

Courthouse
Emmetsburg Iowa
January 4th, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met on January 4th, 2016, the first working day of the Calendar Year to approve all resolutions and appointments for the 2016 year. Supervisors present: Keith Wirtz, Ed Noonan, Linus Solberg, Ron Graettinger, and Craig Merrill.

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 Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve agenda for January 4th, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve minutes for December 22nd, 2015. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to nominate Linus Solberg as Chairman for 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to cease nominations for Chairman. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Noonan to nominate Keith Wirtz as Chair Pro-Tem for the 2016 year. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to cease nominations for Chair Pro-Tem. Motion Carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board and presented Resolutions for calendar year 2016 and requested approval for hiring the equipment operator at the Cylinder shed.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Noonan to introduce and approve the following Resolution 1-4-2016 (A). Ayes: Noonan, Wirtz, Graettinger, Solberg, Merrill. Resolution Passed.

**RIGHT OF WAY ASSURANCE STATEMENT
1-4-2016 (A)**

County of Palo Alto

To comply with the provisions of the 1970 Uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition Policies Act, as amended by Title IV of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987, the Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto furnishes the following:

Assurances to the Iowa Department of Transportation.

1. It is the policy of the Palo Alto County to acquire right of way in accord with Title III of said 1970 Act, as amended by Title IV of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987, and applicable state laws.
2. It is the policy of the Palo Alto County to provide relocation assistance benefits in accord with Title II of said 1970 Act, as amended by Title IV, and applicable state laws.

3. The above named county will contact the Iowa Department of Transportation for assistance as needed to assure compliance with applicable laws which are summarized in the instructions entitled "Uniform Manual, Real Property Acquisition and Relocation Assistance."

Jan 4, 2016
Date Approved

/s/ LJ Solberg
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to introduce and approve the following Resolution 1-4-2016 (B). Ayes: Noonan, Wirtz, Graettinger, Merrill, Solberg. Resolution Passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-4-2016 (B)

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO CLOSE ANY SECONDARY ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES OR CONSTRUCTION DURING 2016

WHEREAS: The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors is concerned about tort Liability involved during construction and maintenance of the Secondary Road System, and

WHEREAS: They are further interested in accommodations for the traveling public, adjacent landowners, and related users during construction maintenance operations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors on this 4th day of January 2016, that the Palo Alto County Engineer is hereby authorized to temporarily close sections of highway in Palo Alto County's road system when necessary because of construction, maintenance, or natural disaster.

PALO ALTO COUNTY
Board of Supervisors

/s/ LJ Solberg
/s/ Keith Wirtz
/s/ Ron Graettinger
/s/ Ed Noonan
/s/ Craig Merrill

Recommended:
/s/ Walter Davis Oeth
Palo Alto County Engineer

Attest:
/s/ Carmen Moser
Palo Alto County Auditor

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to introduce & approve Resolution 1-4-2016 (C). Ayes: Noonan, Wirtz, Graettinger, Solberg, Merrill. Resolution Passed.

**RESOLUTION
1-4-2016 (C)**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, Iowa, that

Walter Davis-Oeth, P.E., the County Engineer of Palo Alto County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications in connection with all Farm-to-Market and Federal or State aid construction projects in this county.

Dated at Palo Alto County, Emmetsburg, Iowa, this 4th of January 2016.

Board of Supervisors
Palo Alto County, Iowa

/s/ LJ Solberg

/s/ Keith Wirtz

/s/ Ron Graettinger

/s/ Ed Noonan

/s/ Craig Merrill

ATTEST:

By /s/ Carmen Moser, County Auditor

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to approve hiring Matt Fandel at \$18.39/hour per union contract as equipment operator at the Cylinder shed. Motion Carried.

Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff, met with the Board to request hiring an additional full time dispatcher at the Communications Center. Lynn discussed with the Board the request he made to the City of Emmetsburg and the City of West Bend for additional funds for the communications center.

Motion by Graettinger to hire a full time dispatcher. Motion died for lack of second. The Board tabled till next week.

Don Etlar, P.E., Bolton & Menk, met with the Board to file Drainage District 175 annexation report. Don discussed with the Board a letter received from FEMA regarding the first appeal. Don will prepare a letter for the FEMA appeal.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to set an informal meeting for March 1st, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at the Election Center for Drainage District 175. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, and seconded by Wirtz to introduce and approve the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION 1-4-2016 (D)

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, Iowa, that they do hereby designate the following banks to be depositories and the Elected Officials named below shall deposit funds in the amounts not to exceed the amounts named opposite each of said designated depositories and said Officials are hereby authorized to deposit the funds in each bank as follows:

Iowa Trust & Savings	Sue Ruppert, Recorder	\$100,000
Iowa Trust & Savings	Lynn Schultes, Sheriff	\$300,000

Resolution Carried with all Supervisors voting "Aye" in a roll call vote.

Motion was made by Graettinger and seconded by Merrill to introduce and approve the following resolution.

