

Approved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
February 4, 2025, at 08:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Media: Mike Tidemann, Ed Funston

Emmet County Employees present: Heidi Goebel, Travis Sheridan, Dan Burton, Sheriff Schultes, Walter Davis-Oeth

Chairman Hansen, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Glasnapp, second by Quastad to approve the minutes of the last meeting 1.28.2025 also approving them for publication. Motion to approve the agenda by Schumacher, second by Glasnapp. All Ayes, motion carried.

Committee updates: Schumacher-Sioux Rivers Mental Health’s director has had her last day; Quastad-planning and zoning meeting on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 5:30.

Pluth joined the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Public forum: EMA Director, Travis Sheridan, discussed the crisis canine therapy project. Crystal Clarke is the crisis canine dog handler. Sheridan has applied for the grant through Sioux Rivers for \$6300 to fund this crisis canine’s certification process. This project is not funded with taxpayer dollars. Sheriff Schultes shared the example of the role the dog played in the juvenile river rescue last year.

Sheridan also shared with the Board the proposed State of Iowa legislative bill that will decrease funding for E911 at a local level. HSB 104 in the 2025 legislative session.

Auditor Goebel shared budget session planning today from 10:00 to noon, annual library luncheon meeting at noon, budget session tomorrow from 8:30 to 3:30, and joint board meeting with Palo Alto on Feb. 11 at 10:30 a.m. at River Valley Telecommunications in Graettinger. There will be an Emmet County board meeting February 11th at 8:30 a.m. with travel to Graettinger to follow.

Sheriff Schultes discussed squad vehicles. Dodge truck order cancelled and two Durango vehicles are purchased. Schultes is also working with IT Director, Trevor Duckett, on quotes for squad vehicle laptop and docking station replacements.

Walter Davis-Oeth shared with the board quotes for cranes/hoist for the secondary roads’ new maintenance building. Purchase will be made with the Sioux Falls based company and low bid.

Dan Burton, Assistant to the County Engineer, presented the shoulder work project HSIP-SWAP-C032(58)-FJ-32 to the board for consideration. County received \$475,000 in federal money for the project out of the total cost\$575,000. Motion to approve by Quastad, second by Schumacher. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Hansen opening the public hearing at 9:00 a.m. for Emmet County FY 25 Budget Amendment #1. No public comments were received.Motion to close the public hearing by Quastad, second by Pluth. Roll call vote: Schumacher-aye, Glasnapp-aye, Pluth-aye, Quastad-aye, Hansen-aye. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 25-07 Emmet County Budget Amendment #1 by Pluth, second by Glasnapp. Roll call vote: Schumacher-aye, Glasnapp-aye, Pluth-aye, Quastad-aye, Hansen-aye. Resolution adopted. Full details of the budget amendment may be found online at emmetcountyia.gov or in the Emmet County Auditor’s Office in the courthouse.

Steve Hallgren with Planning Solutions discussed with the Board his proposal for contracted zoning director services. He presented a quote for his services for the remainder of FY 2025 \$16,640, FY 2026 \$17,305, FY 2027 \$20,800 as well as a list of services provided. Hallgren also provided his background with zoning and current client list of Planning Solutions. Hallgren would need a county point of contact to receive paperwork. No action taken.

DD 22 drains into DD29. A section of tile in DD 22 was replaced by B and B Drainage. DD 22 will need to be assessed separately from DD29.

Motion by Quastad, second by Schuamcher to adjourn at 9:41a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board adjourned to a budget planning session with county departments and the Estherville Library Luncheon to follow.

Heidi Goebel, Auditor

Lisa Hansen, Chairman