

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
August 20<sup>th</sup>, 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; Peter Hart, County Attorney, Kip Fehr

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 Graettinger to approve the agenda for August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the minutes for August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed a quote from Fairmont Roofing for repairing the Carnegie Library roof. The quote is for \$49,070.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Wirtz to approve Fairmont Roofing to repair the Carnegie Library roof within 6-8 weeks. Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Kip Fehr discussed with the board and Rick Hopper the flow and capacity of DD 81 and adequate drainage. Clint and Sue Young discussed with the Board the need for repairs on 350<sup>th</sup> Street. Clint would like to see this road hard surfaced or on a regular blading schedule each week. Lynn Schultes discussed with the Board on his recent jail inspection and two cells that are unusable until ceilings are fixed. He also presented an Equitable Sharing Report which includes funds he got to buy new rifle vests for five deputies.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc. met with the Board to discuss Drainage District No. 160. Derek Behrends flew drones on the ditch/waterway in Walnut Section 31 to show the need for tree removal to get a proper survey done to start repairs on the ditch.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Graettinger to authorize tree removal in Walnut Section 31 and survey by Jacobson-Westergard not to exceed \$50,000. Motion Carried.

Maureen Elbert, PACEDC, met with the Board to recommend Gretchen Riechter as an alternate representative for Mid-Iowa Growth Partnership. Gretchen will start her new position September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as Emmetsburg Retail Marketing Director.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve Gretchen Riechter as the Mid-Iowa Growth Partnership alternate representative. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

Graettinger- drainage; Wirtz- drainage; Solberg- Economic Development and TIF's; Faulstick-RIDES, window update and FEMA update; Merrill- Transfer Station truck repair and Burns Prairie

Motion by Solberg seconded by Wirtz to adjourn. Motion Carried.

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Craig Merrill, Chairman

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Jordan Morey, Auditor's Clerk