

Courthouse
Emmetsburg Iowa
May 3rd, 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 Noonan, seconded by Graettinger to approve the agenda for May 3rd, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve minutes for April 26th, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve the Veteran Affairs' monthly report for May 2nd, 2016. Motion Carried.

Joe Neary, Zoning, met with the Board. Planning & Zoning Commission met on Monday evening to consider a permit for a communications tower and two sites for hog finishing barns. Present: Brian Ritland, Lawrence T. Bryant, Brad Ruppert, Duane Hoffman, Kim Hoffman, Richard Prior.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve a conditional use permit for Alliant Energy for a communications tower in Section 22 of Independence Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Noonan to approve a conditional use permit and master matrix for Brad Ruppert for construction of two hog finishing barns in Section 10 of Rush Lake Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to approve a conditional use permit and master matrix for Duane Hoffman doing business as DKH Inc., for construction of one hog finishing barn in Section 2 of Nevada Township. Motion Carried.

Mary Barrick, Conservation Director, met with the Board. Mary gave an update on campground improvements and conservation activities.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to approve hiring the following part-time seasonal employees to conservation: John Rouse \$11.50/hour; Adam McCarthy \$10.00/hour; Allen Ingvall \$9.50/hour; Don Sundall \$9.50/hour; Denny Barrick \$9.50/hour; Morgan Glade \$8.50/hour. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed matching funds for the Five Island Lake dredging project to apply for an out-of-cycle grant through Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation. Present: Richard Prior, Jeff Stillman, Robin Jamison, Peter Hart, Mary Barrick.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Noonan to apply for a Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation grant for the Five Island Lake dredging project in the amount of \$200,000 with matching funds of no more than \$100,000, if the out-of-cycle grant is approved. Ayes: Merrill, Noonan. Nays: Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Motion failed.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to apply for a Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation grant for the Five Island Lake dredging project up to the amount of \$149,500 with matching funds of no more than \$37,375, if the out-of-cycle grant is approved. Ayes: Merrill, Noonan, Wirtz. Nays: Graettinger, Solberg. Motion Carried.

The Board had a telephone conference call with the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors to discuss repairs to Jt. Drainage District 1 PA&K Main open ditch. Don McGregor updated the Board on a request from Jerel Kerber in Section 31 of Fenton Township. No action taken.

The Board discussed the recent fire at the Brink Building and the status of the building. Present: Peter Hart, Mark Hunefeld, Dan Cooper, Deb Davis, Ron Askland.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Graettinger to approve rent for the old Farmers Mutual building at \$750 per month as the temporary location for the County Attorney and Zoning Offices. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Ed Noonan—Regional mental health; Ron Graettinger—Upper Des Moines.

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

LJ Solberg, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor