

Courthouse
Emmetsburg Iowa
September 15th, 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 Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve the agenda for September 15th, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Solberg to approve the minutes of September 8th, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Noonan to approve the minutes of September 11th, 2015. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve the County Recorder's monthly report for August 2015. Motion Carried.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss future hiring in the Treasurer's Office. Jamison informed the Board of one employee to retire on December 31, 2015. Jamison will advertise for the position and start a new person in November to begin training.

Chris Towell, Assistant to County Engineer, met with the Board.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve a partial acquisition contract with Wirtz Farm Partnership LP for project on county road B55. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Graettinger to approve a partial acquisition contract with Verdon Acres, LLLP for project on county road B55. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve underground utility permit application for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Booth Township, Section 1 & 12. Motion Carried.

Don Reefer, B & W Control Specialists, Inc., presented quotes to the Board for tree and brush control on drainage districts in Palo Alto County. Drainage Districts will be billed for time & materials used and will not exceed amount quoted. Spraying will take place in the fall.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve quotes for tree and brush control on open drainage ditches in Palo Alto County. Motion Carried. List on file at Auditor's Office.

The Board discussed appointment to the Civil Service Commission. Applications were received from Terry Klooster and Mary Hilfiker. Lorrie McNally resignation was received on July 20, 2015. Peter Hart, County Attorney, reviewed with the Board Iowa Code Section 341A.2 Civil Service Commission and Iowa Code Section 69.16A Gender Balance.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Solberg to appoint Terry Klooster to Civil Service Commission. Ayes: Noonan, Wirtz, Solberg, Merrill. Nays: Graettinger. Motion Carried.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board of Supervisors held a continued hearing on Drainage District 7 Lateral 2 Tile. Present: Sharon Chism, Ron Hoffman, Neal Williamson, Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc. Inc., Amber Enger, Auditor's Office.

Rick gave an update on the permanent wetland on Iowa Lakes Community College farm. The following landowners filed a request that the district drainage tile located in the NE1/4 of Section 17, Emmetsburg Township be repaired with a drainage tile that is the same size as the existing district drainage tile and not a larger district tile: Joe Joyce by Pat Joyce, Pat Joyce, Bill Brattmiller Family Trust by Sharon Brattmiller Chism, Ron Hoffman.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to direct Rick Hopper, Engineer, to get quotes for an 18" and 30" tile to replace the existing Drainage District 7 Lateral 2 Tile. Motion Carried. The Board will hold an informal hearing with the landowners in the future to review the quotes.

Committee reports were given by the following Board members. Solberg: solid waste/recycling update; Solberg & Merrill: economic development meeting. A letter of support will be signed next week for the Unity Lutheran Ministries Food Pantry in Graettinger.

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

Craig Merrill, Chair

Carmen Moser, County Auditor