

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
February 7th, 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.

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 Merrill to approve the agenda for February 7th, 2017. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Faulstick to approve the minutes for January 31st, and February 1st, 2017. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve the Veteran Affairs monthly report for February 1st, 2017. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Faulstick to approve the Recorder's monthly report for January 1st, thru January 31st, 2017. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Faulstick to approve a liquor license for Redwood Campground for Class B wine permit & Class C beer permit. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to set the Budget Hearing for FY2017-2018 for March 7th, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Doug Williamson met with the Board to present a petition for Drainage District 23.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to recognize the drainage petition filed for Drainage District 23 and appoint Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard, as the engineer to prepare a report on Drainage District No. 23. Motion Carried.

Phil Andreasen, HBW Insurance, met with the Board to review insurance claims. There were no new claims to report.

Kent Malm, IRVM, met with the Board for an annual performance review. Kent requested closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (i).

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to go into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i) at 8:45 a.m. Ayes: Solberg, Merrill, Faulstick, Graettinger, Wirtz. Motion Carried.

The board returned from closed session at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Merrill to set the hearing on repairs for Jt. Drainage District 63 Main Open Ditch for March 21st, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. at the Election Center. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Linus—E911 Board; Ron—Ag Committee; Craig—Courthouse Security; Roger—Supervisors statewide meeting; Keith—Regional Mental Health.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to replace the furnace at the Election Center. Motion Carried.

The Board reviewed proposed tax levies for FY2017-2018 and discussed ending fund balances. The Board reviewed the proposed notice for the newspaper.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. The Board discussed a drainage petition filed on Drainage District 923 requesting removal of silt. Walter will take a look at the drainage request. The partial acquisition contracts were not ready to be approved.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board for an annual performance review. Walter requested closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i).

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to go into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i) at 10:33 a.m. Ayes: Solberg, Merrill, Faulstick, Graettinger, Wirtz. Motion Carried.

The board returned from closed session at 10:52 a.m.

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

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor