

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
December 6th, 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, Craig Merrill, 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: Wirtz, Graettinger, Solberg, Noonan, Merrill. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Noonan to approve the agenda for December 6th, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to approve the minutes for November 29th, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the Veteran Affairs monthly report for December 1st, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve a letter of support for Five Island Urban WQI proposal. Motion Carried.

Rick Elbert, Elbert Construction, met with the Board. Present: Nick Steinkamp, Mark Weisbrod, Shawn Schany, Dan Schneider. Greg Davis, Solutions, by telephone conference. The following bids for electrical work at the Brink's Building were received: KW Electric Inc. \$59,578 and Weisbrod Inc. \$87,742.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to approve electrical bid from KW Electric for \$59,878 for Brink Building. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Noonan to replace the lead water line going to the Brink's Building with new copper line. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to approve Rick Elbert, Elbert Construction, as general contractor for \$28,600 for remodel of the Brink's Building. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Graettinger to approve the following bids for the Brink's Building: Scott Technologies & Telecom \$7,035 for phones & labor; River Valley Telecommunication Coop for \$2,040 for additional cables for wireless access & labor; Solutions, Inc. for \$3,946.22 for ethernet switch & labor. Motion Carried.

Kent Malm, IRVM, met with the Board to present the county weed commissioner's report for 2016.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Noonan to approve the 2016 Weed Commissioner's Report. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger—Ag Committee.

Nathan Clark, Anna McDevitt, Lisa Riesenbergl and Christina Liessmann, Palo Alto Co. Library Association, met with the Board to present their budget request for FY 2018. The libraries requested \$79,000 for FY2018.

Julie Schieb & Bob Shaw, Discovery House, met with the Board to present the budget request for FY 2018 & present annual report. Present: John Kerber. John requested funding of 3% (\$2700) or 4% (\$3600) for the Discovery House for FY2018.

Pat Lauck, West Bend Historical Society, met with the Board to present the budget request for FY2018. Pat requested \$500 to help cover the costs of printing new brochures.

Shelly Sindt, Elderbridge, met with the Board to present the annual report and budget request for FY2018. Elderbridge is requesting \$2.85/senior for a total of \$7,321.65 for FY2018.

Mark Zaconne, Invenergy Wind Development, LLC, and Brett Swanson, Land Agent, met with the Board. Mark presented an application for a met tower to be located in the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, Independence Township and a met tower located in the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 13, Vernon Township.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve an application for a temporary met tower located in SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, Independence Township and to approve the application for a temporary met tower in NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 13, Vernon Township. Motion Carried.

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

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LJ Solberg, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor