



Emmet County News Release

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County Officials Seek to Fill Open Committee Seats

Local governments are always seeking the assistance of their residents to provide community input and direction on various boards and committees. Emmet County residents interested in participating in local government might consider applying to fill one of the committee positions currently vacant. Most boards and committees provide for a small amount of compensation in the form of a per diem and/or mileage.

County officials are seeking qualified applicants to fill one opening on the Department of Health and Human Services Board. The DHHS board's purpose is to facilitate grant applications and oversee other issues related to Bay Bluffs Medical Facility. The board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. with members appointed for three-year terms.

There is also an opening on the Emmet County Road Commission that county commissioners are hoping to fill for a term that starts in January 2021. Road commission meetings are held as needed with members serving six-year staggered terms.

One longtime member of the Emmet County Historical Commission has decided to step down, leaving one vacancy for a qualified applicant. The Historical Commission meets six times a year and focuses on preserving, protecting, and promoting historical interests in Emmet County. Up to three members of the commission may reside outside of the county, and with all current members living in Emmet County, the vacancy could be filled by an out-of-county resident who has an interest in the county's history.

The Construction Resource Committee is also still in need of a plumbing contractor to fill a position on its board. The contractor does not have to live in Emmet County, but must perform work in the county. The committee is led by the Emmet County Building Official along with members of the building trades including mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and building construction, serving three-year terms. The committee assists and reviews hiring practices, helps open lines of communication between Emmet County officials and residents, helps determine how the Building Department can better address the concerns of the public, and determines how the county building codes are enforced.

Throughout the year, the Board of Commissioners makes appointments to the various boards and committees. There may be one or more appointments each year to these groups and applications stay on file for two years. To see a full listing of these committees and to download an application, please go to www.emmetcounty.org/standing-committees/.

For more information about any of the committee openings, please contact Emmet County Clerk Suzanne Kanine at (231) 348-1744 or email skanine@emmetcounty.org.