

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
August 15th, 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; Richard Hamilton, Dean Gunderson, Mark Zaccone, David Naig, Carey Jensen, Nick Matchen, Joe Neary.

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 Merrill to approve the agenda for August 15th, 2017. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve the minutes for August 8th, 2017. Motion Carried.

Pete Hamilton met with the Board to discuss tax increment financing on windmills. Pete presented to the Board reasons to abandon the idea of tax increment financing on wind farms.

David Naig was present for public comment. David expressed concerns on CRP ground on Drainage District South 15 repair project. He was informed to contact Don Etlar at Bolton & Menk.

Nancy Stegge, Engineer's Office, met with the Board to present the agreement for the use of private drive as access to local residents during construction.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to approve an agreement for the use of private drive as access to local residents between the City of Emmetsburg and Dr. Robert Weiland during reconstruction of N40 and College Drive. Motion Carried.

The Board considered Resolution No. 8-15-2017 to establish the temporary moratorium on processing further site plan review and approval permits for the construction and maintenance of wind energy conversion systems and wind energy devices in Palo Alto County. No action taken.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc., met with the Board for the continued hearing on improvements to Drainage District No. 57. Present: Steve Banwart, Marilyn Meade, Joe Schuller, Denton Knobloch, Doug Meyer, Rodney Meyer; Amber Enger, Auditor's Office.

Rick presented the preliminary engineering report on improvements to Drainage District No. 57. The estimated costs of improvements are as follows:

½" coefficient estimated total district costs \$289,090

1" coefficient estimated total district costs \$342,406

Rick presented a listing of the landowners and acres that would be benefitted & pay for the improved outlet of Drainage District 48 Lateral 1 Tile. Rick stated that the estimated additional cost of the outlet is \$150.00 per acre.

Rodney Meyer presented a letter to the Board on 8-8-2017 with questions and concerns. The Board asked for a show of hands in favor of the project. No one was in favor. Rodney Meyer suggested doing more research on the tile and possible repair of the tile.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to continue the hearing on improvements to Drainage District 57 to December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc., met with the Board to file the Drainage District 23 Annexation Report. The total number of acres to be annexed is 144.70 acres.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Faulstick to set the hearing on annexation for Drainage District No. 23 for November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

The Board held a conference call with Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors to determine a date for the completion hearing on Joint Drainage District No. 63 Main Open. Present: Pocahontas County Board: Jeff Ives, Chair, Clarence Siepker, Ed Dewey, JoAnn Peters, Louis Stauter. Kelly Jepsen, Auditor. Palo Alto County Board: Keith Wirtz, Chair; Ron Graettinger, Craig Merrill, Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg; Carmen Moser, Auditor; Amber Enger, Auditor's Office.

Motion by Louis Stauter seconded by Keith Wirtz to appoint Jeff Ives as Chair and Kelly Jepsen as Secretary. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Motion by JoAnn Peters, seconded by Ron Graettinger to set the completion hearing for 2014 FEMA repairs on Joint Drainage District No. 63 Main Open for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. at the Election Center in Emmetsburg. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Motion by Keith Wirtz, seconded by Louis Stauter to adjourn. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Graettinger to set the date for the public hearing to transfer the White Bank Building to Emmetsburg St. Pat's Association for August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to set the Budget Amendment Hearing for FY18 for September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to set the completion hearing on Drainage District 80 Upper Main, Lower Main and Lateral F for September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger—Compass Pointe; Roger & Craig—Economic Development.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Merrill to adjourn. Motion Carried.

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Keith Wirtz, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor