

Approved Minutes
Tax Rate Public Hearing
April 1, 2025 at 8:15 a.m.
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Media: Mike Tidemann, Ed Funston

County Employees present: Sheriff Schultes, Heidi Goebel, Melanie Summers Bauler, Barb Bohm

Chairperson Hansen called the public hearing meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. All those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

No comments were received in the Auditor’s Office to present to the Board of Supervisors.

Fourteen Emmet County citizens attended the public hearing.

Board and citizens had discussions on economic development, ideas to bring industry to area, ways to cut county expenses.

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 adjourn by Schumacher, second by Glasnapp. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
April 1, 2025, at 08:30 a.m. scheduled. Actual start time 9:15 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Media: Ed Funston, Mike Tidemann

Emmet County Employees present: Heidi Goebel, Melanie Summers Bauler, Sheriff Schultes, Travis Sheridan, Matt Reineke, Walter Davis-Oeth, Trevor Duckett, Tom Egeland, Allison Fisher

Chairman Hansen, called the meeting to order at 9:15 following the FY 26 tax rate public hearing. Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp to approve the minutes of the last meeting 3.25.2025 also approving them for publication. Motion to approve the agenda with change of order to move Iowa Prison Industries to the start by Schumacher, second by Pluth. All Ayes, motion carried.

Karen Donahue, Iowa Prison Industries, discussed several services and merchandise available through Iowa Prison Industries. Specifically, signage for west administration building and new courthouse addition.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, 2025 maintenance road painting contract three bids presented. Kam Line was the lowest bid at \$106,322.40 for the west half of the county and roads around Armstrong. Motion by Quastad to approve Kam Line bid, second by Schumacher. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to set the public hearing for the FY 2026 budget certification and adoption for April 22, 2025 at 9 a.m. by Schumacher, second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trevor Duckett, IT Director, presented a bid from JLK for directional boring, concrete/blacktop, landscaping, pulling cable, conduit from the courthouse to the West Admin Building for \$9000 and Midwest Technology for \$4,192.70 for fiber and installation. Schumacher made a motion to approve the use of LOSST funds to cover the project, second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion carried. LOSST fund expenditure will be on next week’s agenda. Discussion about further continuation of line with City of Estherville’s EPD building next door.

Courthouse west entrance closure for building addition. Christensen Construction was onsite last week and asked specific questions about prepping for the closure of the west entrance. Board would like fencing around the west construction site in addition to a sign that west entrance is closed and to only use the south, east, or law enforcement entrances. Closure to west entrance will be determined by Christensen’s start time frame, possibly before the end of April.

Motion to accept the CASI (Cost Allocation Services) FY 24 report by Pluth, second by Glasnapp. All ayes. Motion carried.

Joint drainage district claim for ECD #61 to Beck Engineering for \$10,881.25. Motion to approve by Quastad, second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Committee updates: Hansen and Quastad-ECCOG; Quastad-Juvenile Detention; Hansen-RSVP; Hansen, Quastad, Glasnapp- Farm Bureau; Quastad-Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust; Pluth will be attending the county daycare meeting tonight.

Public forum: Rich Blinkmann offered follow up comments to the earlier tax rate public hearing.

Board reviewed Manure Management Plans:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Site #</u>
Eric Norby	Iowa Lake Site	65180
Eric Norby	Miller South Site	65181
Eric Norby	Miller North Site	65182
K & T Olson Swine, LLC	K &T Olson Swine 2	69213
Paul Clausen	Paul Clausen	57871
New Fashion Pork, LLC	Farm 266 Erickson	69231
Hilltop Hogs Inc	Hilltop Hogs	63653
Hilltop Hogs Inc	Hilltop Hogs Olson	63632
New Fashion Pork	Farm 252 IVEY	68755
New Fashion Pork	Farm 228 Booth	66621

Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher to adjourn at 11:08 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Heidi Goebel, Emmet County Auditor

Lisa Hansen, Chairman