

Courthouse
Emmetsburg Iowa
January 19th, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Linus Solberg, Chair; Keith Wirtz, Ron Graettinger, Ed Noonan, and Craig Merrill. Present: Peter Hart, County Attorney; Sue Ruppert, County Recorder; Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Stephanie Hudson, Attorney's Office; Sheri Freeman, Auditor's Office.

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

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Noonan to approve agenda for January 19th, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve minutes for January 12th, 2016. Motion Carried.

Peter Hart, County Attorney, met with the Board to present the County Attorney's proposed budget for FY16-17.

Sue Ruppert, County Recorder, met with the Board to present the County Recorder's proposed budget for FY16-17.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, presented to the Board a draft certification of taxes for FY16-17 and 3 prior year actual certification of taxes. Carmen also discussed with the Board the long term debt schedule for FY16-17 showing the principle and interest payments due on the bonds.

Cinda Joynt Turner and Jamey Whitney, Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc., met with the Board to review services provided to county residents and to request funding for the FY16-17 budget. They requested \$18,000 for FY16/17 which is the same amount as the current fiscal year.

Jay Clasing met with Board of Supervisors to discuss proposed wind farms in Palo Alto County. Present: Bob Jacobson, Joe Neary, Dean Gunderson, Dennis Meyer, Joe Larson, Roger Williamson, Terry Pellman, Robin Jamison, David Weber, Lynn Schultes, Deb Rouse, Kelly Ney, Craig Thu, Phil Geelan, Mike Brown, Ron Hoffman, Ray Grandstaff, Craig Henningsen, Janice Henningsen, Mark Storr, Tyler Clasing, Jay Clasing.

Jay Clasing presented a packet of information to the Board of Supervisors for them to review. Mark Storr spoke about plant diseases and insects that have caused famines and changes in societies throughout the course of history. Kelly Ney of Primghar, Iowa, spoke about his experiences from dealing with a windmill farm in O'Brien County. Jay Clasing addressed concerns about the protection of the rights of landowners who choose not to sign easements for the windmills.

Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, Inc., met with the Board of Supervisors to file the report of repairs on Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to accept the engineer's report for Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch and set a hearing date for March 1st, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. at the Election Center. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Craig Merrill-NRCS meeting.

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

LJ Solberg, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor