

Approved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
February 17, 2026 at 08:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Media: Mike Tidemann, Ed Funston

Emmet County Employees present: Melanie Summers Bauler, Kayleen Farmer

Chairperson 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 from 2-10-2026, also approving them for publication. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to approve agenda by Pluth, second by Quastad. All ayes. Motion carried.

Committee updates: Quastad-Peterson Point; Hansen-Peterson Point; Conference Board meeting tonight.

Public forum: County department head meeting Wednesday Feb. 18 at 9 a.m.

Kayleen Farmer, Auditor's Assistant, presented the recap of the annual Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan meeting. IGHCP trust renewal 2.91%, Emmet County renewal 2.69%. Discussed advantages to being a member of a health insurance trust.

Cami Paulson, Bret Mace and Chase Paulson, representing the Emmet County Fair Board, joined the meeting to voice concerns about building roof needs. Paulson voiced liability concerns using volunteers to repair the roof on Eagle Lake Building. Pluth is working with someone to evaluate the supply costs and number of volunteers needed to repair the roof. Paulson requested a timely response back about use of volunteers to allow time to get on a hired contractors' schedule this spring. Paulson asked if there are plans for a new fairgrounds building. Pluth discussed a vision that has been discussed for years about a larger event space.

Melissa Lutat, with the Iowa State University Agricultural Extension, discussed limited space in their current building in Estherville. A building committee has been established to assess the Ag Extension's space needs with the funds available in the Ag Extension budget. Lutat discussed if a possibility of a remodel of the Estherville Building on the fairgrounds to accommodate the Ag Extension Office and programming space. Lutat shared a budget of \$250,000 for the remodel is feasible with their budget. Brian Rosburg and Lutat are present today from the Ag Extension Building Committee.

Motion by Quastad, second by Schumacher to adjourn at 9:48 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board adjourned to a budget work session.

Heidi Goebel, County Auditor

Lisa Hansen, Chairperson