

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
August 6th, 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; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.

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 6th, 2019. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve the minutes for July 30th, 2019. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Faulstick to approve the Veteran Affairs monthly report for claims paid August 1st, 2019. Motion Carried.

Don Etler, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board to discuss Drainage District 80 Lower Main Open Ditch repair. Present: Jim Crawford, Jamie Moser, Mary Moser, Jim Moser, James L. Miller, Judy Knoer, Linda Koppie, Brian Ruppert, Gary J. Koppie, Brent Koppie.

Don Etler, Engineer, updated the Board on the status of the cleanout of Drainage District 80 Lower Main. The contractor moved in on July 17th. The pre-construction meeting was held and letters were mailed to the landowners along the drainage ditch. It was discussed at the pre-construction meeting to reduce the right of way width to 40' or 50' width on each side of the ditch. Landowners were able to answer questions. The Board proposed a right of way agreement with Gary J. Koppie, Linda J. Koppie, Judy A. Knoer and Lisa P. Rasmussen to leave a few trees in the right of way of Drainage District No. 80 Lower Main. The landowners are to report back to the Board in 2 weeks.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Present: Andy Stolley.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Solberg to approve an underground utility permit application for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Ellington Township, Sections 24 & 25. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve the purchase of a John Deere loader for \$210,000 for Secondary Roads. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to approve Workers' Compensation Secondary Roads Policy. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve Working Rules Disciplinary Action Policy. Motion Carried.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, presented the Annual Financial Report for FY19.

Brady Evans, MidAmerican Energy, met with the Board to give an update on the construction and wind turbine delivery. Present: Aletha King; Bertha Mathis, John Gapps; Nick McCann, Mortenson.

Brady updated the Board on the delivery of the turbines will begin on Monday, August 12th. Brady presented maps of the sites to be constructed this year and stated is subject to change.

Bertha Mathis informed the Board that turbine no. 125 & 126 are in the flyway migration area.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to introduce and approve the Palo Alto County Disaster Resolution as follows:

PALO ALTO COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, Palo Alto County has suffered from a flood event that occurred on March 12th, 2019 and is continuing.

WHEREAS, extensive damage was caused to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and endangerment of health and safety of the residents of Palo Alto County within the disaster area.

WHEREAS, all locally available public and private resources available to mitigate and alleviate the effects of this disaster have been insufficient to meet the needs of the situation,
Therefore, the Chair of the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors has declared a state of emergency on behalf of Palo Alto County, and will execute for and on behalf of Palo Alto County, the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the requesting assistance from the State of Iowa.

*/s/Craig Merrill
Chair, Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors*

*/s/ Carmen Moser
WITNESS my hand and the seal of my office
This 6th day of August, 2019.
Palo Alto County Auditor*

Committee Reports: Wirtz—drainage; Faulstick—economic development; Merrill—Burns Prairie; NW Iowa Care Center.

At 10:15 a.m., the Board held a conference call with Pocahontas County on Jt. Drainage District No. 85. Present: Palo Alto Board: Craig Merrill, Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Ron Graettinger; Carmen Moser, Auditor. Pocahontas Board: Jeff Ives, Clarence Siepker, Ed Dewey, Brent Aden, Louis Stauter; Kelly Jepsen, Auditor.

Motion by Keith Wirtz, seconded by Clarence Siepker to nominate Craig Merrill as Chair and Carmen Moser as Secretary for the joint conference call on Jt. Drainage District No. 85. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Keith Wirtz update the Board on Jt. 85. Lynn Harris & tenant had contacted Keith to look at getting the drainage ditch of Jt. 85 cleaned out. The Board discussed getting a bulldozer with GPS to the work.

Motion by Jeff Ives, seconded by Ron Graettinger to have Palo Alto County contact a contractor to do the repair on Jt. Drainage District No. 85. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Motion by Louis Stauter, seconded by Linus Solberg to adjourn the joint conference call on Jt. Drainage District No. 85 at 10:23 a.m. Motion Carried.

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

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor