

Approved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
May 20, 2025, at 08:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Media: Mike Tidemann, Ed Funston

Emmet County Employees present: 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 board meeting minutes on 5.13.2025, also approving them for publication. Motion to approve the agenda by Pluth, second by Schumacher. All Ayes, motion carried.

Committee updates: Hansen-Early Childhood will not be moving into districts July 1; Glasnapp, Pluth, Quastad-Lead the Ville graduation for Melanie Summers Bauler.

Public forum: Mike Tidemann serves on the Housing Trust and discussed a contractor issue; Goebel discussed construction issues involving the tunnels not being sealed-Quastad will reach out to the contractor to ensure the tunnel sealing gets done. Safety Director, Mike Raner, would be willing to meet with board members and contractor to discuss concerns.

Beth Will and Sue Duhn, Sioux Rivers Mental Health, updated the board with the information on the changes July 1, 2025 with regional mental health services. Beth Will updated on the lack of direction from the State of Iowa for the close out and new set up on July 1.

Duhn shared that in the future the Board will need to terminate the 28E agreement between the Sioux Rivers Region and the mental health advocate. Once direction is received from the State of Iowa, Will and Duhn will come back to the Board with those 28E terminations. Emmet County will need to decide on the mental health advocate position.

Beth Will continued to discuss moving forward after July 1. RFPs (Request for Proposal) went out from the State of Iowa and Iowa Primary Care was granted the mental health care portion starting July 1. Another RFP covers DAP: brain injury, developmental injury, intellectual and physical disabilities and was granted to Russell Wood/CICS. Acronym: DAP (Disability Access Points). Beth Will is working with Russell Wood/ CICS on developing a 28E to keep continuation of services during the transition.

The State of Iowa guidance on how to pay for services and who is going to pay for services is still forthcoming.

The Board tabled the Mental Health Region, County and MHDS Release Form until County Attorney, Melanie Summer Bauler can review.

Iowa Great Lakes Corridor update by Curt Strouth and Trevor Smith. Both joined the meeting to share programs the Corridor is doing in Northwest Iowa for economic development.

Motion to adopt the RIDES FY 2026 Emmet County Provider and Program Participation Agreement by Schumacher, second by Glasnapp. All ayes. Motion carried.

Christensen Construction bid for east double story window replacement of \$16,800. Quastad talked to John at Paint and Glass about just replacing the glass. Paint and Glass won’t bid the project. Schumacher will reach out to Northwest Iowa Glass for possible second bid. Tabled.

Tyler Raniszewski, Steelhead Wind Energy, joined the meeting to discuss how the proposed draft wind energy ordinance affects the development of wind energy in Emmet County. Raniszewski showed a proposed map created by Steelhead under the proposed draft wind energy ordinance in regards to the potential locations of wind turbines and the limitations. Citizens present discussed concerns with the map representation and safety concerns with areas around the county airports.

County Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth, presented the final A17 bridge design contract of \$34,720. Davis-Oeth gave a road report. Motion to approve by Quastad, second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Joint Drainage District Claims

ECD 61 Rosacker Excavating \$440.00 Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp. All ayes. Claim approved.
Tri 84 EKPA 1, Lat 37 Reutzels/Kent Malm \$80.00 Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher. All ayes. Claim approved.

Motion by Pluth, second by Quastad to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Heidi Goebel, Auditor

Lisa Hansen, Chairman