

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
February 5th, 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. Present: Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; David Kirk.

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 Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to approve the agenda for February 5th, 2019, with the cancellation of Don Elter from Bolton & Menk. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Solberg to approve the minutes for January 29th, and 30th, 2019. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Faulstick to approve the Recorder's monthly report for January 1st through January 31st, 2019. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve the Veteran Affairs monthly report for February 1st, 2019. Motion Carried.

Joe Neary, Solid Waste, met with the Board.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve hiring Steve Malm at \$14.32 per hour as part-time position for Transfer Station. Motion Carried.

David Kirk, Ruthven City Mayor, was present for public comment and discussed with the Board proposed legislation.

Peter Hart, County Attorney, met with the Board to introduce the new Assistant County Attorney, David Laudner.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter presented the OSHA report for 2018. Walter updated the Board on road conditions and informed the Board on working on the road culverts for Drainage District 61 Lateral B Tile.

Kyle Walker, People's Company, met with the Board to discuss a drainage tile project in Freedom Township, Sections 2 & 3. Present: Paul Thompson, Dan Opheim, Jeff Luft, Jake Luft. Kyle requested clarification on putting in a private tile in Freedom Township and discussed getting an outlet for the tile. Walter, Co. Engineer, stated they would need to get a permit from the Engineer's Office. The Board was ok with the project as long as all the parties signed the agreement.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc., met with the Board.

Rick presented the annexation report for Drainage District 41 Main Open Ditch.
Total No. of Acres to be Annexed: 87.03
No objections were filed.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve the annexation report for Drainage District 41 Main Open Ditch. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc., met with the Board. Present: Brent Klaahsen, Iowa DOT; Howard Morey, Pat Kibbie, Mike Callon.

Rick presented the reclassification report for Drainage District 41 Main Open Ditch and Laterals F, F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5, F-6, F-7, & F-8. Rick explained the process of reclassification and the factors used to determine the points.

One objection was filed by Marilyn Aaron, Carol Mints, Deana Fisher, and Joe Fisher regarding the W1/2 SW1/4 in Section 12 of Great Oak Township. Mike Callon expressed concerns about the soil type and will not be able to tile.

Rick recommended a 20% reduction on 2 parcels in Section 12 of Great Oak Township owned by Marilyn Aaron.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve a 20% reduction on 2 parcels owned by Marilyn Aaron (NW SW and SW SW) in Section 12 of Great Oak Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Graettinger to approve the Reclassification Report for Drainage District 41 Main Open Ditch and Laterals F, F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5, F-6, F-7, & F-8, as amended. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed the jail facility with Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff. Present: David Kirk, Howard Morey; Holly Birkey, Samuals Group. Holly Birkey gave a presentation on the Samuals Group and what their company provides. There was discussion on a timeline and estimated costs to do a jail study. The Board decided to meet with the Samuals Group president to continue discussion in a couple of weeks.

The Board discussed the request for an additional deputy with Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff. Lynn explained the criminal activity and the need for an additional deputy. Lynn stated that having part-time deputies does help. Having an additional deputy will alleviate some overtime but not all of it. The Board discussed not having support from the communities and it's hard to add an additional deputy.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to not hire an additional deputy at this time. Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Faulstick. Nays: Merrill. Motion Carried.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, discussed the proposed budget for FY19-20 with the Board. The Board reviewed the proposed levies for FY19-20. Carmen presented follow up information to payoff a portion of the 2013 bond.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger: Drainage District North 15 update; Linus Solberg: Economic Development meeting; Craig Merrill: discussion Zoning/Solid Waste/Environmental Health.

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

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor