

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
November 17th, 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. Present by conference call: Keith Wirtz, Supervisor; Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Joe Schany, newspaper.

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 Merrill to approve the agenda for November 17th, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to approve the minutes for November 10th, 2020. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohman, Community Health Director, met with the Board by conference call to give an update on COVID19. There are 119 active cases in Palo Alto County.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to approve the West Bend Golf & Country Club Class C liquor license, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales pending dram shop insurance. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve payment to Luft and Sons Inc. for materials for Drainage District No. 180 Lower Main Tile for \$ 63,429.58. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter updated the board on the Silver Lake byway project. The archeology study came back clear at this time and the engineer will start working on the right of way acquisition.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Vernon Township Section 12 and Independence Township Section 7. Motion Carried. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Solberg to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Vernon Township Section 10 and 15. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve hiring George DeMoss and John Marcellus as equipment operators at the Emmetsburg shed at \$19.01 per hour effective November 23rd, 2020. Motion Carried.

Maureen Elbert, PACEDC, met with the Board by conference call for the annual economic development budget presentation and to request annual membership dues for Mid-Iowa Growth Partnership. Present by conference call: Ivan Dalen, Tony Brugman, Rick Brennan, PACEDC Board members.

Ivan Dalen presented an update of projects and new website design and requested the same budget amount as last year of \$100,000. Rick Brennan gave a summary of the revolving loan fund. Tony Brugman gave an update on workforce development. Maureen requested the Mid Iowa Growth Partnership membership dues as the same as last year for \$5,250.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to set the completion hearing date for Drainage District No. 28 for December 15th, 2020, at 9:15 a.m. in the Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to set the Hearing for Right of Way Acquisition on Drainage District No. 28 for December 15th, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in the Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger—Ag Committee & DECAT; Linus Solberg—Gaming Corporation; Keith Wirtz—Early Childhood.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board met at the Election Center for the Hearing on Improvements for Drainage District No. 119. Present: Roger Faulstick, Chair; Craig Merrill, Ron Graettinger, Linus Solberg; Carmen Moser, Auditor; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard; Douglas Shirk, Rick Elbert, Dale Reed. Present by conference call: Keith Wirtz; Diane Smith, Sacred Heart Church; Joe Schany, newspaper.

Roger Faulstick, Chair, opened the hearing at 10:00 a.m., on Improvements to Drainage District No. 119. Rick Hopper, Engineer with Jacobson-Westergard, presented the engineer's report and the map showing alternatives for the tile in Drainage District No. 119. There was a petition filed requesting to bring water south to Drainage District 98 Sub 1. Rick presented 4 options as follows:

Option 1: 180' of open ditch, 1" drainage coefficient	\$222,658.50
Option 2: 680' of open ditch, 1" drainage coefficient	\$181,546.00
Option 3: 180' of open ditch, ½" drainage coefficient	\$198,106.00
Option 4: 680' of open ditch, ½" drainage coefficient	\$163,318.50

Rick explained that the acres using the new tile will be annexed and assessed into Drainage District No. 98 Sub 1. Rick recommended option 1 for bid letting.

No objections were on file.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to set the interest rate at 5% and offer waivers for 20 years for the improvement project on Drainage District 119. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve the preliminary engineering report and to direct the Rick Hopper, engineer, to prepare the plans & specifications for option 1 & option 3 for a bid letting for Drainage District No. 119. Motion Carried. (Option 1: 180' of open ditch, 1" drainage coefficient: Option 3: 180' of open ditch, ½" drainage coefficient)

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to adjourn at 10:53 a.m. Motion Carried.

Roger Faulstick, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor