

Election Center
Emmetsburg, Iowa
July 21, 2020, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Linus Solberg Chair Pro-Tem; Craig Merrill; Keith Wirtz. Roger Faulstick present by conference call. Absent: Ron Graettinger.

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

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 July 21, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to approve the minutes for July 14, 2020. Motion Carried.

Lois Naig, Assessor, met with the Board by conference call. Lois presented the new homestead and military applications for FY22. The business property tax applications for FY22 were presented.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve the homestead and military applications for FY22 and the business property tax applications for FY22. Motion Carried.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board by conference call to discuss Palo Alto County Tax Sale property in Ayrshire. Robin discussed with the Board that the lien search on the property in Ayrshire found a vacated alley and requested that it be included with the Mike & Debbie Garrelts property. Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Merrill to assign tax sale no. 2009-122 to Mike & Debbie Garrelts. Motion Carried.

Robin Jamison discussed with the Board a request from the City of Ayrshire to clean up the property at 1405 Doon Street in Ayrshire. Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to authorize the City of Ayrshire to clean up the property at 1405 Doon St and assign tax sale certificate 2005-50001. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohman, Public Health, met with the Board by conference to give an update on COVID-19. Palo Alto County has 63 positive cases reported at this time.

Harold Christensen was present for public comment and presented information regarding Iowa Natural Heritage and CSR values on 71 acres in Walnut Township.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to set the completion hearing date for Drainage District 80 Lower Main open ditch for September 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Election Center. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Merrill—NWIACC mtg; Solberg & Wirtz—North Racoon watershed meeting. The Board contacted Sheila Tipton by conference call to discuss proposed solar energy ordinance.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc. met with the Board for the Annexation Hearing on Drainage District No. 47. Rick presented the annexation report for Drainage District No. 47 to include 9.47 acres. No objections were on file. Present: Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office Clerk.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve the annexation report for Drainage District No. 47. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc. met with the Board for the Annexation Hearing on Drainage District No. 92. Rick presented the annexation report for Drainage District No. 92 to include 118.46 acres. Objections were filed by David Girres and Harold Christensen. Present: Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office Clerk; Harold Christensen and Marty Brennan.

Rick will work with Marty Brennan and contact the State regarding a tile issue. Rick will review objections and contact the landowners.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve the annexation report for Drainage District No. 92, subject to the review of Harold Christensen parcel no. 490029002030 and 490029003020; and David Girres objection on parcel no. 490021003010 and 490021003021. Motion Carried.

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

Linus Solberg, Chair Pro Tem

Carmen Moser, County Auditor