

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
October 17th, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Keith Wirtz, Chair; Ron Graettinger, Craig Merrill, Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg. Present: Peter Hart, County Attorney; Joe Neary, Zoning; Colleen Kenyon, Ron Kenyon, Mark Zaccone, Brady Evans, Frank Veltri, Lois Stillman, Carey Jensen, Bertha Mathis, David Naig.

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

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve the agenda for October 17th, 2017. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Merrill to approve the minutes for October 10th, 2017. Motion Carried.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board to request tax abatement of two mobile homes for FY17-18.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve tax abatement for two mobile homes that were junked for FY17-18. Motion Carried.

Bertha Mathis met with the Board to discuss the wind energy ordinance and provided the Board with an informational sheet.

Frank Veltri met with the Board to discuss the wind energy project and presented the benefits of the wind turbines.

Lois Stillman was present for public comment and presented a letter from E-Coustic Solutions LLC to the Board.

Ron & Colleen Kenyon were present for public comment.

The Board received copies of letters received from landowners that were filed at the Auditor's Office regarding the proposed wind farm.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter discussed with the Board the road agreement for the wind energy ordinance. Walter reviewed several points for the road agreement with the Board. Walter has had discussions with other county engineers that have wind turbines. Walter gave the Board an update on the status of the road projects.

Don Etler, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board for the Completion Hearings on Drainage District 23, South 15, and Jt 1 Lat B Open Ditch. Landowner present: David Naig.

Don presented the summary of contract for FEMA repairs to Drainage District No. 23, South 15 and Jt. 1 PA&K Lat B Open Ditch. Don presented the crop damages worksheet for the project. David Naig presented a claim for damages and weed control.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve damages to landowners as presented and to pay David Naig \$500 for crop damages and weed control. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Merrill to accept the contract as complete and to direct the Auditor to pay King Excavation the retainage in 30 days. Motion Carried.

Joe Neary, Environmental Health, met with the Board to present a septic grant application for Vendell & Rita Rezabek and to request payment for a septic grant for David Loomis.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Solberg to approve the watershed septic grant application for Vendall & Rita Rezabek. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve completion and payment to Dave Loomis for a septic grant for \$5,000. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve a bill to Hudson Law Firm for \$252.25. Motion Carried.

Mark Zaccone, Invenergy, met with the Board to give an update on the wind turbine project.

Committee Reports: Linus Solberg—Hazmat meeting.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Merrill to go into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) at 9:53 a.m. Ayes: Solberg, Merrill, Faulstick, Graettinger, Wirtz. Motion Carried.

The Board returned from closed session at 10:38 a.m. No action taken.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to adjourn at 10:39 a.m. Motion Carried.

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor