

Approved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
July 29, 2025, at 08:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Media: Ed Funston, Amy Peterson

Emmet County Employees present: Melanie Summers Bauler, Heidi Goebel, Matt Reineke, Travis Sheridan

Chairman Hansen, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Schumacher, second by Glasnapp to approve the board meeting minutes on 7.15.2025, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the agenda by Quastad, second by Pluth. All Ayes, motion carried.

Committee updates: Hansen-Board of Health, department head meeting, ECCOG. Four board members attended the Assessor Conference Board meeting. LuWanda Towell was appointed Emmet County Assessor at the July 22nd Conference Board meeting. Pluth updated board on bank building sewer line inspection. Quastad-Central Iowa Juvenile Detention, ECCOG. Pluth-HVAC update on public health. Window tint applied. RAGBRAI recap. Compliments to Estherville Chamber of Commerce, City of Estherville and City of Armstrong for organization and clean-up from the Board of Supervisors.

Public forum: Next week's meeting will start at 8:25 a.m. to hold a joint drainage meeting with Palo Alto at 8:30 a.m.

Travis Sheridan, EMA Director, joined board to discuss the push button security proposal. Sheridan as part of the county safety committee, researched options for the push panic button security call system. Alpha Wireless has a radio operated system that would work over multiple location. Heartland Technology's system would incorporate a fire system update. Safety committee would like to pursue the Alpha Wireless path. Motion by Pluth to approve the Alpha Wireless bid, second by Quastad. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lincoln Township Clerk appointment- Quastad asked a Lincoln Township resident to consider the clerk appointment. No confirmation yet. Quastad also assisted Lincoln Township cemetery in selling a cemetery plot.

Board of Adjournment appointment. No action taken.

Local zoning contact discussion. Schumacher discussed the position with a part-time employee. Steve Hallgren, Zoning Administrator, discussed the importance of having a local zoning contract. After hours meetings would need to be Board of Supervisors in charge of building. Position would be paid hourly for zoning time. Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp to pursue filling the position with daytime courthouse hours.

Clerk of court office space discussion. The appointment of an Emmet County resident, Jennifer Bennett Finn to the Associate Judge position is creating a need for another third-floor office to be utilized by the court system.

Motion to adopt resolution 25-31 by Schumacher, second by Glasnapp. Roll call vote: Schumacher-aye, Glasnapp-aye, Pluth-aye, Quastad-aye, Hansen-aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 25-31 To Designate Voting Representatives for the Iowa State Association of Counties

WHEREAS, Emmet County ("County") is a member of the Iowa State Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, the ISAC Articles of Incorporation were updated in November 2024 to require the County to designate, through resolution by its Board of Supervisors, its County Voting Representatives; and

WHEREAS, only the designated County Voting Representatives have the power to vote on behalf of the County at ISAC; and

WHEREAS, the County Voting Representatives must be either elected county officials or the principal officer for each county department represented by an Affiliated Association of ISAC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Emmet County Board of Supervisors, effective immediately, hereby designates the following persons as County Voting Representatives for ISAC:

Iowa State Association of County Supervisors: Jeff Quastad, John Pluth, Lisa Hansen, Tim Schumacher, Todd Glasnapp

Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association: Justin Schultes

Iowa County Attorneys Association, Inc.: Melanie Summers Bauler

Iowa State Association of County Auditors: Heidi Goebel

Iowa State County Treasurers Association: Lisa Rosburg

Iowa County Records Association, Inc.: Diann Quastad Minion

Iowa County Engineers Association: Walter Davis-Oeth

Iowa State Association of Assessors: LuWanda Towell

Iowa Community Services Association: Position Vacant

Iowa Emergency Management Association: Travis Sheridan

County Conservation Directors Association of Iowa: Matt Reineke
Iowa Environmental Health Association, Inc.: Ben Huntley
Iowa Counties Public Health Association: Kari Batman
County Zoning Officials of Iowa: Position Vacant
Iowa Counties Information Technology Organization: Trevor Duckett
Iowa Association of County Commissioners and Veterans Service Officers, Inc.: Casee Ross

The County shall forward a copy of this Resolution with the names of the designated County Voting Representatives to support@iowacounties.org.

Approved by the Emmet County Board of Supervisors on July 29, 2025. Lisa Hansen, Chair. Attest: Heidi Goebel, Auditor.

