

Approved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
January 2, 2026, at 08:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Media: Mike Tidemann, Ed Funston, Anthony Gonzales (KICD)

Emmet County Employees present: Walter Davis-Oeth, Roxanne Budach, Melanie Summers Bauler (via Zoom), Justin Schultes

First business meeting of the year. Auditor Goebel called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Tim Schumacher, second by Lisa Hansen to approve the board meeting minutes from 12.23.2025, also approving them for publication. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to approve agenda by Pluth, second by Glasnapp. All Ayes, motion carried.

Motion to appoint Lisa Hansen, Board Chairperson and Tim Schumacher as Board Vice-Chair for 2026 by Quastad, second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Committee updates: Quastad-ECCOG

Public forum: A few citizens discussed the Red Rock Agreement.

Board rescheduled the vote on the Red Rock LLC Proposed Settlement Agreement due to lack of four-day lead time of agenda posting to January 13th at 8:00 a.m. This will be a standalone meeting to accommodate publication of date and time.

Heidi Goebel, Auditor, presented the 11.4.2025 City School Election total costs \$25,894.30 which equates to a \$29.00 per ballot cost. Motion to approve by Quastad, second by Schumacher. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board reviewed appointments to Emmet County Boards and Committees for 2026. Motion to approve the listing excluding the weed commissioner by Quastad, second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion carried. Glasnapp will hold discussion with the 2025 weed commissioner.

Motion by Schumacher to designate the Armstrong News, Ringsted Dispatch and Estherville News as the Emmet County official newspapers for 2026, second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion carried. The official website of the county is emmetcountya.gov

Motion by Pluth, second by Glasnapp for the mileage rate of 60 cents for 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Hansen to designate the following dates to pay claims for 2026: January 13, February 10, March 17, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 15, October 13, November 17, December 15. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 26-02 Naming Depositories per Iowa Code Section 12C for Emmet County Treasurer by Quastad, second by Glasnapp. Roll call vote: Schumacher-aye; Glasnapp-aye; Pluth-aye; Quastad-aye; Hansen-aye. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #2026-02 NAMING DEPOSITORIES AS PER IOWA CODE SECTION 12C

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Emmet County, Iowa, approves the following list of financial institutions to be depositories of the Emmet County funds in conformance with all applicable provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 12C.

The Emmet County Officers are hereby authorized to deposit the Emmet County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below:

Depository Name	Location	Maximum Balance under this Resolution
Treasurer:		
NorthStar Bank	Estherville	\$15,000,000.00
Bank Plus	Estherville	\$4,000,000.00
Northwest Bank	Estherville	\$5,000,000.00
IPAIT	Des Moines	\$5,500,000.00
Bank Midwest	Armstrong	\$5,000,000.00
Employees Credit Union	Estherville	\$1,000,000.00
Recorder:		
NorthStar Bank	Estherville	\$110,000.00
Sheriff:		
Employees Credit Union	Estherville	\$250,000.00

Whereupon, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of January, 2026.

CERTIFICATION. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Emmet County Board of Supervisors adopted at a meeting of said public body, duly called and held on the 2nd day of January, 2026, a quorum being present, as said resolution remains of record in the minutes of said meeting, and it is now in full force and effect.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2026. Lisa Hansen, Chair

Attest: Heidi Goebel, Board Clerk

Motion to adopt Resolution 26-03 Matrix-Construction Evaluation of Confinement Feeding Operation Structures as per Iowa Code Section 459.304(3) Quastad, second by Hansen. Roll call vote: Schumacher-aye; Glasnapp-aye; Pluth-aye; Quastad-aye; Hansen-aye. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #26-03 CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EMMET COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Lisa Hansen, Chair Attest: Heidi Goebel, Board Clerk

Motion to appropriate the remainder of partial department funding of the FY 2026 budget of \$3,834,115.by Pluth, second by Glasnapp. All ayes. Motion carried.

Auditor Goebel discussed county property valuations. Goebel also asked for guidance on budget percents for wages to give the department heads for budgeting.

County Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth, joined the meeting to present beginning of the year resolutions and policy statements.

Motion by Pluth, second by Quastad to adopt Resolution 26-04 Authorization of County Engineer Farm to Market and Federal and State Aid Construction Projects. Roll call vote: Schumacher-aye; Glasnapp-aye; Pluth-aye; Quastad-aye; Hansen-aye. Resolution adopted. Full text of the resolution can be found on website emmetcountya.gov or the Emmet County Auditor's Office.

Motion by Hansen, second by Schumacher to adopt Resolution 26-05 Title VI Policy Statement Compliance. Roll call vote: Schumacher-aye; Glasnapp-aye; Pluth-aye; Quastad-aye; Hansen-aye. Resolution adopted. Full text of the resolution can be found on website emmetcountya.gov or the Emmet County Auditor's Office.

Motion to approve the Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement with the Iowa DOT by Schumacher, second by Quastad. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manure Management Plan

Site	Owner	Site Number
Hoffman 1 Site	Chris Hoffman	#67655
Rush Creek Non-Stock Coop	Rush Creek Non-Stock Coop	#61255
Denmark 18	Summit Pork III, LLP	#71635

Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp to adjourn at 10:07 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Heidi Goebel, Auditor

Lisa Hansen, Chairman