Resolution 1-4-2016 (E)

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, Iowa that they do hereby designate the following banks to be depositories for the County Treasurer's Funds in the amounts not to exceed that amount named opposite each designated bank or depository and the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit County Funds in the amounts not to exceed aggregate amounts named for said banks or depositories as follows:

Wells Fargo	Emmetsburg Iowa	\$15,000,000
Iowa Trust & Savings	Emmetsburg Iowa	\$20,000,000
Laurens State Bank	Emmetsburg Iowa	\$15,000,000

Resolution Carried. With All Supervisors voting "Aye" in a roll call vote.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to appoint Tim McCain as Palo Alto County Tax Agent for the 2016 year. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, and seconded by Wirtz to designate the combined Emmetsburg Democrat and Reporter, the combined Graettinger Times, The Ruthven Zipcode and West Bend Journal as the two Official Newspapers for the 2016 year. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Graettinger and seconded by Merrill to inform Township Trustees and Clerks that while engaged in Official County Business, they shall be compensated \$10.00 per hr. plus mileage, however the minimum daily pay for attending a scheduled meeting shall be \$20.00 per meeting. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Wirtz and seconded by Noonan to appoint the following persons to serve as members of the Compensation Commission for the Eminent Domain cases for the 2016 year. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS PERSONS

Ted Wentzel 801 Palmer St. Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-3503
John Spies 302 Lakeshore Drive, Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-4023
JoAnn Schoning 203 South Cedar, Graettinger, Iowa	712-859-3918
Wm. S. Brown 4577 280 th St. Graettinger, Iowa	712-859-3880
Jeff Treveer 1208 South St. Box 264, Ayrshire, Iowa	712-426-2202
Joe Noonan, 42125 360 th Ave, Ruthven, Iowa	712-298-1504
Mike Gehrt 803 Micawber St. Mallard, Iowa	712-425-3560
Ron Larson 707 Inman St. Mallaard, Iowa	712-425-3364

FARMERS

Ray Brown 5612 475 th St. West Bend, Iowa	515-887-4054
Gerald Thatcher 407 4 th St. West Bend, Iowa	515-887-5959
Fred Schmidt, 4169 580 th Ave, Whittemore, Iowa	515-884-2549
Dan Chism, 4791 380 th St, Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-2840
Kathy Cramer 4283 440 th St. Curlew, Iowa	712-855-2874
Jerome Kuyper 5728 500 th St. West Bend, Iowa	515-887-3457
Craig Thu, 102 Ford Rd, Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-415-1072

CITY AND TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS

Chad Clausen, 4957 490 th Ave, Mallard, Iowa	712-298-2359
Mike Flaherty, 410 N Maple Ave, Graettinger, Iowa	712-859-3578
Matt Greene, 3765 380 th Ave, Ruthven, Iowa	712-837-4843
David Morey, 4812 510 th Ave, Mallard, Iowa	712-425-3234
David Neilson 104 South Elder Ave. Graettinger, Iowa	712-859-3860

REALTORS

Jerry Besch 4420 510 th St. Mallard, Iowa	712-852-3690
Judy Johnson 3586 450 th Ave. Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-4921
Vic Johnson 3586 450 th Ave. Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-4921
Jack Nolan, 1107 Lake St, Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-4667
Mike Wentzel 104 Lake St. Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-2294
Jerry Holland 3502 1 st .Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-2877
Norlyn Stowell 2 North Madison St. Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-3604
Roger Wagner 3856 440 th Ave. Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-4257
Brian Jackson 212 North Wallace St. Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-3211
Jay Bargman, 5579 430 th St, West Bend, Iowa	515-887-5579

Motion was made by Wirtz and seconded by Noonan to reappoint Pam Studer, Graettinger and Dr. Daniel Nesheim, Mallard, to the Local Health Board for a 3 year term expiring December 31, 2018. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to appoint Dr. Thomas Getta as County Medical Examiner for a 2 year term expiring on December 31, 2017. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Noonan and seconded by Wirtz to reappoint Clayton Helgeson and Allen Stangl to the Palo Alto County Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustment for a 3 year term expiring December 31, 2018. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to reappoint Keith Salder to the Civil Service Commission Board for a 6 year term expiring on October 1, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Graettinger to appoint the following supervisors to various committees and boards as follows for the year 2016.
Motion Carried.

<u>Committee/Board</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Ag Committee	Ed Noonan	Linus Solberg
Cherokee Advisory Board	Craig Merrill	
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Commission	Ed Noonan	Craig Merrill
Compass Pointe Board	Ron Graettinger	Linus Solberg
Courthouse Security Committee	Craig Merrill	
DECAT Board	Ron Graettinger	
Drainage Advisory Board	Keith Wirtz	Ed Noonan
Economic Development Board	Craig Merrill	Linus Solberg
Enterprise Zone Board	Craig Merrill	
Empowerment Board	Keith Wirtz	
Emergency Management Board	Linus Solberg	Ron Graettinger
E 911 Board	Linus Solberg	Craig Merrill
Grotto Board	Keith Wirtz	
HIPAA Compliance Board	Keith Wirtz	
Homeward Housing Trust Fund	Ed Noonan	
IDDA	Ed Noonan	Keith Wirtz
NW Iowa Care Connections	Ron Graettinger	Linus Solberg,EdNoonan
North Central Regional Emergency Response Commission	Linus Solberg	Craig Merrill
NW Iowa Regional Housing Authority	Craig Merrill	
NW Planning & Development	Ed Noonan	
RIDES Board	Ed Noonan	
Resource Conservation & Development Board (RC&D)	Keith Wirtz, Miriam Patton	
Solid Waste Task Force	Ron Graettinger, Linus Solberg	
Safety/Wellness Committee	Keith Wirtz	Craig Merrill
Season's Center	Keith Wirtz	Craig Merrill
Third Judicial District Department of Correctional Services	Craig Merrill	
Upper Des Moines Opportunity Board	Ron Graettinger	Linus Solberg

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to reappoint Lee Beem & Ed Noonan to Iowa Workforce Development Board. Motion Carried.

The Board reviewed budget request amounts for FY16-17. The first budget workshop date was set for January 20th, 2016.

Linda West, Holmes Murphy, met with the Board to discuss health insurance rates. Linda reviewed the FY2017 ISAC Group Health rates. Linda informed the Board that the Cadillac tax has been postponed for an additional 2 years until 2020. Linda presented three health insurance options and explained health savings accounts.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger- Regional mental health meeting.

Motion by Noonan and seconded Graettinger to adjourn. Motion Carried.

LJ Solberg, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor