

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
June 18th, 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: Peter Hart, County Attorney; Maureen Elbert, David J. Kirk, Bruce Masters, Kim Kibbie, Eric Hanson, Bill Burdick, Connie Stangl, Linda Thilges, Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff.

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 Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve the agenda for June 18th, 2019. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to approve the minutes for June 11th, 2019, with correction requested by Sharon Chism “that the land owners whose water drains through a private tile in Section 17, Silver Lake Township to Drainage District 6 drainage ditch, be responsible for the drainage tile”. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to change the Board meeting from Tuesday, June 25th, 2019, to Thursday, June 27th, 2019, in order to pay claims for the end of the fiscal year. Motion Carried.

Maureen Elbert, Palo Alto County Economic Development, and summer interns met with the Board to request approval of “Project Hope Week June 24th—July 6th, 2019.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve “Project Hope Week June 24th—July 6th, 2019, to collect personal health care products for children, teenagers and adults who have been removed from their homes”. Motion Carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter presented a utility permit and updated the Board on roads. Walter presented the amended 5-year construction program. Walter informed the Board of receiving \$900,000 from Regional Planning Funding for N28 in FY2024.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve an underground utility permit for Interstate Power and Light dba Alliant Energy in Section 19, of Independence Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to introduce and approve Resolution #6-18-2019 to approve Amended #1 Palo Alto County 5-year construction program. Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Faulstick, Merrill. Nays: Solberg. Resolution Passed.

Aletha King, Zoning, updated the Board on county tile situation in the wind energy project. Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve King Construction to do the necessary repairs on the county tile in Section 30 of Vernon Township. Motion Carried.

Jlm Kuecker was present for public comment and was given the contact information for his concerns. Dan Opheim was present for public comment and was directed to complete a request for repairs at the Auditor’s Office.

The following persons were present for the Building Committee: Kim Kibbie, Bill Burdick, Carmen Moser, Lynn Schultes, Bruce Masters, Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg, Eric Hanson, Linda Thilges, Connie Stangl and David Kirk.

Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff, presented a summary of the building project and past jail inspection letters.

The Samuel's Group met with the Board and Building Committee to present their proposal as a construction management firm. Present: Sid Samuals and Holly Birkey. Sid explained many aspects of his construction management firm and answered questions of the building committee.

Midwest Construction Consultants met with the Board and Building Committee to present their proposal as a construction management firm. Present: John Hansen and Vickie Hansen. John explained the process his firm uses to tailor each project specific to the county and answered questions of the building committee.

The Board has asked the building committee to make a recommendation on the construction management firm to choose and will put on the agenda for next Thursday, June 27th, 2019.

Lee Gravel, Iowa Department of Agriculture, and Bethany Brittenham, ISG, met with the Board to discuss water quality practices. Lee explained woodchip bioreactors for nitrates in agricultural drainage.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve placement of bioreactor on Jt. Drainage District 63 Lateral 9 in Section 31, of Great Oak Township. Motion Carried.

Gary Atherton met with the Board to give an update on FEMA assessments. Palo Alto County has 60 days from June 5th to report damages for the drainage districts to FEMA. The Board decided to have Gary drive the drainage districts to report damages.

Marte Elbert, Cletus Elbert, and John Peters landowners in Drainage District 162 met with the Board to consider the drainage petition filed on May 31st, 2019.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to recognize the drainage petition filed on May 31st, 2019, and appoint Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc., to prepare an engineer's report not to exceed \$2,700, with drainage options for Drainage District 162. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to remove Duane Myer and Aletha King as temporary employees at \$25 per hour to oversee the inspection of drainage district tiles in the wind energy project. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Solberg to approve a claim to Terry and Debra Meyer for \$622.71 for reseeding on Drainage District 61 Lateral B. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger—DECAT meeting; Roger Faulstick—window project; Craig Merrill—Economic Development.

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

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor