Approved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
June 17, 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: Kayleen Farmer, Melanie Summers Bauler, service awards recipients.

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 from 06.10.2025, also approving them for publication. Motion to approve by Quastad, second by Pluth. All Ayes, motion carried.

Committee updates: Quastad and Pluth-Peterson Point Meeting. Glasnapp has the Corridor meeting tomorrow. Hansen upcoming Early Childhood. Quastad has Iowa Drainage District Association tomorrow.

Public forum: Pluth and Glasnapp attended the Wallingford Fire Department fundraiser; Goebel confirmed that the Wind Energy Ordinance Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, July 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Iowa Lakes Community College is confirmed with the college. The public hearing will be advertised in this week's county newspapers. Hansen discussed a follow up email received by the board regarding the awarding of fuel bids. Fuel bids will be added to board agenda next week.

Goebel discussed the path forward with the local courthouse contact for zoning. Until someone is designated as the zoning contact, the zoning inquiries will go to Steve Hallgren and the Board of Superviors.

The Board recognized the Emmet County Service awards for employees with 10,15,20 years of service between March 1, 2024 and March 1, 2025. Ten years: Walter Davis-Oeth (sec roads), Jill White (recorder), Kevin Shryock (sec roads-not present), Jeff Quastad (supervisor). Fifteen years: no one. Twenty years: Alex Ewen (sec roads).

Abby Wallin joined the meeting to discuss the changes to the mental health region. Magistrate Forsyth joined the meeting. Wallin explained the cost of having a county advocate. O'Brien County will oversee the paperwork to get reimbursements from the ASO (Administrative Services Organization) and will not be passing any charges over to Emmet County. Magistrate Forsyth discussed the positive impact and continuity of results that Wallin has had while serving Emmet County. Magistrate Forsyth encourages the county to retain the services of Wallin going forward. Wallin confirmed that the Emmet County caseload would fit in her schedule.

The Board held discussion on the two options for the FY26 Mental Health Advocate position, Abby Wallin (O'Brien) and Sue Duhn (Dickinson). Motion by Pluth to appoint Duhn. Motion died for lack of second. Agenda item is tabled until next week.

Perry Russell joined the meeting to discuss the Avenue of Flags on Memorial Day. Russell talked about the challenges of the in ground flag holders sinking into the ground causing the flags to lean. Discussed options of how prevent the sinking. Board suggested experimenting with some different techniques on a few flag holders. Quastad and Pluth will assist Russell.

Board reviewed Joint Drainage District levies for Emmet controlled drainage districts:

EK1 District 10002	Emmet $6353.17, Kossuth $587.39
EPA 21 LINE A Lat 2 District 10418	Emmet $7783.47, no Palo Alto land
EPA 21 OD Line B District 10427	Emmet $893.26, Palo Alto $974.71
EPA 21 OD Line B Lat 3 District 10430	Emmet $642.98, Palo Alto $122.43

Board reviewed Joint Drainage District levies for Emmet County landowners received from other counties:

ECD 61 Branch 110-47 (Dickinson control)	$0-no Emmet County land
ED 2 (Dickinson control) District 10655	$598.42
ECD 61 Branch 362-93 (Dickinson control) District 10547	$3270.59
EK5 (Kossuth controls) District 10008	$22,535.75
EK4 (Kossuth controls) District 10009	$3,150.32
EK2 Lat B-B-3 (Kossuth controls) District 10309	$1419.61

Motion by Pluth, second by Schumacher to levy the deficit per joint levy assessment. Schumacher, Glasnapp, Pluth, Hansen-aye. Nay-Quastad. Motion carried.

Considerations of county board appointments. Board of Adjustment and Planning & Zoning Board. Discussed on citizen. Will appear on the agenda again next week.

Pluth shared the Public Health cooling issue. Jason Perkins will service the HVAC and evaluate the ducting. Perkins will report back to Pluth what he finds.

Resignation of Lincoln Township Clerk, Heather Howell. Motion by Glasnapp, second by Schumacher to accept the resignation. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Quastad to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Heidi Goebel, Auditor Lisa Hansen, Chairman