

Approved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
October 29, 2024 at 08:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Media: Mike Tidemann, Ed Funston

Emmet County Employees present: Melanie Summers Bauler, Heidi Goebel, Barb Bohm (Zoom), Tammy Krieger, Sheriff Martens, Tom Egeland, Trevor Duckett and Travis Sheridan.

Chairman Glasnapp, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Hansen, second by Schumacher to approve the minutes of the last meeting 10.22.2024 also approving them for publication.

Motion to approve the agenda by Quastad, second by Pluth. All Ayes, motion carried.

Committee updates: Hansen and Quastad-ECCOG; Schumacher and Glasnapp-ambulance agreement meeting with City of Estherville and Estherville Ambulance; Quastad-Juvenile Detention.

Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher for public hearing minutes October 24, 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public forum: Auditor Goebel introduced new Accounts Payable and Drainage Clerk, Tammy Krieger.

Appointment of township clerk and trustees for terms starting January 1, 2025 are as follows:

Township	Township Clerk	Township Trustee	Township Trustee
DENMARK		James Miller	Bryon Hantelman
ELLSWORTH	Larry Anderson	Daryl Madison	
ESTHERVILLE		Ward Harsin	Brent Hopp
HIGH LAKE		Mark Olson	Dean Refsell
JACK CREEK		Jeff Anderson	Jim Boyer
SWAN LAKE		Chuck Gardner	Tim Oleson
TWELVE MILE LAKE		Craig Borchers	Doug Herum

Motion by Quastad to reappoint clerk and trustees as listed, Pluth second. All ayes. Motion carried. A letter will be sent by the auditor's office to the appointees.

Kenny Billings, request LOSST money for VFW meal November 9th, 2024 at 5 p.m. for first responders. Motion by Pluth, second by Hansen to donate \$1500 LOSST funds for VFW meal, second by Hansen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Steve Christensen, Christensen Construction and Design Company Incorporated, presented the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment Construction GMP contract of \$1,631,500. Contract states a substantial completion date of May 1, 2026 and a final completion date of July 1, 2026. Motion by Schumacher, second by Quastad. Schumacher, Hansen, Quastad, Glasnapp-ayes; Pluth-nay. Motion carried.

Decision on the Ordinance Amending the 2013 Emmet County Zoning Ordinance, Emmet County, Iowa, by Replacing Article XVI Wind Energy Regulations with a New Article XVI Wind Energy Regulations. Quastad does not want to approve the amendment as presented. Schumacher would like to send it back to planning and zoning to address safety concerns.

Schumacher made a motion to send the amendment to the ordinance back to Planning and Zoning Committee, second by Hansen. Discussion on suggestions for Planning and Zoning Committee to consider with the revision. Gave examples of safety concerns with the setbacks, area around the airport.

Pluth expressed a thank you to the Planning and Zoning Committee for all the work they had done with the 2013 ordinance amendment.

Planning and Zoning Chairperson, Richard McKean, stated that new information and new technology had been brought forth in the public hearings. Cited the Estherville airport clearances as a point to address.

After discussion concluded, vote was taken to send back the ordinance amendment to Planning and Zoning Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Laura Winter asked to make comments about the wind energy application filed.

Recommendation from Planning and Zoning Committee to the Board of Supervisors to change zoning from agricultural to commercial for Brad Phillips, Pt of the NW ¼, west of river, excluding a small tract, in section 33 of Center Township. This would change the zoning of 41.81 acres of land. Quastad made the motion to set the public hearing for the zoning change request for November 19th at 9 a.m., second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Tom Egeland, courthouse custodian, and Jeff Swift from Swift Air talked about radon mitigation in the lower level of the law center. Swift Air bid proposal would install exhaust fan and redo some venting to allow for more fresh air to disperse. Bid proposal \$7847. A second bid from the Radon Guy would need a \$600 test first and then would bid the remediation project. Pluth makes the motion to approve the Swift Air bid proposal, second by Schumacher. Hansen, Pluth, Glasnapp-ayes. Quastad and Schumacher-nay. Motion carried.

Jeff Swift discussed pneumatic temperature controls and valves. Pneumatic air compressors have gotten very expensive. Bid proposal is for a Quincy brand pneumatic air compressor.

Schumacher left meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Motion by Pluth to go with low bid by Midwestern Mechanical. Pluth withdrew motion. Discussion about comparing the content of the bids. Motion by Pluth to go with Swift Air bid for the \$8540, second by Hansen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Tower sites to install a weather camera. Price comparison to compare east tower and west tower. Motion by Quastad to go with the west tower site installed price of \$10,097 and an annual recurring \$1,027.50, second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board reviewed the following manure management plans:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Facility ID</u>
Christensen Farms Midwest LLC	Site F003	58494
Summit Pork III, LLP	Denmark 20	71610

Motion by Hansen, second by Pluth to adjourn at 10:19 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Heidi Goebel, Auditor

Todd Glasnapp, Chairman