

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
March 20th, 2018, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Ron Graettinger, Chair; Craig Merrill, Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz. Present: Peter Hart, County Attorney.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Wirtz, Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Wirtz to approve the agenda for March 20th, 2018, with one change to reschedule Joe Neary performance review due to jury duty. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Solberg to approve the minutes for March 13th, 2018. Motion Carried.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss the gaming corporation grant to update the courthouse windows. It was decided to apply for the grant again next year.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, Co. Engineer, met with the Board for an annual performance review. Walter requested closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (i).

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Faulstick to go into closed session at 8:28 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i). Ayes: Wirtz, Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Motion Carried.

The Board returned from closed session at 8:47 a.m.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board and discussed the summer crew wage and updated the board on road matters. Walter informed the Board that the road embargoes are in place.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Merrill to approve secondary roads summer crew wage at \$11.50 per hour for first year hire and \$12.00 per hour for a returning hire. Motion Carried.

Don Etler, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board to file the bid specifications for Drainage District 84 and Drainage District 175 for the 2014 disaster damage repair. The bid letting will be held April 17th, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. for Drainage District 84 and 2:00 p.m. for Drainage District 175.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Faulstick to accept the bid plans and specifications for Drainage District 84 and Drainage District 175. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Wirtz to approve a drone flight of Drainage District 84 for \$1,000 and of Drainage District 175 for \$3,000. Motion Carried.

Kent Malm, IRVM, met with the Board for an annual performance review. Kent requested closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (i).

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Faulstick to go into closed session at 9:35 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i). Ayes: Wirtz, Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Motion Carried.

The board returned from closed session at 9:45 a.m.

Joe Neary, Zoning/Solid Waste/Environmental Health, had to report for jury duty and will reschedule his performance review.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in joint session by telephone with the Kossuth County Supervisors on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 9:45 a.m. for the purpose of holding a joint teleconference regarding repairs of Open Ditch PAK #1. Members present were Don Besch, Jack Plathe, Roger Tjarks, Pam Wymore, and Chairman Don McGregor. Also present was Kossuth County Drainage Secretary Marg Mergen. Joint Teleconference with Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors members present were Ron Graettinger, Keith Wirtz, Linus Solberg, Craig Merrill, Roger Faulstick, and Palo Alto County Auditor Carmen Moser.

Motion by Besch seconded by Merrill to open the meeting and appoint Don McGregor as chair and Marg Mergen as secretary for this joint meeting.
Ayes: all Nays: none Motion carried.

Discussion was held. Don McGregor told the joint boards engineer Kent Rode had given a review at an information meeting for Kossuth County landowners and a full engineer study is needed to go forward with this repair.

Motion by Tjarks and seconded by Wirtz to appoint Kent Rode of Bolton and Menk to complete a full engineer study and prepare bid documents for clean out repair Open Ditch JDD PAK # 1.
Ayes: all Nays: none Motion carried.

Motion by Solberg and seconded by Besch to adjourn the meeting.
Ayes: all Nays: none Motion carried.

The Board received a letter filed by Joe Neary for the transfer station assistant.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to approve hiring of Kevin Malm at \$32,000 per year as transfer station assistant effective March 26, 2018, and after one year probation to \$33,000 per year effective March 26, 2019. Ayes: Wirtz, Merrill, Graettinger. Abstain: Faulstick. Nays: Solberg. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Craig Merrill—Hwy 18 update.

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

Ronald Graettinger, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor