

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
January 21st, 2020, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Roger Faulstick, Chair; Craig Merrill, Ron Graettinger, Keith Wirtz, Linus Solberg.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Faulstick. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve the agenda for January 21st, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Solberg to approve the minutes for January 14th, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to appoint Mark Hunefeld as a voting member for the North Central Regional Emergency Response Commission. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

The Board considered the compensation board recommendations for FY21 salaries. The compensation board met on December 12th, 2019, and recommended a 4% increase in salaries for elected officials. The compensation board recommended an additional \$4,250 for the County Attorney. Present: Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Peter Hart, County Attorney; Sue Ruppert, County Recorder.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve a 2.75% increase for the elected officials' salaries and all non-union employees for FY21. Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Faulstick. Nays: Solberg. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed the additional salary of \$4,250 for the County Attorney. Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to not increase the County Attorney salary by an additional \$4,250. Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Faulstick. Nays: Solberg. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Craig Merrill—Northwest Iowa Care Connections; economic development; Linus Solberg—gaming corporation.

Hugh Lively, RIDES, met with the Board to give an annual update and budget request for FY21. Hugh requested \$6,000 for FY21.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc, met with the Board for the Reclassification Hearing on Drainage District 23 Main Ditch, Main Tile, Laterals 5,7 & 12 Ditch and Laterals 1 through 19 tiles. Present: Derek Hansen, Randy Loomis, Gregg Garrelts, Jacob Stewart, Rich Rouse, Steve Peterson, John Rouse, Lon Peterson. Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.

Rick presented the reclassification report for Drainage District 23 Main Ditch, Main Tile, Laterals 5,7 & 12 Ditch and Laterals 1 through 19 tiles. There were no objections on file.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the reclassification report for Drainage District Drainage District 23 Main Ditch, Main Tile, Laterals 5,7 & 12 Ditch and Laterals 1 through 19 tiles. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to set the levy on Drainage District No. 23 Main Tile at 885% of the original units at 5% interest with 20-year waivers. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc, met with the Board for the continued hearing on Drainage District 23 Lateral 8 tile. Present: Derek Hansen, Randy Loomis, Gregg Garrelts, Jacob Stewart, Rich Rouse, Steve Peterson, John Rouse, Lon Peterson. Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.

There were no objections on file.

Rick stated that the Lateral 8 tile of Drainage District No. 23 is undersized. Rick reviewed the Lateral 8 options and cost estimates:

Option 1: entire Lateral 8, 1/2" coefficient \$610,455
Option 2: entire Lateral 8, 1" coefficient \$852,483
Option 3: Lateral 8 to Station 48+00, 1/2" coefficient \$415,464
Option 4: Lateral 8 to Station 48+00, 1" coefficient \$597,334

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Solberg to approve the 1" drainage coefficient for the entire length of Drainage District No. 23 Lateral 8 Tile and to direct the engineer to prepare the plans and specifications. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board for the hearing on Drainage District No. 23 Laterals 9 & 10 tile engineer's report. Present: Derek Hansen, Randy Loomis, Gregg Garrelts, Jacob Stewart, Rich Rouse, Steve Peterson, John Rouse, Lon Peterson. Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.

There were no objections on file.

Rick presented the options for the Lateral 9 tile:

1/2" drainage coefficient \$282,045.04
1" drainage coefficient \$338,096.04

Options for Lateral 10 tile:

1" drainage coefficient \$78,583.15

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the engineer's report for the 1" drainage coefficient and to direct the engineer to prepare plans and specifications for Drainage District No. 23 Lateral 9 Tile. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc, met with the Board for the for Hearing on Drainage District No. 162 tile engineer's report. Present: Glen Smith, Jim Kibbie, Nathan Deters, Stalcup Ag Service, Inc; Marte Elbert by telephone conference; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.

Rick Hopper presented the preliminary engineering report for Drainage District No. 162. Cost estimates are as follows:

Option 1: 1/2" drainage coefficient, partial length main tile \$422,048.00
Option 2: 1" drainage coefficient, partial length main tile \$558,649.00
Option 3: 1/2" drainage coefficient, full length main tile \$577,262.20
Option 4: 1" drainage coefficient, full length main tile \$730,464.20

Objections were filed by Vernon Smith and Gwen Hanson. The objections did not meet remonstrance. Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to overrule the objections. Motion Carried.

Nathan Deters, Stalcup Ag Service, Inc., filed a letter in favor of Option 2 for the Montgomery Farms LLC.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve the preliminary engineering report for Option 1 & 2 and to direct the engineer to prepare plans and specifications to bid 1/2" drainage coefficient for partial length main tile and the 1" drainage coefficient for partial length main tile for Drainage District 162. Motion Carried.

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