

Joint Meeting Minutes between Emmet County Board of Supervisors & Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors

February 12th, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

Palo Alto and Emmet Joint Supervisor Meeting
River Valley Telephone Company Board Room, Graettinger, Iowa

Emmet County:

Present: John Pluth
Todd Glasnapp
Jeff Quastad
Tim Schumacher
Roger Hash-Absent
Colleen Anderson, Assistant to Emmet County Auditor

Palo Alto County:

Present: Roger Faulstick
Keith Wirtz
Linus Solberg
Ron Graettinger
Craig Merrill
Carmen Moser, Auditor

Present: Walter Davis-Oeth, Emmet County & Palo Alto County Engineer; and Emmet Co. Conservation Director, Eric Anderson.

John Pluth called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Keith Wirtz to approve the minutes of the last meeting on January 18th, 2018. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Tim Schumacher to appoint Craig Merrill as Chair and Carmen Moser as Secretary of the joint meeting. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Craig Merrill started the discussion with stating that the Zoning/Environmental Health/ Solid Waste/ Flood Plain Manager/Drainage Tile work employee will be retiring in Palo Alto County.

The supervisors discussed tile repairs and who checks the county tile. The sanitarian in Emmet Co. is a part-time position. They discussed solid waste and the transfer station.

The supervisors discussed the odor from Project Liberty and Craig explained the process and testing they are doing to get the problem corrected.

Linus Solberg shared with Emmet County Supervisors information on watershed quality and nitrate removal. Linus suggested that Emmet Co. Supervisors should contact Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc. regarding watershed quality.

Craig Merrill discussed regional mental health and changes that have taken place in the Northwest Iowa Care Connections Region. Tim Schumacher spoke about the CSS Region.

Walter Davis-Oeth stated that he is working on tile crossing agreements under county roads and will present proposed agreements to both counties.

The Supervisors discussed union negotiations and the amount of pay increases given in both counties.

Craig Merrill closed the meeting with stating that sharing the county engineer has been a good thing.

Motion by John Pluth, seconded by Jeff Quastad, to adjourn at 2:22 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Craig Merrill, Palo Alto Chair

Carmen Moser, Auditor