

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
October 3, 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: Mike Tidemann
Ben Lundsten
Ed Funston

The Emmet County Attorney, Melanie Summers Bauler was in attendance at the meeting.

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

During Public Forum, Quastad reported on the ECCOG meeting he attended.

Quastad reported that he has spoken with the City of Estherville regarding the 369th Avenue speed and safety complaint.

Schumacher reported on a NW IA Planning and Mental Health Region meetings he attended.

Pluth reported that Navigator has suspended permitting temporarily.

At 9:10 a.m. the Board held the third reading of the Code of Ordinances Review 2023-01. No public comments were received by the Auditor's office and no public comments were made at the meeting. Motion by Pluth, second by Hansen to approve the third reading of the Ordinance Review. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Schumacher, Hansen, Pluth, Quastad and Glasnapp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Code of Ordinances shall be published as required by code.

The Board reviewed the FY2023 Annual Financial Report prepared by Auditor Sathoff. The Annual Emmet County GAAP report due to the Department of Management is in progress and due December 1, 2023. Sathoff explained

At 9:15 a.m. Emmet County Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth joined the meeting for the third reading of Ordinance 2023-2. An ordinance repealing and 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. No public comments were received by the Auditor's office and no public comments were made at the meeting. Motion by Quastad, second by Pluth to approve the third reading of the Ordinance 2023-2. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Schumacher, Hansen, Pluth, Quastad and Glasnapp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Ordinance shall be published as required by code.

Davis-Oeth reported on progress of the Estherville Secondary Roads Building and gave a brief road report.

Emmet County Zoning Administrator, Barb Bohm, Emmet County Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth and Emmet County EMA Director, Travis Sheridan joined the meeting.

Joseph Crowley with Invenergy along with Al Blum joined the meeting to update the Board on the Red Rock Wind Energy Project. Redrock is a 300 mega watt project in Dickinson, Emmet and Clay counties. There are 48,000 acres participating in the project. Red Rock has 106 turbine locations approved by the FAA.

Crowley shared proposed locations of the turbines. Invenergy is proposing 18 turbines in Emmet County.

It is anticipated that Emmet County could see \$525,000 in yearly property tax benefits from the project. Crowley also shared additional landowner benefits, employment benefits and project wide tax benefits. The project life expectancy is 40 years.

Crowley reported that Invenergy is community oriented and they contribute to several community-based organizations.

Red Rock is looking to start construction in late 2023 and operational by 2025. Currently Emmet County's conditional use permit is being prepared.

Crowley reported that there was a pre-application conference held for the public on September 29th at the VFW in Estherville and shared information on the experts that were in attendance at the meeting.

Crowley shared Invenergy shared information on the recycling of the turbines when they are decommissioned.

Heidi Goebel, Roxanne Budach and Mackenzie Kollasch from the Emmet County Auditor's office joined the meeting along with Michelle Ingvall from Estherville Abstract and Emmet County Treasurer, Lisa Rosburg.

Auditor Sathoff explained that the Board could either appoint an Interim Auditor until the next General Election or hold a special election to fill the vacancy. Sathoff suggested that Heidi Goebel from the Auditor's Office be appointed to the position.

The Board discussed whether to appoint or hold a special election.

Goebel addressed the Board and shared her interest in the position.

Ingvall also shared her support to appoint Heidi Goebel to the Auditor's position.

Schumacher thanked Auditor Sathoff for her written resignation which allows the Board to start the process prior to the actual vacancy. Glasnapp thanked Auditor Sathoff for her years of service to Emmet County.

Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher for the Board to publish its intent to appoint an Interim Emmet County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the sedimentation report on Drainage District 44 with Rob Patterson of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. More detailed information on the report would need to be obtained from the Geologist, Joe Thompson. It was suggested that Thompson could call the Auditor's office and set up a time to meet with the Board.

During the discussion it was noted that the Board did not receive the maps and written detail of the Sedimentation summary. Patterson shared the maps and written detail with the Board and discussed them in detail.

Patterson will reach out to the Geologist to see if he could discuss things in more detail with the Board.

The Board reviewed the following Manure Management Plans:

Owner	Facility	Facility ID
Thomas Olson	K&T Olson Swine	#69122
Andrew Olson	East Swan Swine Care	#69107
White Swan Farms, LLC	Tirevold Finisher Farm	#65440
K&T Olson swine 3, LLC	K&T Olson Swine #3	#50578
Andrew Olson	Olson Andy	#59781

Motion by Hansen, second by Quastad to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Amy M. Sathoff, Auditor

Todd Glasnapp, Chairman