

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
August 4th, 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: Kim Kibbie, City of Emmetsburg Administrator; Dan Cooper, Emmetsburg Municipal Utilities Trustee.

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 Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the agenda for August 4, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve the minutes for July 28, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the Recorder's report for July 31, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve the Veteran Affairs monthly report for August 3, 2020. Motion Carried.

Kim Kibbie, Emmetsburg City Administrator, met with the Board to give an update on the chloride reduction project for the City of Emmetsburg. Dan Cooper explained the process for using the county pit to reduce the chloride reduction for the City of Emmetsburg. Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, joined the call and discussed the county pit and did not have any concerns pumping the water down in the pit. Kim requested approval from the Board to move forward with the county pit for the chloride reduction project for the City of Emmetsburg.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to allow the City of Emmetsburg to move forward with using the county pit for the chloride reduction project for the City of Emmetsburg and to have the City of Emmetsburg present a 28E Agreement at a later date to the Board of Supervisors. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohman, Community Health, met with the Board by conference call to give an update on COVID-19 cases. There are 79 cases in Palo Alto County and 69 cases have recovered. The Board recommended hiring part-time help to help with follow-up calls of positive cases in the county.

Joel Zwiefel was present for public comment and explained concerns regarding the wind turbine project in Vernon Township, Section 12. Joel has had issues with a county tile main due to the construction of the wind turbine. Aletha King, Zoning, was on the conference call to discuss the drainage issue. Joel's issue will be resolved when the Drainage District 28 project is constructed.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board by telephone conference. Walter presented utility permits for approval and gave an update on road & bridge projects.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve a utility permit to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section one of Emmetsburg Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to approve a utility permit to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 26 and 35 of Rush Lake Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve a utility permit to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in several sections of Fairfield and Independence Townships. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to set the Hearing on Improvements for Jt. 63 Branch Main Tile for September 1, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ayrshire Community Center. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: The Board contacted Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard , regarding drainage district reclassifications.

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

Roger Faulstick, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor