

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
December 15th, 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, Reporter/Democrat.

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 December 15th, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve the minutes for December 8th, 2020. Motion Carried.

Arlet Johnson, Palo Alto County Historical School Association, met with the Board by conference call. Arlet presented details of the grant application for repairs to the country school house roof.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to introduce and approve the following Resolution No. 12-15-2020 (A). Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Faulstick. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-15-2020 (A)
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PALO COUNTY, IOWA, TO
APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO
THE PALO ALTO COUNTY GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto County Historical School Association has identified a need to repair the country school roof located at the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds, by removing the shingles on the south and east side of the roof, sheeting the roof, and placing new shingles on the roof. This is part of a two-year plan that will be finished in 2022.

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors has identified the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation as a potential resource for supporting the Palo Alto County Historical School Association and its offering and its opportunities to and for the residents of Palo Alto County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, that the Palo Alto County Historical School Association is authorized to proceed with submittal of a grant application to the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation requesting funds to repair the south and east side of the roof, sheeting the roof, and placing new shingles on the roof.

All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED THIS 15th day of December, 2020.

/s/Roger Faulstick Date 12-15-2020
Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Carmen Moser Date 12-15-2020
County Auditor

Brian Garrels, Gun Club, met with the Board. Brian presented details of the grant application for a Pat trap at Sportsman Recreation Area.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to introduce and approve the following Resolution No. 12-15-2020 (B). Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Faulstick. Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 12-15-2020 (B)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT FUNDING FOR
THE PALO ALTO GUN CLUB

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto Gun Club is seeking to obtain funding in the amount of \$3990.00 in order to purchase a new skeet high house Pat trap to place at Sportsman Recreation Area, a public park owned and maintained by the Palo Alto County Conservation Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto Gun Club's normal annual operating budget resources would not be sufficient to purchase the new Pat trap; and,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED the Palo Alto County, IA Board of Supervisors hereby affirms its support of the Palo Alto Gun Club in seeking assistance through the Palo Alto County Gaming and Development Corporation for grant funding in the amount of \$3990.00 to purchase a new skeet high house Pat trap to place at Sportsman Recreation Area.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th of December, 2020.

BY: /s/Roger Faulstick

Chairman, Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

/s/ Carmen Moser, Palo Alto County Auditor

Sarah Strohman, Community Health Director, met with the Board by conference call to give an update on COVID19. There are 41 active cases in Palo Alto County.

No one was present for public comment.

Ben Huntley, Environment Health Technician, met with the Board for introductions. Ben is shared between Emmet and Palo Alto Counties for the Environmental Health Technician.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board by conference call. Walter requested a non-reporting work day for the Secondary Roads Department for December 24th. Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve a non-reporting work day for Secondary Roads Department on December 24, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to introduce and approve Resolution No. 12-15-2020 (C):

RESOLUTION # 12-15-2020 (C)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT OF CURRENT COUNTY BUDGET
2020/2021

The Board of Supervisors met this date for the purpose of amending the current FY21 County Budget. No objectors were present therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PALO ALTO COUNTY TO adopt the amended budget as published and change the following appropriations as listed:

Department Number	Department Title	Appropriation Prior to Resolution	Appropriation Adjustment Per Resolution	Final Appropriation Per Resolution
01	Board of Supervisors	\$305,319	\$2,000	\$307,319
02	Auditor	\$300,106	\$21,200	\$321,306
02	Auditor (Elections)	\$62,450	\$11,000	\$73,450
04	Attorney	\$399,800	\$13,020	\$412,820
05	Sheriff	\$778,044	\$3,870	\$781,914
20	County Engineer	\$6,419,454	\$535,000	\$6,954,454
22	Conservation	\$761,667	\$11,260	\$772,927
23	Local Health	\$118,460	\$8,449	\$126,909
73	IRVM	\$158,870	\$6,474	\$165,344
99	Nondepartmental (Other Policy &Adm)	\$80,150	\$30,845	\$110,995

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2020 by the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors, with the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: Graettinger, Merrill, Wirtz, Solberg, Faulstick.

Nays: none.

Resolution Carried.

/s/Roger Faulstick, Chairman

/s/Carmen Moser, Auditor

Collin Klingbeil, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board for the Completion Hearing on Drainage District No. 28. Present: Stewart Ohrtman and Wade Lundgren. Present on conference call: Mike & Linda Handeland; Craig Brownlee.

Collin presented the completion report for Drainage District No. 28 and the crop damages worksheet. Claims for damages were filed by Linda Handeland, Justin Opheim and Chris Warren. The Board reviewed the claims and addressed landowners' concerns. The Board discussed changes to the crop damages recommendation.

Collin recommended holding \$2,000 from the retainage until seeding & fertilizing is completed next spring by Reutzel Excavating.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve the crop damages worksheet with an adjustment to use 200 bu/acre yield and \$4.00/bu. price for corn and to direct the Auditor to make payments. Motion Carried. The new crop damages worksheet totals \$50,197.85.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Solberg to approve the contract with Reutzel Excavating and to direct the Auditor to release the retainage in 30 days and withhold \$2,000 for seeding & fertilizing to be completed next spring. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to approve \$1,500 to Chris Warren for tillage, spraying and gravel. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board for the Hearing on Right of Way Acquisition on Drainage District No. 28. Present: Stewart Ohrtman and Wade Lundgren. Present on conference call: Mike & Linda Handeland; Craig Brownlee.

Collin presented the right of way acquisition report for Drainage District No. 28. The right of way acquisition report totals \$19,427.50.

No objections were filed.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve the right of way acquisition report for Drainage District No. 28, filed on November 16, 2020, for a total of \$19,427.50. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to appoint Allen Stangl and Bill Brown as Commissioners along with Collin Klingbeil, Engineer, to reclassify Drainage District No. 28. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger: Drainage District N 15.

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

Roger Faulstick, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor