

Courthouse
Emmetsburg Iowa
November 17th, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Craig Merrill, Chair; Linus Solberg, Ron Graettinger, Keith Wirtz and Ed Noonan. Present: Robin Jamison, Co. Treasurer; Peter Hart, Co. Attorney.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Noonan, Wirtz, Graettinger, Solberg, Merrill. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the agenda for November 17th, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve the minutes of November 10th, 2015. Motion carried.

Maureen Sandberg, CPC, met with the Board. Maureen discussed with the Board hiring for the general assistance/mental health position. Maureen explained the process for county funeral situations. The Board is considering contracting with Upper Des Moines for the general assistance position and will need to designate a person for that position. Maureen informed the Board that a new mental health advocate was hired for the region.

Mike Brown met with the Board to discuss the proposed wind farm in Palo Alto County. Present: Joe Neary, Zoning; Ruth Brown, Dean Gunderson; Denny Meyer, Tony Meyer & Chad Meyer with Steier Ag Aviation. Mike Brown addressed the Board with questions and general comments regarding the proposed wind farm in Palo Alto County. Tony Meyer with Steier Ag Aviation addressed concerns regarding wind turbines. The Planning & Zoning Commission will meet with the Board of Supervisors on November 24th, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the draft wind energy device ordinance for Palo Alto County.

Joe Neary met with the Board and gave update on recycling.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Solberg to appoint Aletha King to the Palo Alto County Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve the Household Hazardous Waste Regional Collection Center Satellite Services Agreement with the City of Spencer. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Noonan to offer Shamrock Recycling 16.5 cents per capita based on 4,644 population (county population less West Bend, Emmetsburg, Cylinder population) for \$766 for processing recycling fee and \$1,234 for can redemption per month pending approval of Solid Waste Commission. Ayes: Noonan, Wirtz, Graettinger, Merrill. Abstain: Solberg. Motion Carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Noonan to approve a partial acquisition contract with Jeff Stillman for an additional 12' of ROW for \$3,883.15. Motion Carried.

The following bids were received for the 2015-2016 fuel bid letting. Maxyield \$414,741.42; Ruthven Coop Oil. Co. \$412,236.42; Pro Coop \$414,999.42; The Andersons \$415,629.42.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve fuel contract with Ruthven Coop Oil Co. from 12-1-2015 to 12-1-2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Graettinger to approve hiring of Bryan Long at \$18.39/hour per union contract as Ruthven equipment operator/laborer effective December 1, 2015. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Noonan to approve hiring of Chase Soenen at \$18.39/hour per union contract as Ayrshire equipment operator/laborer effective December 1, 2015. Motion Carried.

Committee reports were given by the following: Ed Noonan: IDDA meeting; Keith Wirtz: Early Childhood.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Craig Merrill, Chair

Carmen Moser, County Auditor