Supervisor Quastad and Pluth shared cost saving measures that were suggested by Steve Christensen. Clayton reported that the plan would need to go before the City Council prior to proceeding and approval of the project. The City does have commercial building standards that would need to be considered.

Auditor Sathoff will ask the Architects if they could meet on September 6, 2023 at 2pm with Supervisors Pluth and Quastad.

The Board discussed a bulkhead erosion and silt issue in Drainage District 44. After a change to the natural stream and the removal of the bulkhead is when the problem again. The DNR will be having an erosion control specialist that will be assessing the situation.

The Board discussed an ordinance regulating excavations and other soil disturbing activities in Emmet County. The Board discussed the concerns regarding the ordinance.

Motion by Quastad, second by Hansen to set the following public hearing dates and times:

- Public Hearing date for the proposed changes to the Emmet County Code of Ordinances prepared by NWIA Planning for September 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
- Public Hearing regarding an ordinance replacing Emmet County Code of Ordinances Chapter 19, Utilities in Public Rights-of-Way, and enacting a new right of way control ordinance to regulate utility and other occupancies and uses of county right of way.

All ayes, motion carried.

Emmet County Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth joined the meeting to discuss the right of way ordinance public hearing change.

The Board reviewed the following Manure Management Plans:

Owner	Facility	Facility ID:
Summit Pork II LLP	Seneca 19	#70511
Summit Pork II LLP	Denmark 24	#70513
Prestige Farms of Iowa LLC	PI-298	#65437

Motion by Schumacher, second by Quastad to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.