

Courthouse
Emmetsburg Iowa
December 1st, 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: Peter Hart, County 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 Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to change the agenda for December 1st, 2015, to include discussion of beaver trapping policy. Motion carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Noonan to approve the minutes of November 24th, 2015. Motion carried.

Mike Brown & Dean Gunderson met with the Board to follow up on a speaker to facilitate the public informational meeting with landowners and tenants on proposed wind turbines. The meeting is set for Tuesday, December 8th, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the VFW.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Noonan to change life/disability insurance to Standard, dental insurance to MetLife, and COBRA Administration to Taben Group all effective January 1, 2016, with the same benefits as the current plan. Motion Carried.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board and presented letters of resignation from Jeanelle Stokes and Debra Quamme who are both taking early retirement effective December 31, 2015. Robin requested approval of hiring Lindsay Frambach to fill the fulltime position in the Treasurer's Office and Jeanelle Stokes to fill a part time position.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve hiring Jeanelle Stokes for the part time position at \$19.26/hour effective January 4th, 2016 and to approve hiring Lindsay Frambach for the full time position at \$31,000 starting salary effective January 4th, 2016, in the Treasurer's Office. Motion Carried.

Maureen Sandberg, CPC, met with the Board. The Board received copies of Maureen's letter for notice of retirement effective December 31, 2015. The Board discussed processing of substance abuse claims. Maureen will work with the Auditor's Office to train someone for processing of substance abuse claims.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to appoint Don Bruch as Freedom Township Trustee to fill unexpired term through December 2016. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed paying for bounty on beaver not trapped in drainage districts. Peter Hart, County Attorney, will draft changes to the bounty on beaver trapping policy to allow for paying bounty on beaver trapped in waterways outside of drainage districts and payment will come from the general fund. The drainage districts will continue to pay for bounty on beavers trapped in the districts.

Committee reports were given by the following: Graettinger- Upper Des Moines & Mental Health Region.

Joe Neary met with the Board to discuss update on recycling. The Solid Waste Commission and Mike Flannegan will meet with the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, December 8th, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. in the Boardroom.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board of Supervisors met as Trustees of Drainage District 48 Lateral 3 Tile Annexation Hearing. Present: Rick Hopper, P.E., Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc.; Amber Enger, Auditor's Office; Peter Hart, County Attorney. Landowners present: William Ulrich, William Lindgren, Fred Wirtz Jr., Irene Blair, Eli Wirtz, Nathan Deters.

Rick Hopper presented the annexation report for Drainage District 48 Lateral 3 Tile. A total of 161.83 acres of land is currently inside the watershed boundary of Lateral 3 of Drainage District 48 but has not been paying any of the costs related to Lateral 3. Rick recommended annexation of 161.83 acres of land into Drainage District Lateral 3 Tile.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the annexation report for Drainage District 48 Lateral 3 Tile. Motion Carried.

The Board received copies for a request of voluntary annexation of the entire SE ¼ of Section 3, Ellington Township filed by Fred Wirtz, Jr. Fred was present and explained the request for voluntary annexation. Rick will review and file a report for the voluntary annexation.

At 10:30 a.m., the Board of Supervisors met as Trustees of Drainage District 48 Lateral 3 Tile for Hearing on Proposed Improvements. Present: Rick Hopper, P.E., Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc.; Amber Enger, Auditor's Office; Peter Hart, County Attorney. Landowners present: William Ulrich, William Lindgren, Fred Wirtz Jr., Irene Blair, Eli Wirtz, Nathan Deters.

Rick Hopper presented the preliminary engineering report for Drainage District 48 Lateral 3 & 3A Tile. Rick stated that improvements are for the Lateral 3 and Lateral 3D not Lateral 3A. The quantities are similar and will not change the estimates. The proposed improvements are as follows:

½ "drainage coefficient \$419,040
Average cost per acre: \$694.93
1" drainage coefficient \$530,982.20
Average cost per acre: \$880.57

One objection was on file from Fred G. & Shirley A. Leuer.

Rick recommended taking bids in January or February for both the ½" and 1" drainage coefficient and for both concrete and plastic pipe.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to approve the preliminary engineering report as a tentative plan for Drainage District 48 Lateral 3 Tile & 3D. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to overrule the objection filed by Fred & Shirley Leuer. Motion Carried.

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

Craig Merrill, Chair

Carmen Moser, County Auditor