

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
September 20th, 2016, 9:00 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 Graettinger, seconded by Noonan to approve agenda for September 20th, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve minutes for September 13th, 2016. Motion Carried.

Joe Neary, Zoning, met with the Board. The Planning & Zoning Board met on Monday evening to consider approval of a conditional use permit & master matrix for Tyson, Garrett & Carson Wirtz in Section 33 of Fern Valley Township. The application meets the Good Neighbor Policy. The Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval of the permit.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Wirtz to approve a conditional use permit & master matrix for Tyson, Garrett & Carson Wirtz in Section 33 of Fern Valley Township. Motion Carried.

Dennis Meyer met with the Board. He addressed the following issues with the Board: total number of turbines, straight lines, shadow flicker, and met towers.

Committee Reports: Keith Wirtz—Safety/Wellness meeting.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board of Supervisors held the 2nd reading of the wind energy conversion systems ordinance for Palo Alto County. Present: Valerie Newhouse, Dennis Mandsager, Bert Naig, Brady Evans, Adam Jablonski, Dani Spangler, David J. Kirk, Chad Meyer, Dennis Meyer, Mark Zacccone, Scott Buchanan, Dave Nixon, Pete Hamilton, Dean Gunderson, Jim Gehrt, Joe Neary, Jack Kibbie, Ray Grandstaff, John Spies, Cynthia Berkland, Ritchie L. Berkland, Brian Garrels, Mike Wentzel, Hugo Arteago, Brett Swanson, Justin Miller, Kathy Danne, Carey Jensen, JR Brown, Lucas Straw, Tony Elbert, Lois Stillman, Mary Barrick, Clayton Helgeson, Terry Amato, Steve Kunz, David Rouse, Howard Morey.

Copies of the wind energy conversion systems ordinance for Palo Alto County were available. The notice of ordinance and dates set for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings were published in the newspapers in the county.

Linus Solberg, Chair, made opening comments and thanked everyone for attending the public meetings. Scott Buchanan, Attorney, reviewed the ordinance in detail and reviewed the changes made since last week.

Those in attendance who made comments are as follows: Mary Barrick, Carey Jensen, Mark Zacccone, Dave Nixon, Valarie Newhouse, Peter Hamilton, Adam Jablonski, Ray Grandstaff, Lucas Straw, David Kirk, Jim Gehrt, Lois Stillman, Dean Gunderson, Brian Garrels, Cynthia Berkland, Ritchie Berkland, Bert Naig, JR Brown, Tony Elbert, Dennis Meyer. Ritchie Berkland presented a windmill ordinance addition with a half mile setback from wetland, WRP & CRP.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the ordinance will be at 10:00 a.m. on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Present: Rick Elbert, Howard Morey, Dave Morey.

The Board held a conference call with Jim Hudson, Drainage Attorney. There were two drainage petitions received on Drainage District 41. Walter will discuss with Rick Hopper and then get back to the Board.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Merrill to approve the purchase of a 140M all-wheel drive motor grader and V-plow from Zeigler Caterpillar with trade-in of Champion 720A for \$323,840. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Noonan to approve an underground utility permit application for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Sections 30 and 31 of Lost Island Township. Motion Carried.

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

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LJ Solberg, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor