Approved Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes
September 1, 2026 at 08:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

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

Media: Amy Peterson, Ed Funston

Emmet County Employees present: Melanie Summers-Bauler, Kathy Johnson, Brittany Olson, 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 the meeting 8.25.2026, also approving them for publication. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to approve agenda by Pluth, second by Quastad. All Ayes, motion carried.

Committee updates: Hansen and Quastad-Tiny Treasures donor recognition open house; Quastad-Central Iowa Juvenile Detention sent a new 28E Agreement but we have joined with YES Center, communication will occur back to Central Iowa Detention; Schumacher-RIDES; Quastad-ECCOG; Pluth and Quastad-Board of Adjustment.

Public forum: Kathy Johnson, Public Health Director, introduced the new public health nurse, Brittany Olson.

Goebel added to last week's discussion on her appointment to the U.S. Election Assistance Committee that all travel expenses for committee meetings are covered by the federal government.

Goebel stated the Iowa Secretary of State's Office has certified all state and federal candidates for the general election to her. Ballot creation is in process. North Union Schools will have a $12 million GO Bond Public Measure and there will be a statewide constitutional amendment.

Goebel let the Board know that Tiny Treasures Day Care paid in full the economic development loan that was issued in June 2023 for $15,000. This leaves one economic development loan with Armstrong Golf Course.

Steve Hallgren, Emmet County Zoning Director, updated the Supervisors on the variance permit from the Board of Adjustment. The landowner found a cabin outside of Emmet County to move onto the property. This will require a conditional use permit.

Hallgren introduced a new sign permit application to the Board. Hallgren also proposed new applications for the following: Zoning compliance permit, variance application, and request for rezoning application. Also, a new permit fee resolution will be brought before the Board to set fees for these applications. Next week's agenda will have the new permits and fee resolution for consideration.

Auditor Goebel discussed the need to assign more LOSST funds to pay for the courthouse addition. The board had approved $250,000 on June 16, 2026. Emmet County has spent $225,858.54 of that money on monthly payments and the landscaping project. The last billing statement from Christensen Construction shows $143,771.50. Board paused to join the joint drainage meeting.

DRAINAGE: At 9:30, the Board entered a joint drainage district meeting with Clay and Dickinson County for the ECD #61 project bid. Bids from McCarty Custom $234,142.50; Diamond Concrete $540,050.82; Cory Juergens Construction $721,866.50; Bainbridge Construction $1,095,578.01 and Hulstein Excavating $1,202,035.50. John Hight, PE, Beck Engineering presented the bids. Motion by Clark (Dickinson), second by Quastad (Emmet) to accept the bid from McCarty Custom $234,142.50. Emmet -all ayes; Clay-all ayes; Dickinson-all ayes. Motion approved.

Motion to allocate $175,000 of LOSST funds to complete final payments on the courthouse addition by Quastad, second by Pluth. All ayes (minus Schumacher). Motion carried. Goebel will review payments on addition thus far.

Motion by Quastad, second by Glasnapp to continue the Builder's Risk Insurance policy for one more year. All ayes. Motion carried.

Final list of courthouse addition items to complete. Supervisors Hansen, Pluth and Quastad, Tom Egeland and Trevor Duckett walked the courthouse addition August 25 to make a final finishing list for the addition. Board reviewed the list to present to Christensen Construction.

Joint drainage claim for ECD #61 to The Daily Reporter for $34.20. Motion to approve by Quastad, second by Pluth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Manure Management Plans:

Facility	Owner	Site #
Schnell Laverne	Laverne Schnell	59017
E Hawk One	Mark Neppel	59815
Neppel Finisher	Mark Neppel	58398
Boyer James	James Boyer	58213
Boyer James	James Boyer	62465
West Swan Swine Care	West Swan Swine Care	69123
PI 298 Finisher	Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC	65437

Quastad recapped the Twelve Mile Lake Iowa DNR meeting held at the Wallingford Community Center. Drainage District ED#3 is a neighbor to Twelve Mile Lake. A question of whether an outside attorney should be hired to find out if the Iowa DNR has the right to drain Twelve Mile Lake. Goebel stated that a joint meeting with Dickinson County supervisors would be appropriate as this is a joint drainage district. Goebel will try to schedule with Dickinson County during next week's meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Pluth, second by Quastad at 10:35 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Heidi Goebel, County Auditor Lisa Hansen, Chairman