

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
January 16th, 2018, 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 Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve the agenda for January 16th, 2018. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Solberg to approve the minutes for January 9th, 2018. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to approve hiring Kaitlin Anderson for the County Naturalist position at \$36,000 effective January 22nd, 2018. Ayes: Wirtz, Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger. Nays: Solberg. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Wirtz to accept the resignation of Steve Malm at the Transfer Station effective March 30, 2018. Motion Carried.

Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff, met with the Board. Present: Tabitha Torreson, Ruth Petrich, Leon Wojahn, Melanie Bauler, Daniel Jackson, Seth Nelson, Melanie Rouse, Matt Veon, Brian Mehan, Kim Opheim, Dan Chism, John King, Janet Lampe, Ashley & Jenna Lampe, Taelyn Blankenhagen.

Lynn Schultes, Co. Sheriff, met with the Board to request the hiring of an additional Sheriff Deputy due to the statistics that were presented. Public comments were received from the following: Ruth Petrich, Tabitha Torreson, Dan Chism, Melanie Bauler, John King, Janet Lampe, Matt Veon and Leon Wojahn. Comments were received both in favor of and against for hiring an additional deputy.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Faulstick to not hire an additional Sheriff Deputy at this time. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Kent Malm, IRVM, met with the Board to present the FY18-19 budget for the IRVM Department.

Peg Martini, General Services, met with the Board to present the FY18-19 budget for General Services.

Ivan Droessler, I & S Group, met with the Board to review the Drainage District North 15 monitoring report. Ivan recommended action to resolve the issues on DD North 15 in his letter dated January 15th, 2018. I & S will complete the monitoring report for one more year.

Cliff Christensen, Veteran's Affairs, met with the Board to present the FY18-19 budget.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, reviewed with the Board the following proposed budgets for FY18-19: Supervisor, Courthouse, Annex, Economic Development, Mental Health, Juvenile Justice, Medical Examiner, and Public Health.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger: DECAT meeting; Linus Solberg: E911/EMA.

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

Ronald Graettinger, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor