

Courthouse
Emmetsburg Iowa
August 25th, 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.

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 Graettinger to approve the agenda for August 25th, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve the minutes of August 11th, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to approve a claim to Valley Contracting Inc for \$895.00 for repairs to Drainage District No. 159. Motion Carried.

Maureen Sandberg, CPC, met with the Board for approval of the Homeward Housing Trust fund grant application. Ron Graettinger gave committee report on Northwest Iowa Care Connections Governance Board meeting he attended.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Graettinger to approve letter of support for Homeward Housing Trust fund grant application & to continue support of Homeward Housing Trust. Motion Carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter updated the Board on personnel issues and discussed road issues with the Board. Ron Soenen has given letter of resignation for retirement.

Mike Kollasch and Adam Sullivan met with the Board to address concerns on 400th Street and request regrading of 400th Street. Mark Steier filed a letter with concerns also about 400th Street. Walter will review 400th Street.

Joe Neary, Zoning Administrator, and Dee Hiney, Iowa Lakes Community College, met with the Board. The Planning & Zoning Commission met on August 17th, 2015, and recommended approval of a conditional use permit for Iowa Lakes Community College to construct a wind turbine on the college farm located at 4143 360th Street, Emmetsburg, Iowa.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve a conditional use permit for Iowa Lakes Community College to construct a wind turbine in Section 17 of Emmetsburg Township. Motion Carried.

Mike Flannegan, Shamrock Recycling Inc, met with the Board to discuss the acceptance of recyclables or processing due to the closing of Horizon's Unlimited. Mike is considering to expand his current facility or to build a new building and hire 3 additional employees. Mike gave a proposal for a five-year commitment of a per capita fee for Palo Alto County residents. The Board informed Mike to contact the Horizon's Board to meet with them to discuss options for their building. The Solid Waste Task Force will have a meeting in early September to discuss recycling for Palo Alto County.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board of Supervisors held a continued hearing on improvements to Drainage District No. 64. Present: Jim Hobart, Larry Hoffman, Bruce Nelson, Richard Nelson, Edmund Herke, E. Gary Frink, Gary Headley, Ron Hoffman, Jim & Diane Nelson, Jim Stillman, Dean Simonson, Craig Brownlee, Jeff Stillman, Wade Lundgren, Lisa Siebrecht, Neil Ankeny; Jeremy Thilges & Dean Gronemeyer, USDA; Walter Davis-Oeth & Justin Williams, Co. Engineer's Office; Amber Enger, Auditor's Office; Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc, Inc.

Rick explained to the landowners the letter that was sent out regarding acres in the watershed of the district but land that was currently being assessed. Rick reviewed the preliminary engineering report explaining the costs associated with it. The total estimated cost of the project for 1" drainage coefficient is \$1,341,115.00. The average cost per acre is \$462.45.

The following landowners filed objections to the proposed improvements for Drainage District No. 64. D. Dwight Ankeny Trust by Neil Ankeny, trustee; M. Agnes Ankeny; Phyllis Schroeder; Dean Simonsen; Wayne Brown & Barbara Brown Living Trust by Wayne John Edward Brown, trustee; First United Methodist Church of Emmetsburg by Troy Strohman; Elmer Gary Frink; Daniel Frink; Sue Frink Metcalf; Herke Farms by Edmund Herke; Hobart Farms Inc, by Jim Hobart; Brian & Melanie Hoffman; Ronald & Marge Hoffman; Larry & Elaine Hoffman; Albert H. Oxley; John Reichert; Mark & Connie Schroeder; Louise Wikert Smith; Julianne Strohman; GMT Farms, by George M. Tonderum; David Tonderum; Kathleen Lushinsky; Adair A. Simmons; Merrill Barlow; Layton Gardner Trust, Julie Ann Gardner Treloar, trustee; Judith F. Campagna; William Mekemson, Trustee of Mekemson, O'Morrow, Agar Trust, by Attorney Andy Lemmenes; James L. Stillman; Verona Stillman Estate, Philip R. Stillman, Executor; S.J. Brownlee Farms Inc, Craig Brownlee, Pres.; Leo H. Brownlee Farms Inc, Craig Brownlee, Agt.; Kathryn Spies Trust, Craig Brownlee, Trustee; Joe W. Joyce.

Objections filed by a majority of the landowners in the district owning seventy percent or more of the lands assessed qualifies for dismissal on remonstrance under Iowa Code Section 468.28. There were 33 landowners objecting that own 74.5% of the land in Drainage District 64. Remonstrance was met for the tile improvements to Drainage District 64.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to close the hearing on Drainage District No. 64. Motion Carried.

Landowners in Drainage District 64 requested to discuss with the Board what other options they have. Landowners have the option to improve their drainage privately or to file a new petition to start the process over. Rick Hopper presented a cost estimate for a shortened tile project which included improvement from the lake to approximately the center of Section 31. The estimated total district cost was \$813,400.00. The average cost per acre was \$280.48 per acre.

Jeremy Thilges, USDA, suggested to treat the water before it gets to the lake. A sediment basin will help with water quality and help with mitigation of acres needed in other districts. The consensus of the group was to look at something. Discussion came to a close at 10:47 a.m.

Kim Wilson, Northwest Iowa Care Connections Director, met with the Board to give an update on regional mental health. Kim presented NWIACC fiscal agent cash and outstanding report for 8/20/2015.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Noonan to approve Palo Alto County Emergency Plan. Motion Carried.

Committee reports were given as follows: Noonan- RIDES & Central Iowa Detention Center; Wirtz – Grotto Board & Early Childhood; Merrill – Economic Development. Carmen Moser, Auditor, gave copies of the FY2015 Annual Financial Report to the Board.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Noonan to cancel the Board meeting for September 1, 2015. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve county claims & drainage claims for August 25th, 2015. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

BLUE LAKE WEBSITES ANITRA LARS	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	303.70
Bohl's Small Engine & Marine	Shop Equipment	137.24
Bomgaars	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	191.40
CAPSAN	Custodial Supplies	335.60
Central Ia Juv Detention Ctr	Foster Family Home	229.67
Terry Chamberlain	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	257.00
CHIEF SUPPLY CORP.	Educational/Training Serv	1084.05
Christians Sheet Metal	Buildings	87.50
Counsel Office & Document	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	12.80
Creative Stitches	Conservation Board	10.00
E-Pride	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	12.80
Electronic Specialties	Minor MV Parts & Access	276.30
Emmetsburg Ford	Motor Vehicle	978.51
E.M.U.	utilities	988.41
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	116.20
EMS Auto	Minor MV Parts & Access	28.59
Farm & Home Publishers	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	555.60

G T Enterprises	Board Proceedings	1264.00
Gator Plumbing&Drain Cleaning	Land	11000.00
Hardware Hank	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	78.43
Harris Sanitation	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	300.00
Peter C Hart	Employee Mileage & Subs.	27.00
Henry-Olson Funeral Homes	Medical & Health Services	500.00
Ia Dept of Public Safety	Contract Carriers	1242.00
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	Engineering Services	700.00
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	6308.38
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Water & Sewer	403.16
NICK JACKSON	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	45.00
Robin Jamison	Employee Mileage & Subs.	225.50
JCL Solutions	Custodial Supplies	294.14
Jeralds Tree Service	Park Maintenance & Suppli	321.00
Koenig Portable Toilets	Water & Sewer	450.00
L 3 COMMUNICATIONS	Minor MV Parts & Access	410.00
Lakeland E-Z Stoppe	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	6.73
McNally Abstract Co	Planning/Mngmnt Consultan	180.00
MEDIACOM LLC	internet	126.64
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	2791.36
MATT MOLINA	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	60.00
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	79.95
O'Brien Co Cons Board	Magazines,Period.& Books	5.00
Office Systems Company	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	230.99
Palo Alto Co Attorney	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	50.00
Palo Alto Co Comm Health Ser	Board of Health	16962.21
Palo Alto Co Health System	Educational/Training Serv	3831.00
Palo Alto County Treasurer	Misc Expense	25.00
POCAHONTAS CO SHERIFF	Official Pub & Legal Noti	33.50
QUALITY TIRE & SERVICE LLC	Tires & Tubes	312.00
Quick Supply Co	Fertilizer & Seed	409.00
Quill Corporation	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	73.98
Reserve Account	Postage & Mailing	150.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Telecommunications Serv.-	262.80
Schumacher Elevator Company	Fixed Plant Equipment	227.98
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION	Contract Carriers	4150.00
SLASH POINT SALES	Office Equip & Furniture	79.00
Solutions Inc.	services	1336.20
Spencer Trophy & Awards	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	35.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	Engineering Services	87.50
Thomson Reuters West Payment C	Legal Research Service	368.90
TIME KEEPING SYSTEMS,INC	Audio/Visual Supplies	295.00
VISA	Postage & Mailing	1787.73
Western Iowa Tourism Region	Misc Expense	500.00
Wickman Auto Salvage	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	200.00
Windstream	phone	590.76
Ziegler Inc	Contract Carriers	1014.45
<u>General Supplemental Fund</u>		
E.M.U.	utilities	33.88
ISACA TREASURER	Educational/Training Serv	35.00
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	100.51
<u>MH-DD Services Fund</u>		
NORTHWEST IOWA CARE CONN.	Co. Disb. to MHDS Reg. Fi	15998.00
<u>Rural Services Basic Fund</u>		
Horizons Unlimited	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	2166.83
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	125.98
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	382.37
Randy's Repair	Motor Vehicle Equipment	320.00
City of Spencer	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	23822.28
Windstream	phone	106.21
<u>Secondary Road Fund</u>		
Advanced Systems	Engineering Services	340.68
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	100.08
Arnold Motor Supply ATT: Sue	Engineering Services	182.00
City of Ayrshire	Engineering Services	29.00
Blacktop Service	Engineering Services	5500.00
Building Center	Engineering Services	42.28
Class C Solutions Group	Engineering Services	522.02

Don's Truck Sales Inc	Engineering Services	176.78
Elbert Chevrolet Inc.	Engineering Services	110.41
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	387.97
City of Emmetsburg	Engineering Services	53.00
E.M.U.	Engineering Services	89.10
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Engineering Services	191.58
EMS Auto	Engineering Services	89.36
Force America Distributing,LLC	Engineering Services	1740.00
Fox International, Inc.	Engineering Services	975.22
G T Enterprises	Engineering Services	132.00
G&K Services	Engineering Services	84.00
Goodwin Law Office	Engineering Services	3056.08
Great Lakes Concrete	Engineering Services	32411.25
Hiway Truck Equipment	Engineering Services	138.46
Hy-Capacity, Inc.	Engineering Services	153.10
I Wireless	Cell phone for GPS Equipm	86.70
J.B. Mertz & Sons Inc	Engineering Services	2019.51
Jack's OK Tire	Engineering Services	605.42
John Deere Financial	Engineering Services	65.70
Kirkham Michael	Engineering Services	2510.04
Maxyfield Cooperative	Engineering Services	422.75
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	277.98
Midstates Equipment	Engineering Services	4140.20
Monroe Systems	Engineering Services	57.02
Palo Alto County Treasurer	Engineering Services	45827.49
Pro Cooperative	Engineering Services	18315.18
Road Machinery & Supplies Co	Engineering Services	598.20
Rogers Tire Service, L.C.	Engineering Services	45.00
SLASH POINT SALES	Engineering Services	68.00
Staples Credit Plan	Engineering Services	239.79
Syn-Tech Systems	Engineering Services	228.50
<u>Emergency Mgmnt Agency</u>		
Hardware Hank	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	9.98
The Cartridge Connection, Inc.	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	147.80
<u>E911 Surcharge Fund</u>		
Century Link	Engineering Services	394.60
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	499.68
Verizon	phone service	3.55
Windstream	phone	271.87
WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS ATTE	phone	131.54

Drainage Claims

Abel Drainage & Excavating	DD 14 Repair	\$268.75
Bolton & Menk Inc	DD S 15 Eng Exp	\$9,170.00
Bolton & Menk Inc	DD 28 Eng Exp	\$6,710.50
Greg Cundiff	Tri Jt 73 Beaver Tails	\$200.00
Bolton & Menk Inc	DD 175 Eng Exp	\$242.50

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

Craig Merrill, Chair

Carmen Moser, County Auditor