Motion to adopt resolution 25-32 by Quastad, second by Pluth. Roll call vote: Schumacher-aye, Glasnapp-aye, Pluth-aye, Quastad-aye, Hansen-aye. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 25-32

General Fund to Conservation Trust Fund Remainder of Tax Asking for Fiscal Year 2025

WHEREAS, the following fiscal year 2025 transfers shall occur between Emmet County Funds as follows:

To Conservation Trust Fund: \$17,184

From General Basic Fund (\$17,184)

The Conservation Board's tax asking of \$260,000 in Fiscal Year 2025 was not reached. The remainder of the tax asking \$17,184 shall be transferred into the Conservation Trust Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the transfers listed are approved by the Board.

Passed and adopted this 29th day of July, 2025. Lisa Hansen, Chair Attest: Heidi Goebel, Auditor

Motion to adopt resolution 25-30 by Quastad, second by Glasnapp. Roll call vote: Schumacher-aye, Glasnapp-aye, Pluth-aye, Quastad-aye, Hansen-aye. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #25-30 CONTINUATION OF A MORATORIUM ON ISSUING CONDITIONAL USE/ZONING PERMITS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapter 335 grants counties the ability to adopt Zoning Ordinances to regulate land use within its jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, it is necessary and prudent to review and study ordinances for updates to ensure proper regulation; and

WHEREAS, the size and impact of Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems (CWECS) have the potential to create an excessive burden on the County's infrastructure, the environment, wildlife, nearby property owners and a potential to interfere with the operation of Doppler Weather Radar accuracy; and

WHEREAS, CWECS require a rezoning subject to consideration and action by the Emmet County Zoning Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Emmet County Board of Supervisors recognizes that Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems may affect the character of the surrounding area and the Board desires that all applications for Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems be considered consistently within the purpose and intent of an amended Emmet County Zoning Ordinance so that the most appropriate uses of land are encouraged throughout unincorporated Emmet County; and

WHEREAS, the Emmet County Board of Supervisors desires to amend the current zoning ordinance as it pertains to CWECS and has not yet approved the version passed by Emmet County's Planning and Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Emmet County is currently in the process of reviewing the amendment to the zoning ordinance and said process will involve multiple sessions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Emmet County Board of Supervisors hereby established a temporary moratorium on the issuing conditional use/zoning permits for the purpose of constructing a CWECS, that was to expire at 11:59 p.m. Central Time on July 31, 2025. This moratorium will be continued until September 30, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. by action of the Board of Supervisors, to allow the above referenced changes to the Emmet County Zoning Ordinance concerning CWECS, to be considered by the Emmet County Board of Supervisors; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and resulting moratorium continuation does not affect any currently filed permit applications for CWECS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emmet County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to end the moratorium continuation prior to the approved term of the moratorium upon completion of the amendments to the Emmet County Zoning Ordinance and satisfactory resolution of the issues as determined by the Emmet County Board of Supervisors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the moratorium continuation approved by this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution. Signed July 29, 2025.

Lisa Hansen, Board of Supervisors Chair Attest: Heidi Goebel, Auditor

Motion by Schumacher, second by Pluth to enter Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1) c. All ayes. Motion carried. Board entered closed session at 9:34 a.m.

Motion to leave closed session Quastad, second Glasnapp by to leave Closed Session. Roll call vote: Schumacher-aye, Glasnapp-aye, Pluth-aye, Quastad-aye, Hansen-aye. Resolution adopted.

Quastad left meeting at 10:20 a.m.

No decisions were made in closed session.

Board reviewed quarterly auditor report.

Manure Management Plan		
<u>Site Name</u>	<u>Site Owner</u>	<u>Site</u>
BGK Finisher 1	Gary Blagg	#63947
Kressin 1	Aaron Kressin	#60560
Love Spencer	Spencer Love	#70341
Cole Wegener	Cole Wegener	#57872
Denmark 13	Summit Pork LLP	#70131
Denmark 32	Summit Pork II LLP	#70337
PI 292 Finisher	Prestige Farms of Iowa LLC	#65426
Westergard Site	Stanton Westergard	#68193
Bremer IA Site	Calvin Bremer	#62200

Motion to adjourn by Pluth at 10:22 a.m., second by Schumacher. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Chairperson

Attest: _____
Heidi Goebel, Auditor