

Courthouse
Emmetsburg Iowa
April 5th, 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 Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve the agenda for April 5th, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Graettinger to approve the minutes for March 29th, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to approve the Veteran Affairs quarterly report ending March 31st, 2016. Motion Carried.

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

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Noonan to appoint Brad Rubel as Booth Township Trustee to fill the unexpired term ending December 31st, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Noonan to approve hiring Tim McCarthy as a seasonal employee for the IRVM Department at \$15.00 per hour effective April 6th, 2016. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed beaver trapping claims that have been filed with the Auditor's Office. The County Auditor was directed to pay the claims for beaver trapping from drainage district funds.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to approve the following claims for crop loss on Drainage District 29 Lateral 7 Tile to Dan & Amy Classen \$1,500; Herbert & Charlotte Morey \$493.50; and Steve & Donna Morey \$493.50. Motion Carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Present: Dan Fehr. Walter gave an update to the Board on road and bridge projects. Walter informed the Board that Matt Fandel was promoted to Operator 1 effective April 5th, 2016.

Dan Fehr met with the Board to request additional rock for gravel road in Section 25 of Fern Valley Township.

Bruce Nelson and Steve Hoyman met with the Board to request pit run gravel for the multipurpose trail. The Board approved the request.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc. met with the Board for a bid letting on Drainage District 48 Lateral 3 Tile. Landowners present: Bill Ulrich, Bill Lindgren, Fred Wirtz Jr. There were nine (9) bids with 4 options received and opened from the following contractors: Erpelding Excavating, Hjelmeland Excavating, B & B Farm Drainage, Forsberg Drainage & Excavation LLC, Valley Contracting Inc, Holland Contracting Corp, Farm Tile Pro, H & W Contracting LLC, Koehl Excavating. The bid tab sheet is on file at the Auditor's Office.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to approve the low bid for option no. 4 to B & B Farm Drainage for the 1" coefficient with polypropylene pipe for \$423,267.14 for Drainage District 48 Lateral 3 Tile. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to recognize the petition filed on Drainage District No. 13 and appoint Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc. to prepare the engineer's report. Motion Carried.

Joe Neary, Zoning, met with the Board. The Board considered approval of the conditional use permit & master matrix for John Woodford in Rush Lake Township Section 28 that was tabled the week before.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Noonan to deny the conditional use permit for John Woodford in Rush Lake Township, Section 28. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the master matrix points as scored on the John Woodford site in Rush Lake Township, Section 28. Motion Carried.

Linda West, Holmes Murphy & Associates, met with the Board.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Noonan to approve hiring Holmes Murphy & Associates at \$10 per employee per month as insurance broker effective July 1st, 2016. Motion carried.

The Board discussed changes to the employee handbook. Present: Lois Naig, Robin Jamison. The Board discussed the number of sick leave days to be used for the care of a family member.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger—DECAT meeting.

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

LJ Solberg, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor