Approved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
November 25, 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: Melanie Summers Bauler, Heidi Goebel, Justin Schultes, Kayleen Farmer, Walter Davis-Oeth, Casee Ross.

Emmet County Zoning Director Steve Hallgren present

Chairman Hansen, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Glasnapp, second by Quastad to approve the regular board minutes from 11.18.2025 also approving them for publication. Motion to approve the agenda by Pluth with adding "allowed" to military/ homestead line item, second by Quastad. All Ayes, motion carried.

Committee updates: Hansen attended Board of Health and Early Childhood; Quastad attended Peterson Point event;
Pluth attended Chamber meeting; Glasnapp attended NW Housing and Iowa Great Lakes Corridor of Development; Schumacher attended RIDES Meeting; Hansen also attended Grid Shock public presentation.

Public forum: Randy Heikens discussed Red Rock LLC Settlement Agreement and presented materials against settlement. Chuck Gardner pointed out some concerns on decibel scales for wind energy. Brent Hopp talked about vibrations from windmills inside buildings being worse than outside.

Walter Davis-Oeth joined meeting. Motion to adopt Resolution 25-44 Awarding the Bridge Project on A17 to Dixon Construction for $1,050,848.85 Motion to Adopt Resolution 25-44 made by Pluth, second by Quastad. Roll call: Schumacher-Aye, Quastad-Aye, Hansen-Aye, Glasnapp-Aye, Pluth-Aye. Resolution adopted. A copy of the resolution is available at emmetcountyia.gov or in the Auditor's Office.

The City of Armstrong received a resignation letter for the write-in winner for one of the city council seats. Next process is to go with the next highest vote getter which happens to be a tie between Taylor (Tylor) Evans and Troy Gochanour. The supervisors are to draw lots for the tie breaker. Lot for next highest vote getter was drawn and name drawn was Taylor (Tylor) Evans. Auditor Goebel will let the Armstrong City Clerk know.

VA Director, Casee Ross, joined to discuss Hidden Valor Project of cleaning veteran's graves from scale. Consensus of board was to go forward with the project.

Nancy Danielson, Blum and Leonard Insurance discussed county property insurance renewal for 2026. Board discussed increasing the liability coverage from $6,000,000 to $10,000,000. Motion by Pluth, second by Glasnapp, to approve $200,995 to the $10,000,00 liability coverage to renew County Property insurance.

Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp, for approval of additional allowed and disallowed list of homestead and military exemptions/credit. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Motion by Quastad, second by Pluth, to accept resignation of Curt Larson from Planning and Zoning Committee. All Ayes. Motion Carried. The board thanks Curt for the time served on the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Discussion on an appointment to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Discussion on the appointment of the Board of Adjustment. Schumacher will call a person that reached out to him that might be interested in serving.

Discussion of filing vacant courthouse zoning contact positions. Pluth and Hallgren will talk to a possible candidate after the meeting.

County Attorney reached out to Ahlers and Cooney after last week's meeting. Doug Hansen, Chairperson of Planning and Zoning, contacted Schumacher about the law office of Brick Gentry. Matt Brick, counsel, had a conference call Monday with Glasnapp and Schumacher, County Attorney Summers Bauler, and Auditor Goebel. Brick will read the depositions and other documents. Agenda item for December 9th will involve Red Rock Settlement Agreement. No contract to enter with Brick Gentry at this time. No action taken.

Motion to accept the proposed amendments from Planning and Zoning Amending the 2013 Emmet County Zoning Ordinance Emmet County, Iowa, by Replacing Article XVI Wind Energy Regulations with a new Article XVI Wind Energy Regulations, presented to the Board of Supervisors by the Planning and Zoning Committee by Schumacher, second by Hansen.

Discussion from Steve Hallgren about if the motion is approved then the ordinance adoption process will begin. If the motion is not approved, the ordinance will go back to planning and zoning to request a report from the planning and zoning committee. Richard McKean and Doug Hansen discussed procedure differences with the supervisors.

Schumacher called the vote and requested a roll call vote. Schumacher-aye; Glasnapp-nay; Pluth-nay; Quastad-nay; Hansen-aye. Motion to accept the proposed amendments did not carry.

County attorney Summers Bauler instructed Zoning Director, Steve Hallgren, to contact the Planning and Zoning, to organize a meeting. The Board of Supervisors will send the recommendations from the three work sessions back to the Planning and Zoning. This will be added to next week's agenda.

Board of Supervisors oversee the County Christmas Party for 2025.

Motion by Schumacher , second by Glasnapp to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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Heidi Goebel, Auditor Lisa Hansen, Chairman