

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
October 27<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. Present by conference call: Joe Schany, newspaper; Judy Sorenson.

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 Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve the agenda for October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve the minutes for October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Motion Carried.

Kent Malm, Weed Commissioner, met with the Board to present the weed commissioner's report for 2020.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve the weed commissioner's report for 2020. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohman, Community Health Director, met by conference call and gave an update on COVID19. The county has 32 active cases as of today.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter gave a road and bridge update.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to award the contract for Drainage District FEMA repairs to Reutzel Excavating for \$181,800.80 (Section 1 & 2) and Dirtz Proz LLC for \$75,575.75 (Section 3 & 4). Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Bolton & Menk, & Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board for the bid letting on Drainage District 180 Lower Main Tile. The following bids were received:

Geislinger & Sons, Inc.	\$1,082,368.00
Reutzel Exc.	\$ 730,812.50
Rognes Brox Exc.	\$ 739,185.00
Dirtz Proz LLC	\$ 502,806.75

Jon Rosengren will review the contractor with the low bid and check references before the Board approves the bid. Jon with report back to the Board.

The Board discussed the environmental position and possible sharing with Emmet County. The Board decided to share the position with Emmet County for Environmental Health. The position will be full-time with Emmet County being the employer of record and Palo Alto will split the cost of salary & benefits at 50% with Emmet County. Emmet County Attorney is drafting the agreement.

Committee Reports: Keith Wirtz—DD 106 repair project.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board held a conference call with Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors for the Hearing on Report of Appraisers for ROW for Jt. 63 Branch Main Tile project. Present: Jon Rosengren, Collin Klingbeil, Bolton & Menk; Craig Kassel, Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office. Pocahontas County Board: Clarence Siepker, Ed Dewey, Brent Aden, Louis Stauter, Jeff Ives, Kelly Jepsen, Pocahontas County Auditor. Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors: Roger Faulstick, Craig Merrill, Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, and Ron Graettinger; Carmen Moser, Auditor.

Motion by Louis Stater, seconded by Linus Solberg to appoint Jeff Ives as Chair, and Kelly Jepsen as Secretary of the joint drainage hearing. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Collin presented the ROW appraiser's report for Jt 63 to extend the main open ditch north. Collin presented the report as follows:

						<u>Revised</u>
Kassel Farms Inc.	19-95-33	SE SE exc TR	3.07 ac	\$14,276		\$19,236
Kassel Farms Inc.	19-95-33	NE SE exc TR	3.09 ac	\$14,369		\$19,361
Kassel Enterprises Inc.	19-95-33	TR NE SE	.03 ac.	\$140		\$188
				\$28,785		\$38,785

Craig Kassel felt that the replacing of the crossing should be separate from this report. Craig did not agree with the compensation. Craig negotiated with the Board and settled for an additional \$10,000.

Motion by Linus Solberg, seconded by Clarence Siepker to approve the ROW appraisers report for \$38,785 to Kassel Farms. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve the claims and drainage claims for October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc	Park Maintenance & Suppli	20898.00
B & K Doors	Operating/Construction Eq	90.00
Bauer Plumbing & Heating Inc.	Misc Expense	1799.00
Bomgaars	Agricultural & Horticult.	315.07
Brown Winick	Consultants	1870.00
Buhrow Construction	Agricultural & Horticult.	6175.20
Canon	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	166.00
Central Ia Juv Detention Ctr	Foster Family Home	400.00
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Custodial Supplies	608.00
Community Lumber	Agricultural & Horticult.	6348.89
Counsel Office & Document	Office & Data Processing	72.95
E-Pride	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	51.97
Emmetsburg Ford	Motor Vehicle Equipment	2604.78
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Official Pub & Legal Noti	1974.13
Fareway	Food & Provisions	518.19
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	1194.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Water & Sewer	446.22
IT SAVVY	Misc Expense	6415.00
J.D. Power & Associates	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	240.00
Jere Kay Gravel	Park Maintenance & Suppli	3295.00
The Lighting Source & More 436	Park Maintenance & Suppli	566.80
Loffler Companies - 131511	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	42.05
ANDY MANWARREN	Park Maintenance & Suppli	1206.00
Martin-Mattice Fun. Home	Funeral Services	1800.00
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	179.77
Deb Metz	Engineering Services	5000.00
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	535.25
MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION CONSULTAN	Buildings	5207.30
Mitchell Co Regional Health Ce	Other	77.00
NACO Nat'l Assoc of Counties	Dues & Memberships	450.00
NSG, LLC Norgaard Sand & Gravel	Park Maintenance & Suppli	3612.42
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	199.90
Outdoor Recreation Products	Recreational Supplies	1015.00
Palo Alto Co Comm Health Ser	Board of Health	3116.11
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	310.55
POCAHONTAS CO SHERIFF	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	49.06
Rick A. Weidner, AIA	Buildings	8077.82
Ricoh USA, Inc.	Office & Data Processing	46.06
River Valley Telecommunication	Telecommunications Serv.-	489.71
Sanford Health	Medical & Health Services	2213.00
SLASH POINT SALES	Data Processing Equipment	21.95
Stanard & Associates, Inc.	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	95.00
Swanson Hardware	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	223.95
Claude Thayer	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	42.50
Verizon	phone service	320.40
Von Bokern Associates, Inc	Consultants	2000.00
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	Contract Carriers	462.00
West Bend Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	82.59
West Bend Journal	Official Pub & Legal Noti	112.50
Wickman Auto Salvage	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	325.00
Windstream	phone	1164.79
WOODFORD EQUIPMENT	Operating/Construction Eq	35.09

General Supplemental Fund

Bauer Plumbing & Heating Inc.	Misc Expense	1538.00
Election Source	Misc Expense	1095.63
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	3497.51
E.M.U.	utilities	67.31

MH-DD Services Fund

NORTHWEST IOWA CARE CONN. c/o	Disb between MHDS Reg & m	53238.00
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Rural Services Basic Fund

Bomgaars	Equipment	147.80
E-Pride	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	51.30

IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	155.00
Northern Rolloff	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	268.35
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	79.95
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Motor Vehicle Equipment	26.01
Shamrock Recycling, Inc	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	2463.73
Summit Companies	Equipment	429.68
Windstream	phone	60.46

**Secondary Road Fund**

Affordable Glass	Engineering Services	19.78
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	119.79
Cemstone	Engineering Services	2488.75
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Engineering Services	1916.30
Cintas	Engineering Services	18.42
Collision Center of West Bend	Engineering Services	2220.07
Deitering Bros Inc	Engineering Services	763.00
Don's Truck Sales Inc	Engineering Services	84.63
E.M.U.	Engineering Services	81.11
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Engineering Services	102.00
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	1802.58
Melissa Hall	Engineering Services	168.00
Hometown Electric	Engineering Services	781.00
Hotsy Cleaning Systems	Engineering Services	1755.72
IA Dept of Transportation	Engineering Services	19031.54
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Engineering Services	26.36
Interstate Power Systems	Engineering Services	3877.16
Martin Marietta Agg	Engineering Services	87.70
Metal Culverts Inc.	Engineering Services	16625.00
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	112.47
Robin K Moore	Engineering Services	160.00
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	19.55
N & A Manufacturing Inc.	Engineering Services	277.95
Newman Traffic Signs	Engineering Services	1757.71
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	Engineering Services	33016.00
Palo Alto Co Health System	Engineering Services	54.00
Picrays Welding & Fab.	Engineering Services	854.43
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Engineering Services	6433.60
City of Ruthven	Engineering Services	134.09
SLASH POINT SALES	Engineering Services	156.25
Staples Credit Plan	Engineering Services	487.45
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	110.48
U.S. Postal Service	Engineering Services	280.00
City of West Bend	Engineering Services	114.08

**E911 Surcharge Fund**

Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	154.30
MCI Comm Service	Engineering Services	33.20
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	758.78
Verizon	phone service	3.55
Windstream	phone	80.44
WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS ATTE	phone	204.60

**Drainage Claims**

Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 132-FEMA Eng Exp	685.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 175 FEMA Eng Exp	1180.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 180 Lat 1-Eng Exp	6088.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 180 Main FEMA Eng Exp	600.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 21 West FEMA Eng Exp	387.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 21 West Lat 1 FEMA Eng	500.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 28-Eng Exp	14322.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 48-FEMA Eng Exp	550.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 62-FEMA Eng Exp	612.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 7-FEMA Eng Exp	537.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 80 Br F-FEMA Eng Exp	437.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 80 Low- FEMA Eng Exp	1062.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 80 Low-Eng Exp	3621.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 80 Up-FEMA Eng Exp	750.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 923 Lat 2 Open FEMA En	645.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 98 Sub 1-FEMA Eng Exp	337.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 98-FEMA Eng Exp	347.50
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	DD 180 Lat 1-Pub Exp	91.12
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc	DD Jt 13 OTLT-Eng Exp	306.40
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc	DD 61 Lat B-Eng Exp	1083.75
Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD 28-Tile Repair	143390.03

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