

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
December 17<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: Peter Hart, County Attorney.

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 December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve the minutes for December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Motion Carried.

John King, Sheriff's Department, met with the Board to present a grant Resolution for a mini grant to purchase 6 Thermal Flir Scout III monoculars. Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to introduce and approve Resolution 12-17-2019(D). Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Nays: None. Resolution Passed.

**PALO ALTO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION  
RESOLUTION NO.12-17-2019(D)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PALO ALTO COUNTY,  
IOWA, TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING  
ASSISTANCE TO THE PALO ALTO GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office has identified a need to purchase 6 Thermal Flir Scout III Monoculars.

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors has identified the Palo Alto County Gaming Corporation as a potential resource for supporting the county wide law enforcement needs and local projects that strengthen the county's residents for future generations;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors supports the need to purchase 6 Flir Scout III monoculars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, Iowa, that the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office is authorized to proceed with submittal of a full grant application to the Palo Alto County Gaming Corporation requesting funding assistance to purchase 6 Flir III thermal monoculars.

All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 17th day of December, 2019

Board Chairman, /s/Craig Merrill

Date 12-17-2019

ATTEST

Palo Alto County Auditor /s/Carmen Moser

Date 12-17-2019

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to approve \$5,000 to Don Thilges for completion of a watershed septic grant completion. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve \$5,000 to Tom & Ashley Manwarren for completion of a watershed septic grant completion. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Faulstick to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the contracts and bonds of Merryman Bridge Construction Co., of Algona, IA, for 320 Bridges projects for the following: L-B(EB19)—73-74 for \$214,838.24. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed the outlet of Drainage District 80. Present: Linda Koppie. The Board consensus was that a drainage petition is needed before any study can be completed on the outlet of Drainage District No. 80. An informational meeting will be scheduled.

Roberta Hersom, AAUW, met with the Board to present a grant Resolution for a mini grant for books and videos on how women obtained the right to vote. Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to introduce and approve Resolution 12-17-2019. Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Nays: None. Resolution Passed.

Resolution No. 12-17-19

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PALO ALTO COUNTY, IOWA, TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE PALO ALTO COUNTY GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto Branch of the American Association of University Women has identified an opportunity to educate residents of Palo Alto County on how women obtained the right to vote by distributing books and videos to public and school libraries, providing a presentation on how to determine “fake” from “real” news to make informed voting decisions, and encouraging all voters to cast their ballots in the 2020 election.

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors has identified the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation as a potential resource for supporting the Palo Alto Branch of the American Association of University Women and its offerings and its opportunities to and for the residents of Palo Alto County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, that the Palo Alto County of the American Association of University Women is authorized to proceed with submittal of a grant application to the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation requesting funding assistance to provide information on voting and women’s suffrage to the residents of Palo Alto County.

All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED THIS 17th day of December, 2019.

/s/Craig Merrill  
Board Chairman

Date: 12-17-2019

ATTEST:/s/Carmen Moser  
County Auditor

Date: 12-17-2019

LuAnn Huberty, PAC Arts Council, met with the Board to present a grant Resolution for a full grant for painted mural of Five Island Lake to downtown Emmetsburg. Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to introduce and approve Resolution 12-17-2019(A). Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Nays: None. Resolution Passed.

Resolution No. 12-17-2019(A)

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PALO ALTO COUNTY, IOWA, TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE PALO ALTO COUNTY GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto County Arts Council Board has identified a cultural opportunity to bring a painted mural of Five Island Lake to downtown of Emmetsburg.

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors has identified the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation as a potential resource for supporting the Palo Alto

County Arts Council and its offerings and its opportunities to and for the residents of Palo Alto County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, that the Palo Alto County Arts Council is authorized to proceed with submittal of a grant application to the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation requesting funding assistance for the mural.

All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED THIS 17th day of December, 2019.

/s/Craig Merrill  
Board Chairman

Date: 12-17-2019

ATTEST:

/s/Carmen Moser  
County Auditor

Date: 12-17-2019

Nathan Clark, Emmetsburg Library; Kristen Wallskog, Mallard Library; Deb Harris, Graettinger Library; Lisa Riesenber, West Bend Library; Kay Rose, Ruthven Library; met with the Board to request funding for FY21. Each representative updated the Board on the things going on in their libraries. The libraries requested \$82,950 which is a 5% increase for FY21.

Lynn Schultes, Zero Suicide Coalition, met with the Board to present a grant Resolution for a mini grant for a wrapped trailer to assist with education & resource materials to reduce suicide. Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to introduce and approve Resolution 12-17-2019(B). Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Nays: None. Resolution Passed.

Resolution No. 12-17-2019(B)

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PALO ALTO COUNTY, IOWA, TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE PALO ALTO COUNTY GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto County Zero Suicide Coalition has identified a need for a wrapped trailer which will assist in providing continued education and resource materials to reduce the stigma and frequency of suicide for residents of Palo Alto County and Northwest Iowa.

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors has identified the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation as a potential resource for supporting the Palo Alto County Zero Suicide Coalition and its offerings and its opportunities to and for the residents of Palo Alto County and Northwest Iowa.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, that the Palo Alto County Zero Suicide Coalition is authorized to proceed with the submittal of a grant application to the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation requesting funding assistance to purchase a wrapped trailer which will assist in providing continued education and resource materials to reduce the stigma and frequency of suicide for residents of Palo Alto County and Northwest Iowa.

All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED THIS 17th day of December, 2019.

/s/Craig Merrill  
Board Chairman

Date: 12-17-2019

ATTEST:

/s/ Carmen Moser, County Auditor

Date: 12-17-2019

Sue Ruppert, Palo Alto Council on Aging, met with the Board to present a grant Resolution for a mini grant for general lighting and security lighting at the Multipurpose Center. Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to introduce and approve Resolution 12-17-2019(C). Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Nays: None. Resolution Passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-17-2019(C)**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PALO ALTO COUNTY, IOWA, TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE PALO ALTO COUNTY GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Palo Alto County Council on Aging Board has identified a need to replace general lighting and security lighting in and around the Multipurpose Center.

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors has identified the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation as a potential resource for supporting the Palo Alto County Council on Aging and its offerings and its opportunities to and for the residents of Palo Alto County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, that the Palo Alto County Council on Aging is authorized to proceed with submittal of a grant application to the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation requesting funding to replace the lighting in the bathrooms with LED lights and add LED security lighting in the back of the center.

All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**INTRODUCED AND APPROVED THIS 17th day of December, 2019.**

/s/Craig Merrill  
Board Chairman

Date: 12-17-2019

ATTEST:  
/s/Carmen Moser  
County Auditor

Date: 12-17-2019

Sue Ruppert, Palo Alto Council on Aging, met with the Board to present a grant Resolution for a full grant for new flooring in the kitchen, dining room and bathrooms at the Multipurpose Center. Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to introduce and approve Resolution 12-17-2019(C-1). Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Nays: None. Resolution Passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-17-2019(C-1)**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PALO ALTO COUNTY, IOWA, TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE PALO ALTO COUNTY GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Palo Alto County Council on Aging Board has identified a need to install new flooring in the kitchen, dining room and bathrooms of the Multipurpose Center

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors has identified the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation as a potential resource for supporting the Palo Alto County Council on Aging and its offerings and its opportunities to and for the residents of Palo Alto County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, that the Palo Alto County Council on Aging is authorized to proceed with submittal of a grant application to the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation requesting funding to install new flooring in the kitchen, dining room and bathrooms.

All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**INTRODUCED AND APPROVED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.**

/s/Craig Merrill  
Board Chairman

Date: 12-17-2019

ATTEST:

/s/Carmen Moser  
County Auditor

Date: 12-17-2019

Don Etler, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board to discuss Drainage District No. 180. The Board held a conference call with Bob Goodwin, Attorney for Drainage District No. 180.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Faulstick to go into Closed Session at 10:08 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c). Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Faulstick, Merrill. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 10:34 a.m.

Don Etler, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board for the bid letting on Drainage District No. 28. Present: Linda Koppie, Jim Sweeney, Jeremy Rognes, Del Reutzel, Joe Roach, Wade Lundgren, Stewart Ohrtman, Steve Ohrtman, Brady Evans, MidAmerican; Collin Klingbeil, Bolton & Menk; Aletha King. The following bids were received for improvement to Drainage District No. 28:

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| Reutzel Excavating           | \$2,022,023.00 |
| Redings Gravel & Excavating  | \$2,373,686.25 |
| Progressive Structures       | \$2,302,076.97 |
| Rognes Bros. Excavating Inc. | \$2,175,160.85 |

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to award the contract to Reutzel Excavating of Burt Iowa, for \$2,022,023 for improvements to Drainage District No. 28 and to authorize the Chairperson to sign contracts. Motion Carried.

Bertha Mathis met with the Board to discuss wind turbine decommissioning. Bertha presented information to the Board to read and also asked the Board to reconsider taking a bond for decommissioning. Bertha asked the Board to think about a moratorium on wind turbines and to make changes to the ordinance to change to 1-mile setbacks and to change ordinance for shadow flicker. Present: Brady Evans, MidAmerican Energy; Aletha King, Zoning.

Committee Reports: Keith Wirtz—safety/wellness meeting. The county will receive a 5% wellness discount on health insurance premiums.

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

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Craig Merrill, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor