

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg Iowa  
March 29th, 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 Wirtz to approve agenda for March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve minutes for March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. Motion Carried.

Penny Murphy, General Assistance, met with the Board to give an update on assistance requests.

Kim Wilson, Northwest Iowa Care Connections, met with the Board. Kim presented the FY17 Annual Service & Budget Plan for the Northwest Iowa Care Connections Region. Kim requested approval for hiring a Disability Service Coordinator position for three county area of Palo Alto, Clay, and O'Brien counties.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to approve proceeding with hiring a Disability Service Coordinator hosted by Palo Alto County for the Northwest Iowa Care Connections region. Motion Carried.

Joe Neary, Zoning, met with the Board. Present: Carey Jensen, Ray Grandstaff, John Woodford, Mason Sorenson, Jeff Jackson, David Naig, Dean Gunderson, Dennis Meyer, Jay Moore.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to approve a conditional use permit and master matrix for New Fashion Pork in Freedom Township, Section 10. Motion Carried.

The request from John Woodford for a conditional use permit & master matrix for swine finishing barns in Rush Lake Township, Section 28, did not meet the Good Neighbor Policy and was tabled till next week.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve a conditional use permit for RES Americas for a meteorological data tower in Highland Township, Section 14, with the condition that the tower is lighted. Motion Carried.

Mark Hunefeld, EMA, met with the Board to request approval for the PreDisaster Mitigation Grant Program.

Motion by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Craig Merrill to introduce and approve the following Resolution for PreDisaster Mitigation Grant Program. Ayes: Wirtz, Graettinger, Noonan, Merrill, Solberg. Nays: None. Resolution Passed.

LOCAL MATCH RESOLUTION #3-29-2016  
FOR THE

PreDisaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)

"WHEREAS," Palo Alto County"(hereinafter called ""the Subrecipient""), County of "Palo Alto", has made application through the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding from the "Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, in the amount of " \$30,000 " for the total project cost, and

"WHEREAS, the Subrecipient recognizes the fact that this grant is based on a cost share basis with the federal share not exceeding 75%, and the local share being a

minimum of 25% of the total project cost. "

and

"THEREFORE, the Subrecipient agrees to provide and make available up to "\$7,500.00"

(Seven thousand five hundred dollars) of local monies to be used to meet the

minimum 25% match requirement for this mitigation grant application.

The resolution was passed and approved this 29th day of March 2016.

/s/Craig Merrill

/s/LJ Solberg

/s/Keith Wirtz

/s/Ron Graettinger

/s/Ed Noonan

Lacie Litton, Wellmark, met with the Board to review the ISAC group health report and renewal plan. Carmen Moser, County Auditor, was authorized to sign the Group Health renewal plan.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to approve a first year incentive for the plan year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, of \$500 for a single health insurance policy or \$1000 for a family health insurance policy to be distributed on a monthly basis to the employee's health savings account. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve a 3.5% wage increase for employees for FY16-17. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger—Upper Des Moines; Keith Wirtz—Empowerment & Season's meeting; Craig Merrill—Regional mental health and Season's meeting.

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

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LJ Solberg, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor