

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
June 16, 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, Linus Solberg. Absent: Keith Wirtz. 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. Absent: Wirtz.

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 Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve the agenda for June 16, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to approve the minutes for June 9, 2020. Motion Carried.

Mark Hunefeld, EMA, met with the Board by conference call to give an update on COVID-19. Palo Alto County has 17 positive case reported of COVID-19. Sarah Strohman, Community Health, was also on the conference call to provide information and answer questions. Sarah suggested to refer people to the hospital website for information. Mark is working on preparing for the mass testing to be held at the college on June 25<sup>th</sup> for health care providers and emergency response individuals. Present by conference call: Joe Schany, Emmetsburg Publishing; Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Sarah Strohman, Community Health; Mark Hunefeld, EMA.

No one was present for public comment.

Don Etler, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board by conference call to discuss the North Racoon watershed and provide information to the Board. Don updated the Board on the 8 counties that have filed the resolution regarding the North Raccoon watershed. Don recommends a meeting with the counties before July 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the group position moving forward.

Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss jail structure and give an update on the progress of the architect.

Lisa Black, General Services, met by conference call with the Board to give an update on May and June services.

Committee Reports: Roger Faulstick: transfer station; Linus Solberg: gaming corporation meeting; Craig Merrill: economic development and regional MH.

The Board placed a conference call to Sheila Tipton, Attorney with Brown Winick, to ask questions regarding Iowa Utilities Board and the comment period. The Board requested Sheila to draft a letter/comment on their behalf to file with the IA Utilities Board.

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

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Roger Faulstick, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor