**Approved** Minutes
Tax Rate Public Hearing
March 31, 2026 at 8:10 a.m.
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Media: Mike Tidemann, Ed Funston

County Employees present: Sheriff Schultes, Heidi Goebel, Melanie Summers Bauler

Vice-Chairperson Schumacher called the public hearing meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. All those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

No comments were received in the Auditor's Office to present to the Board of Supervisors.

Three members of the public attended the public hearing.

Discussion held on the postage cost of mailing the HF718 letters to each landowner in each taxing district. In 2025, the cost was $3700 and estimated cost in 2026 $4000 and explained how proposed property tax legislation is playing into these local tax rates. Inflation has hit the county just like everyone else through insurances, cost of large equipment.

Motion to close the public hearing by Quastad, second by Pluth. Roll call vote: Glasnapp-aye; Pluth-aye; Quastad-aye; Schumacher-aye. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn public hearing meeting by Pluth, second by Glasnapp at 8:31 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Unapproved** Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
March 31, 2026, at 08:32 a.m. scheduled. Actual start time a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Media: Ed Funston, Mike Tidemann

Emmet County Employees present: Heidi Goebel, Melanie Summers Bauler, Walter Davis-Oeth

Vice-Chair Schumacher, called the meeting to order at following the FY 27 tax rate public hearing at 8:32 a.m. Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp to approve the minutes of the last meeting 3.24.2026 also approving them for publication. Motion to approve the agenda by Pluth, second by Glasnapp. All Ayes, motion carried.

Committee updates: Quastad-IDDA (Iowa Drainage District Association) and ECCOG.

Public forum: Mike Tidemann attended the RSVP meeting. Auditor Goebel stated there will not be a Board Meeting on April 7th. The next meeting will be April 14th with monthly claims.

Motion to set the public hearing for the FY 2027 budget certification and adoption for April 21, 2026 at 9 a.m. by Quastad, second by Glasnapp. All ayes. Motion carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, presented a project that has been on the five-year construction plan for the last three years. Motion by Quastad to approve the Federal Aid Agreement for STBG Project STP-S-CO32(59)-5E-32, second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bridge by Dolliver award has been granted to Dixon previously by the Board. Project slated to start in April. An area near Tuttle Lake beaver dam in the culvert box, secondary roads will clear. A couple of other road ditch areas were discussed to have secondary roads repair/ clean.

Denise Ballard, with IGHCP (Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan), presented the FY27 Health Insurance renewal options for Emmet County at 2.69% or 4.21%. The 4.21% increase proposal shifted the $18,667 used in FY26 to fund dental premiums over to the health insurance partial self-funding. Motion to approve an increase of 4.21% from IGHCP to get an additional $18,667 to be added to the partial self-funding collected in FY27 by Quastad, second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to enter closed session at 10:03 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(c) by Glasnapp, second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to leave closed session at 10:45 a.m. by Quastad, second by Pluth. Roll call vote: Glasnapp-aye; Pluth-aye; Quastad-aye; Schumacher-aye. Motion carried.

No decisions made in closed session.

Discussion on upcoming meetings.

Manure Management Plans:

| Facility | Owner | Site |
|---|---|---|
| Section 24 Beef LLC | Section 24 Beef LLC | 65084 |
| JANS Farms Inc | Jeff Anderson | 57870 |
| LB Pork Mustang | LBH Partners | 65180 |
| Jack Creek | Mike Kollasch | 64637 |

Motion to adjourn at 10:52 a.m. by Quastad, second by Glasnapp. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Heidi Goebel, Emmet County Auditor Tim Schumacher, Vice-Chair