

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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. Ron Graettinger and Keith Wirtz attended the meeting by conference call. Present: Peter Hart, County Attorney; Walter Davis-Oeth, Co. Engineer; Carmen Moser, Auditor.

Present on Conference call: Joe Schany, Emmetsburg Publishing; Aletha King, Zoning; Mark Hunefeld, EMA; Lois Naig, Assessor; Mark Zaccone, Invenergy. Lynn Schultes, Co. Sheriff.

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 Solberg to approve the agenda for April 7, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the minutes for March 24, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve claims allowed for April 3, 2020, for Veteran Affairs and the quarterly report ending March 31, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to re-appoint Terry Chamberlain to Commission of Veteran Affairs with term to expire May 31, 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve Cost Advisory Services Report for ending June 30, 2019, to establish cost allocation for FY2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve Lakeland EZ Stop LLC liquor license for Class C Beer Permit, Class E Liquor License, and Sunday Sales. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Solberg to approve transfer of \$1,057,000 from fund 15004-Special Revenue TIF Fund to fund 40000-Debt Service fund on April 7, 2020. Motion Carried.

Mark Hunefeld, EMA, gave the Board an update on COVID-19 for Palo Alto County.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Solberg to approve hiring Galen Dykstra as part-time operator at \$18.00 per hour effective March 26, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to approve amended Iowa DOT FY2020 budget. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve Iowa DOT FY2021 budget. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to introduce and approve Resolution 4-7-2020(A) for Palo Alto County FY 2021 5-year construction program. Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Faulstick. Nays: Solberg. Resolution Passed.

Janna Swanson had a conference call with the Board regarding industrial solar. Present on Conference call: Bertha Mathis; Lois Naig, Assessor; Mark Zaccone, Invenergy; Gabe Klooster, Matt Bertler, Bret Dublinske.

Janna presented information to share with the Board regarding solar energy and asked that they please consider the information she has brought to their attention.

Roger Faulstick, Chair, informed Janna of the moratorium they have placed on solar energy so that the Board can take their time in answering questions and drafting a good solar ordinance.

Mark Zaccone, Invenergy, had a conference call with the Board to give an update on solar project and answer questions. Present on call Bertha Mathis; Lois Naig, Assessor; Mark Zaccone, Invenergy; Gabe Klooster, Matt Bertler, Bret Dublinske; Janna Swanson.

Gabe Klooster, Development Manager Invenergy, informed the Board that there has not been significant progress at this time. Invenergy has hired a land agent and they are still in the process of signing up land for the solar project. Gabe explained the solar project and answered questions for the Board.

Dean Gunderson and Charlie Kollasch had a conference call with the Board to file a petition on Drainage District 61 Lateral A Tile. Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc. was on the call. Dean and Charlie discussed the drainage issue starting in Fairfield Township, Section 32 and 33 and continuing through Fern Valley Township, in Sections 4 & 5.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to recognize the petition filed and to appoint Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc. to investigate the drainage issue on DD 61 Lateral A. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Craig Merrill—NW IA Care Connections; Roger Faulstick—RIDES; Linus Solberg—committee meeting solar ordinance; Keith Wirtz—Early Childhood, Drainage District 106; Ron Graettinger—Upper Des Moines.

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

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Roger Faulstick, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor