

Courthouse
Emmetsburg Iowa
March 15th, 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.

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 Graettinger, seconded by Noonan to approve agenda for March 15th, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve the minutes of March 8th, 2016, with the following correction: Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board for an annual performance review. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to appoint Coleen Ruddy as Nevada Township Trustee to fill the unexpired term thru December 2018. Motion Carried.

Penny Murphy, General Assistance, met with the Board to give an update on the number of requests since the beginning of January.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to recognize a petition filed for improvements on Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch and to appoint Bolton & Menk, Inc. to prepare the engineer's report for improvements to Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch. Motion Carried.

Don Etler, Bolton & Menk, Inc., met with the Board to give an update and explanation of Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch. The Board received copies of Amendment No. 1 to the Engineer's Report for proposed open ditch repairs on Drainage District 61.

Joe Neary, Zoning/Solid Waste/Environmental Health, met with the Board and gave update on meetings attended this year.

Joe Neary, Zoning/Solid Waste/Environmental Health, met with the Board for an annual performance review. Joe requested closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i).

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Noonan to go into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) at 9:15 a.m. Ayes: Wirtz, Graettinger, Noonan, Merrill, Solberg. Motion Carried.

The Board returned from closed session at 9:44 a.m.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc. met with the Board. The Board received copies of the bid tabulation for Drainage District 7 Lateral 2 Tile. Present: Clayton Helgeson, Neal Williamson, Clinton Ehlers; Amber Enger, Auditor's Office.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to award the bid to B&B Farm Drainage for the 30" plastic pipe for \$35,075.25. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc. met with the Board to request setting a bid letting date for Drainage District 48 Lateral 3 Tile.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to set the bid letting date for Drainage District 48 Lateral 3 Tile for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 5th, 2016, at the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc. met with the Board for the Annexation Hearing on Drainage District 48 Lateral 3 Tile. Present: Fred Wirtz, Jr., Eli Wirtz, Bill Ulrich, Bill Lindgren; Amber Enger, Auditor's Office.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to approve the Annexation Report for Drainage District 48 Lateral 3 Tile. Motion Carried.

Cliff Christensen, Veterans Affairs, met with the Board to discuss the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War and upcoming traveling memorial.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve Palo Alto County as a Commemorative Partner for the Vietnam War Commemoration. Motion Carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to approve hiring Dan Berven as Engineering Technician at \$23.10 per hour effective on April 4, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve a partial acquisition contract for Parcel 22 with Beverly Bonnstetter Annis (Life Estate Interest), Bruce Bonnstetter, John Bonnstetter, Greg Bonnstetter, Karen Witkowski and Gail Bonnstetter for road project on B55. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Noonan to approve a partial acquisition contract for Parcel 11 with Susan Wallace, Trustee of Reding Family Farm Trust for road project on B55. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, Seconded by Wirtz to approve an amended partial acquisition contract for Parcel 20 with John and Kimberly Banwart for road project on B55. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, Seconded by Graettinger to approve an amended partial acquisition contract for Parcel 19 with John A. Banwart for road project on B55. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, Seconded by Merrill to approve a partial acquisition contract for Parcel 27 with Mark Donald Bruellman, Joan Marie Wirtz, Shon Arthur Bruellman, Mona Christine Haverman, Lori Jean Skoglund and Lisa Gayle Banwart for road project on B55. Motion Carried.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, discussed & reviewed with the Board quotes from Henry Adkins & ES&S for new voting machines. Present: Randy Loomis; Amber Enger, Auditor's office.

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

LJ Solberg, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor