

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
October 17, 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
Ed Funston

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 meeting also approving them for publication. All Ayes, motion carried.

During Public Forum, Pluth shared information on a Sierra Club video he watched on the current requests of the pipelines for well applications through the DNR.

Barb Bohm joined the meeting to inform the board of the November 2 at 5:30 meeting in the board room of the Emmet County Board of Adjustment. This meeting will be a discussion between the board of adjustment and Red Rock Wind Energy Project as they are preparing to file their conditional use permit.

Emmet County Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth joined the meeting to give a road report and construction update on the new shop on 3rd Avenue South.

Emmet County Sheriff, Mike Martens joined the meeting to present a ratification of academy expense repayment agreement. Motion by Pluth to approve, second by Quastad. All Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the proposed Courthouse addition project. Andy Landman with EDA Engineers joined by Zoom. Quastad and Glasnapp met with the state electrical inspector last week to determine if the current electric panel in the boiler room could be added on to for the addition project. Quastad told Landman that the state electrical inspector confirmed that it could be used in its current location. Landman requested that approval be provided to him in writing from the inspector. The design team for the addition will move forward with changes.

The Board reviewed the Auditor and Sheriff Quarterly Reports.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Monthly Report.

At 9:45 a.m. Chairman Glasnapp held the second reading of Chapter 36-Ordinance 2023-3-An ordinance regulating excavations and other soil disturbing activities in Emmet County, Iowa, for the purpose of preventing or minimizing the disturbance and transport of sediment into drainage districts and drainage district infrastructure. No public comments were received by the Auditor's office.

Richard McKean was present at the meeting and commented he was in favor of the ordinance.

Motion by Quastad, second by Hansen to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Schumacher, Hansen, Pluth, Quastad and Glasnapp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The third reading of the ordinance will be held on October 24, 2023.

The Board discussed the siltation/erosion issue in Drainage District 44. Rob Patterson from the Iowa DNR joined the meeting in person and Joe Thompson, state geologist for NCRS, joined by phone. Thompson explained the report he did for the Iowa DNR. He stated he could not report on historical erosion problems. His report contained information for what this area looks like right now as far as sediment erosion and the current erosion causes. He stated that silt or clay is determined not by color but by the grain size of the material. The report method used by Thompson is a real time evaluation of the land and can't look back historically at what happened in the past.

Patterson suggested that all the drainage district 44 landowners, the board and the DNR schedule a meeting together to discuss the options to fix the problem.

Quastad will talk to the drainage engineer to see if he could or would be able to offer options for this issue.

No action was taken on Schnell's petition on drainage district 44 as the conversation is still ongoing with the Iowa DNR for a solution. Drainage district 44 will appear again on next week's agenda.

Julie Edwards from Upper Des Moines Opportunity joined the meeting and presented a three year recap of services provided to Emmet County residents. Upper Des Moines is requesting \$17,000 from Emmet County for FY25.

The Board reviewed allowed and disallowed Homestead and Military Property Tax Credit Applications.

Motion by Quastad, second by Pluth to approve the allowed Homestead/Military Property Tax Credits as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Hansen to approve the disallowed Homestead/Military Property Tax Credits as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the following Manure Management Plan:
Owner

Facility

Facility ID

Jeff Ulrich
J.A.N.S Farms Inc

Jeff Ulrich
Jeff Anderson

#57876
#60020

Motion by Hansen, second by Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Heidi Goebel, Auditor's Assistant

Todd Glasnapp, Chairman