

Courthouse
Emmetsburg Iowa
July 19th, 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; Robin Jamison, County Treasurer.

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 July 19th, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to approve minutes for July 12th, 2016. Motion Carried.

Lois Naig, County Assessor, met with the Board to present homestead & military applications for 2016 and business property tax credit applications for 2016.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to approve homestead & military applications for 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Noonan to approve business property tax credit applications for 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to change the Annexation Hearing for Drainage District 84 to August 16, 2016, at 1 p.m. at the Election Center. Motion Carried.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, presented the Financial Report Summary for FY15-16.

The Board discussed and were informed of the process for Eagle Ridge to pay self-funded health insurance claims.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to authorize Eagle ridge to pay claims from the county account at Iowa Trust & Savings Bank for self-funded health insurance claims. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc., met with the Board to give an update on Drainage District 61 Lateral B tile project. Present: Fred Wirtz, Jr. Rick discussed with the Board the possibility of proceeding with the Army Corp application while still waiting for wetland determination information. Rick also discussed getting an appraisal report done. Rick will gather cost information and present to the Board and then decide on how to proceed to the next hearing date.

Representatives of Solutions, Inc., River Valley, Mediacom and Scott Telephone met with the Board to discuss updates for cabling & phone system at the Courthouse. Present: Greg Davis & Max Elg, Solutions, Inc.; Matt Greene, Mediacom; Shawn Schany, River Valley; Mike Scott, Dan Schneider, Dan Wichman, Scott Telephone. Greg Davis explained the importance of a network manager and a managed services contract. Solutions will work with River Valley & Scott Telephone to provide updates to the courthouse infrastructure.

Joe Neary, Zoning, met with the Board to give an update on possible dates for the Zoning Board to meet on the windmill ordinance; gave update on ISAC Board and recycling.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Motion Carried.

LJ Solberg, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor

Nature Center
Ruthven, Iowa
July 19th, 2016, 11:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met at the Nature Center, in Ruthven, Iowa, with the Palo Alto County Conservation Board. Members present: Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Ron Graettinger, Craig Merrill, Ed Noonan.

County Conservation Board Members present: Tony Streit, Mike Reynolds, Sam Henkelvig, Karen Spies, Rhonda Helm. Mary Barrick, Director, and staff. Also present were Ann Frascht, Iowa Trust & Savings Bank, Emmetsburg; Shana Herke, Farmers Trust & Savings Bank, Spencer; Larry Conlon, Iowa State Bank, Ruthven.

The County Conservation staff served a meal for everyone. Mary Barrick gave an update on the conservation projects and everyone took a tour of the new campground and park area. Mary thanked everyone for their support and contributions to the new playground equipment and campground.

The Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

LJ Solberg, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor