

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
May 19, 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. Present: Peter Hart, County Attorney.

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.

Due to COVID-19 the meeting was held by conference call. The conference call bridge number and conference ID number was posted and provided at the top of the agenda that was emailed.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve the agenda for May 19, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve the minutes for May 12, 2020. Motion Carried.

Mark Hunefeld, EMA, met with the Board by conference call to give an update on COVID-19 update. Palo Alto County has two positive cases reported of COVID-19.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss 1207 South St. property in Ayrshire. The Board asked the County Treasurer to visit with the City of Ayrshire regarding cleanup of the property located at 1207 South Street in Ayrshire.

Steve Cody was here for public comment to give an update on the opening of the Wild Rose Casino. He said it is a learning process for everyone.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board by conference call. Walter gave an update on road projects.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve hiring Bob Soenen as part-time operator for mowing at \$13.00 per hour effective May 19, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve the liquor license for Spring Hills Country Club pending dram shop insurance. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to rescind motion of May 12, 2020, for the levy on Drainage District 23 Main Tile. Motion Carried. Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve the levy for Drainage District 23 Main Tile for 944% for \$1,440,569.13. Motion Carried. (B&B Drainage was issued stamped drainage warrants on the DD 23 Open Ditch fund and that amount needed to be included in the levy for the DD 23 Main Tile).

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to cancel the Board meeting for June 2, 2020, for Primary Election. Motion Carried. Auditor's Office will be open Saturday, May 30, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for absentee voting.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Solberg to approve the 28E Agreement for Northwest Iowa Care Connections with Clay, Kossuth, Osceola, Winnebago, and Worth Counties. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the Bylaws for Northwest Iowa Care Connections approved by the Region's Governing Board on April 28, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Solberg to approve the Personnel Contract for Northwest Iowa Care Connections effective July 1, 2020. Motion Carried.

The Board held a conference call with Travis Squires, Piper Sandler; and John Danos, Dorsey & Whitney. Present by conference call: Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff, and Joe Schany, Emmetsburg Publishing. Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, was present for the call.

The Board asked questions regarding urban renewal and tax increment financing. John Danos recommended a list of projects to be completed to determine the urban renewal area.

Committee Reports: Craig Merrill: Economic Development and Northwest Iowa Care Connections; Linus Solberg: Gaming Corporation meeting; Keith Wirtz – Drainage update. The Board placed a call to Rick Hopper, Jacobson Westergard, regarding DD162 & DD24.

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