

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
January 29th, 2019, 8:00 a.m.

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

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

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Graettinger to approve the agenda for January 29th, 2019. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve the minutes for January 22nd, 2019. Motion Carried.

Phil Andreasen and Dave Walters, HBW Insurance, met with the Board to present an update on the worker's compensation insurance.

Joe Neary, Environmental Health, met with the Board to discuss part-time position at Transfer Station.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Wirtz to approve final payment of \$5,000 to Mark & Jennifer Frederick for the watershed septic grant. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, discussed proposed tax levies with the Board for FY19-20. Present: Amanda Hansen, Auditor's Office. The Board reviewed proposed levies and ending fund balances.

Craig Merrill, Chair, discussed the courthouse security cameras and panic alarm system for the courthouse. The Board consensus is to update the courthouse security cameras and install panic alarm system.

Don Etler, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board for the bid letting on Drainage District No. 180 Lateral 1Tile. Present: Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Kim Kibbie, City of Emmetsburg; several contractors.

The following bids were received:

Redings Gravel & Excavating	\$1,995,100.00
Rognes Bros Excavating	\$1,962,512.67
Reutzel Excavating	\$1,705,736.60
Luft & Sons	\$1,386,740.00
Progressive Structures	\$2,372,105.40
King Construction	\$1,937,745.25
H & W Contracting LLC	\$1,789,494.50

Don Etler recommended to delay in awarding the contract till next week to check the bids and review contractor equipment and previous work.

The Board contacted Shane Kogel by telephone conference regarding payment for right of way. Jim Hudson, Attorney, will prepare the paperwork for the completion of the right of way transaction and send to Ann Stillman.

Committee Reports: Craig Merrill—Northwest Iowa Care Connections mental health levy; Craig Merrill—economic development and watershed planning coordinator committee. Keith Wirtz—Season's meeting; Roger Faulstick—workforce development.

Shari Kastein, Family Crisis Center, met with the Board by telephone conference. Shari presented the stats for residents from Palo Alto County that have received services. Shari requested \$5,000 from the county for the Family Crisis Center.

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

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor