

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
January 9th, 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 Faulstick, seconded by Wirtz to approve the agenda for January 9th, 2018. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to approve the minutes for January 2nd, 2018. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Faulstick to approve the Recorder's monthly report for December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to approve the Veteran Affairs monthly report for January 2nd, 2018, and the quarterly report ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Motion Carried.

Phil Andreasen, HBW Insurance, met with the Board to give an update on worker's compensation claims and reviewed the Brink Building insurance.

No one was present for public comment.

Peter Hart, County Attorney, discussed with the Board the county home rule and notified the Board of the hearing set for Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter discussed with the Board underground fuel tank replacement.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to approve a partial acquisition contract #1 for Michelle Schmitt. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve a partial acquisition contract #11 for Lenora Kropf. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Wirtz to approve a partial acquisition contract #37 for Norman Jorgensen, Mark Jorgensen & Raymond Jorgensen. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Solberg to approve a partial acquisition contract #46 for David Henningsen. Motion Carried.

The Board held a conference call with Linda West from Holmes Murphy regarding the ISAC renewal health insurance rates and partial self-funding for FY18-19.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board to present the semi-annual report for December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Wirtz to approve the Treasurer's semi-annual report for December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to set the bid letting date for Drainage District No. 23 for January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 8:05 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to set the bid letting date for Drainage District No. 47 for January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

The Board held a conference call with Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors for Joint Drainage District No. 13. Present Pocahontas County: Jeff Ives, Clarence Siepker, JoAnn Peters, Louis Stauter, Ed Dewey; Kelly Jepsen, Auditor. Present Palo Alto County: Ron Graettinger, Craig Merrill, Linus Solberg, Roger Faulstick, Keith Wirtz; Carmen Moser, Auditor.

Motion by Louis Stauter, seconded by Craig Merrill to appoint Ron Graettinger, Chair, and Carmen Moser, Secretary, of the Joint Conference call. Motion Carried.

Motion by Craig Merrill, seconded by Keith Wirtz to appoint Darrel Reed from Palo Alto County as commissioner to reclassify Joint Drainage District No. 13. Motion Carried.

Motion by Jeff Ives, seconded by Roger Faulstick to appoint Mike Behrendsen from Pocahontas County as Commissioner to reclassify Joint Drainage District No. 13. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ed Dewey, seconded by Keith Wirtz to adjourn the joint telephone conference call. Motion Carried.

The Board received the Palo Alto County Sheriff Employee initial bargaining proposal. Jill Davis, representing the Sheriff Employee Association, and the employees met with the Board to present amendments to the agreement for FY18-19. (Proposal on file at the Auditor's Office).

The Board received the Palo Alto County Secondary Roads Union initial proposal. Mark Hubbard, representative for Secondary Roads, presented the Union's initial proposals for 2018-2019 Collective Bargaining Agreement. (Proposal on file at the Auditor's Office).

The Board of Supervisors presented the county initial bargaining proposal for the Secondary Roads Union. Renee VonBokern presented the proposal. (Proposal on file at the Auditor's Office).

Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff, met with the Board to request an additional Deputy for the Sheriff's Department. Present: Justin Opheim, Dan Opheim, Dean Gunderson, Brian Mehan, Mel Rouse, Matt Veon, Ben Morey, Dan Jackson.

Lynn presented a recap of the statistics for the end of the year of 2017. Lynn presented letters of support & resolutions from city councils.

Ron Graettinger, Chair, asked Lynn to submit two budgets one with the additional deputy and one without. No action was taken. The Board will consider in two weeks.

There were no committee reports.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve claims & drainage claims for January 9th, 2018. Motion carried.

**General Basic Fund**

Buhrow Construction	Buildings	725.00	
Central Ia Juv Detention Ctr	Foster Family Home	1032.00	
Christina Clausen	Employee Mileage & Subs.	36.00	
Des Moines Stamp Mfg. Company	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	139.00	
E-Pride	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	105.70	
Emmetsburg Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	243.28	
E.M.U.	utilities	100.00	
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Misc Expense	96.00	
Fareway	Food & Provisions	161.00	
Dan Funk	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	250.00	
DAN GLASER	Employee Mileage & Subs.	36.00	
Graettinger Times	Board Proceedings	48.00	
Ronald Hersom	Misc Expense	80.00	
Virgil Huberty	Bus	55.00	
IA State Assn of Counties	Educational/Training Serv	380.00	
IOWA NARCOTICS OFFICERS ASSOC	Dues & Memberships	200.00	

Knight Protection	Contract Carriers	200.00	
Jerome Kuyper	Engineering Services	301.74	
Mail Services	Postage & Mailing	280.85	
Debra M. McKeever, CSR,RPR MCK	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	257.90	
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	872.19	
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	57.86	
MOCIC	Dues & Memberships	100.00	
Joseph F. Neary	Educational/Training Serv	80.00	
Terry Neary	Engineering Services	216.00	
Hali Noll	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	93.42	
Northwest Communications	Contract Carriers	1208.83	
O'Brien County Sheriff	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	106.00	
Palo Alto Co Emergency Mgmt	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	2110.75	
Palo Alto Co Fair Assn	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	1036.88	
Palo Alto Co Sheriff	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	1351.32	
QS LAWN AND PEST, LLC	Buildings	160.00	
RESERVE ACCOUNT	Postage & Mailing	4000.00	
River Valley Telecommunication	Electric Light & Power	64.80	
HOWARD SMITH	Bus	120.00	
Solutions Inc.	services	63.09	
STT Scott Telephone & Telecom	Telecommunications Serv.-	114.99	
Swanson Hardware	Buildings	224.12	
Verizon Wireless	Telecommunications Serv.-	320.20	
VISA	Educational/Training Serv	1165.58	
Weekly Bulletin	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	150.00	
Wentzel's True Value	Engineering Services	9.28	
West Bend Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	76.63	
West Bend Journal	Official Pub & Legal Noti	171.37	
Windstream	phone	143.52	
Woodbury County Sheriff	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	10.00	
<b><u>General Supplemental Fund</u></b>			
Compass Pointe	Information & Ref.Service	2125.00	
IMWCA	Workmens' Comp Insurance	4439.75	
The Print Shop	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	33.60	
<b><u>MH-DD Services Fund</u></b>			
NORTHWEST IOWA CARE CONN.	Disb between MHDS Reg & m	96500.00	
<b><u>Rural Services Basic Fund</u></b>			
Emmetsburg Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	837.61	
Graettinger Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	356.00	
IMWCA	Workmens' Comp Insurance	8245.25	
Mallard Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	293.16	
The Retrofit Companies, Inc.	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	2068.75	
Ruthven Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	293.16	
City of Spencer	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	17774.13	
Wentzel's True Value	Custodial Supplies	22.08	
West Bend Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	314.10	
Windstream	phone	104.50	
<b><u>Special Revenue-SheriffReserve</u></b>			
Matt Grimmus	Educational/Training Serv	114.28	
MAGGIE JACKSON	Educational/Training Serv	50.00	
<b><u>Secondary Road Fund</u></b>			
Arnold Motor Supply ATT: Sue	Parts	755.48	
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Telephone	41.24	
Bohl's Small Engine & Marine	Parts	95.02	
City of Cylinder	Utilities	45.00	
Don's Truck Sales Inc	Parts	472.02	
Tom Eischen Sales, Inc.	Parts	58.90	
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	7231.69	
City of Emmetsburg	Dumpster	57.25	
Emmetsburg Ford	Parts	14.10	
Erpelding Exc. Enterprise	Intake in ROW	550.25	
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Parts	611.44	
Fox International, Inc.	Parts, Filters	256.86	
G&K Services	Shop Supplies	32.00	
David Geerdes	Tool Reim	292.50	
Graettinger Hardware	Repairs	484.00	

Graettinger Mun. Utilities Gra	Utilities	626.30	
Christopher Hurlburt	Parts, Tools, Repairs	228.00	
IA Dept of Transportation	Eng Training	960.00	
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Utilities	95.18	
Jack's OK Tire	Tires	198.86	
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	ROW Acquisitions		5844.50
Lube Tech Accelerating Perform	Parts	487.51	
City of Mallard	Utilities	60.53	
Menards	Shelving	31.94	
MidAmerican Energy	Utilities-electricity	523.76	
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Parts, Repairs	24183.20	
Northwest Communications	Telephone	53.76	
Overhead Door Company	Repair	1139.51	
Palo Alto Co Auditor	Utilities	42.40	
River Valley Telecommunication	Telephone Services		77.76
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Fuel	16866.02	
City of Ruthven	Utilities Water/Sewer	139.78	
Sprint	Telephone/ Fax	73.57	
Chris Towell	Renewal	140.00	
Verizon Wireless	Utilities	180.26	
Wentzel's True Value	Repairs	36.09	
Windstream	Phone Services	480.34	
Winter Equipment Co	Parts	1298.01	
<b><u>Emergency Mgmnt Agency</u></b>			
Swanson Hardware	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc		7.76
<b><u>E911 Surcharge Fund</u></b>			
Century Link	Engineering Services	355.46	
Nick Hoch Jr	Miscellaneous Repair	300.00	
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services		522.34
SLASH POINT SALES	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc		149.99

**Drainage Claims**

B & W Control Specialists	DD 3 Open Ditch Spraying	\$1,308.75
B & W Control Specialists	DD 18 Main Open Spraying	\$439.50
Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc.	DD 19 Main Tile Eng Exp	\$187.50
Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc.	DD 41 Main Open Eng Exp	\$1,009.90
King Excavation	DD 41 Main Open Pay Est #1	\$38,191.50
Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc.	DD 47 Tile Eng Exp	\$8,706.50
King Excavation	DD 56 Tile Repairs	\$290.00
Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc.	DD 57 Tile Eng Exp	\$1,851.10
B & W Control Specialists	DD 61 Open Ditch Spraying	\$2,007.75
Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc.	DD 61 Lat B Tile Eng Exp	\$375.00
B & W Control Specialists	DD 62 Open Ditch Spraying	\$1,808.25
B & W Control Specialists	DD 84 Open Ditch Spraying	\$714.00
King Excavation	DD 93 Tile Repairs	\$250.00
Joseph F. Neary	DD 93 Tile Mileage Reimb.	\$15.50
Palo Alto Co. Sec. Roads	DD 98 Sub 1 Repairs	\$2,345.09
B & W Control Specialists	DD 106 Open Ditch Spraying	\$712.13
Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc.	DD 160 Main Open Eng Exp	\$720.00
B & W Control Specialists	DD 923 Main Open Spraying	\$1,676.25
B & W Control Specialists	DD 923 Lat 1 Open Spraying	\$172.50
B & W Control Specialists	DD 923 Lat 2 Open Spraying	\$2,400.50
Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc.	DD 23 Main Tile Eng Exp	\$6,171.70

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

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Ronald Graettinger, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor