

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
July 18th, 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 Faulstick, seconded by Graettinger to approve the agenda for July 18th, 2017. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Solberg to approve the minutes for July 11th, 2017. Motion Carried.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board to present the Treasurer's semi-annual report for fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to approve the Treasurer's semi-annual report for January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Peter Hart, County Attorney, met with the Board to give an update on the decommissioning agreement with Invenergy. The Board received copies of a letter filed by Matthew Peltz and Randy Peltz regarding 21A7 Peltz Field Airport.

Chris Towell, Assistant to Co. Engineer, and Andy Stolley met with the Board.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve purchase of 2007 MAC used semi with a 30-day warranty for secondary roads department. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Faulstick to approve road closure for B63 to through traffic inside Mallard and for B53 to through traffic inside Ayrshire for July 24, 2017, for RAGBRAI. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Faulstick to approve lease agreement with Kenneth M. Lang and Jayne E. Lang at 2101 Main, Emmetsburg, Iowa, for office parking space beginning June 1, 2017, and ending on June 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc., met with the Board. The Board of Supervisors held a Hearing on Repairs for Drainage District 41 Open Ditch. Present: Dennis Nielsen, Douglas Shirk, Pat Kibbie, Rick Elbert, Aletha King, Roger Walker, Don Walker, Mike Callon. Amber Enger, Auditor's Office.

Rick reviewed the repairs for Drainage District 41 Open Ditch. The estimated total cost of the project is \$99,745.00. The average cost per acre is \$27.10/acre. Rick discussed annexation and reclassification. A letter was filed by Delbert Gehling Farm to remove bulk head and extend culvert to county gravel road ditch. Rick will review and advise the contractor.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve the engineer's report for repairs to Drainage District 41 open ditch and to authorize the engineer to proceed with reclassification. Motion Carried.

The Board held a bid letting for Drainage District 41 open ditch.

The following bids were received.

King Excavation	\$53,258.20
Abel Drainage & Exc.	\$59,108.20
Reutzel Exc.	\$63,422.96
Lund Construction	\$63,739.00
LA Carlson Contracting	\$141,615.00

(The bid was rejected from Marlan Excavating because the bid bond was not provided in a separate envelope.)

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Faulstick to award the bid to King Excavation for \$53,258.20 for repairs to Drainage District 41 open ditch. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board. The Board of Supervisors held a hearing on the appraisal report for Drainage District 61 Lateral B Tile. Present: Pat Fogarty, James L. Miller, Douglas Miller, Georgia Elbert, Aletha King, Duane Metzger. Amber Enger, Auditor's Office.

Rick presented the appraisal report for Drainage District 61 Lateral B tile. A total of \$90,773 will be paid to landowners.

Terry Meyer filed an objection to the acquisition, proposed right of way by said drainage district 61 and the adjustments. The objection was read by Rick Hopper, engineer. Rick will contact Jeremy Thilges, NRCS, to discuss and then send a letter to Terry Meyer.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve the Drainage District 61 Lateral B tile appraisal report and authorize the auditor to make payments to the landowners. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Solberg to approve Solid Waste Agreements with the cities of Ayrshire, Cylinder, Emmetsburg, Graettinger, and Ruthven for FY 18 to FY 20. Motion Carried.

Fred Schmidt met with the Board to discuss Drainage District 61 Upper Watershed. Present: Duane Metzger, Dean Gunderson, Jerome Kuyper, Kent Elbert. Fred discussed with the Board the process for forming a separate drainage district. Jim Hudson, Attorney, was contacted by telephone conference to answer questions regarding the establishment and procedure of a drainage district. The right of remonstrance applies to an improvement and also to the establishment of a new drainage district. There was discussion on the establishment of a separate drainage district at the end of drainage district 61. No action was taken.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger—Compass Points and Upper Des Moines; Craig Merrill—Courthouse security; Keith Wirtz—Iowa Drainage District Association.

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

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Keith Wirtz, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor