

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
January 12, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Linus Solberg, Chair; Ronald Graettinger, Roger Faulstick, Craig Merrill, Keith Wirtz. Present by conference call: Joe Schany, Democrat/Reporter; Sarah Strohmman.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Graettinger, Faulstick, Merrill Wirtz, Solberg. 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 and posted.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Wirtz to approve the agenda for January 12, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the minutes for January 4, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to approve the Recorder's Report for the date ending December 31, 2020. Motion Carried.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board to present the Investment Policy and the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report.

Motion by Wirtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to approve the Palo Alto County Treasurer's Investment Policy. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, by Graettinger to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report ending December 31, 2020. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohmman, Community Health Director, met with the Board by conference call to give an update on COVID19 cases and vaccine. Present: Mike Hermansen.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board for a road update and to discuss legal action regarding abandoned excavator. Present: Peter Hart, County Attorney. Peter will contact the attorney of the person of the abandoned excavator.

Walter discussed with the Board a request to remove intakes in the ROW in Section 34 of Nevada Township. The landowner is running a private tile parallel to Drainage District 923 Lateral A tile. Walter will present the permit at the next board meeting.

Motion by Faulstick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Graettinger for all full-time employees to be entitled to full wage replacement at their regular pay for a maximum of 80 hours for COVID19 exposure or illness. This is a continuation from 2020, no additional hours are allowed. This is effective through March 31, 2021. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc., met with the Board to discuss reclassification reductions. The Board directed Rick to proceed with reclassifications for continued hearings.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to set the completion hearing for Drainage District No. 23 Laterals 8 & 9 for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to appoint Kevin Berte to the Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustment for a 3-year term ending on December 31, 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Graettinger and seconded by Faulstick to appoint the following persons to serve as members of the Compensation Commission for the Eminent Domain cases for the 2021 year. Motion Carried.

**BUSINESS PERSONS**

Alex Bleuer, 605 S. Broadway, West Bend Iowa	515-890-0565
John Spies 302 Lakeshore Drive, Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-4023
Wm. S. Brown 4577 280 <sup>th</sup> St. Graettinger, Iowa	712-859-3880
Jeff Treveer 1208 South St. Box 264, Ayrshire, Iowa	712-426-2202
Joe Noonan, 42125 360 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Ruthven, Iowa	712-298-1504
Mike Gehrt 803 Micawber St. Mallard, Iowa	712-425-3560
Kurt Bonnstetter, 111 Iowa St, Cylinder, Iowa	712-424-3961

**FARMERS**

Gerald Thatcher 407 4 <sup>th</sup> St. West Bend, Iowa	515-887-5959
Fred Schmidt, 4169 580 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Whittemore, Iowa	515-884-2549
Kathy Cramer 4283 440 <sup>th</sup> St. Curlew, Iowa	712-855-2874
Jerome Kuyper 5728 500 <sup>th</sup> St. West Bend, Iowa	515-887-3457
Craig Thu, 102 Ford Rd, Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-415-1072
Cory Fehr, 5727 440 <sup>th</sup> St, West Bend, Iowa	712-358-0831

**CITY AND TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS**

Chad Clausen, 4957 490 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Mallard, Iowa	712-298-2359
Mike Flaherty, 410 N Maple Ave, Graettinger, Iowa	712-859-3578
Matt Greene, 3765 380 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Ruthven, Iowa	712-837-4843
David Morey, 4812 510 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Mallard, Iowa	712-425-3234
David Neilson 104 South Elder Ave. Graettinger, Iowa	712-859-3860

**REALTORS**

Jerry Besch 4420 510 <sup>th</sup> St. Mallard, Iowa	712-852-3690
Judy Johnson 3586 450 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-4921
Vic Johnson 3586 450 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-4921
Jack Nolan, 1107 Lake St, Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-4667
Mike Wentzel, 804 King St. Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-2294
Jerry Holland 3502 1 <sup>st</sup> .Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-2877
Norlyn Stowell 2 North Madison St. Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-3604
Roger Wagner 3856 440 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-4257
Brian Jackson 212 North Wallace St. Emmetsburg, Iowa	712-852-3211
Jay Bargman, 5579 430 <sup>th</sup> St, West Bend, Iowa	515-887-5579

Carmen Moser, Auditor, reviewed the proposed tax levies for FY22.

Committee Reports: Craig Merrill—Care Connections of North Iowa; Keith Wirtz—North Racoon watershed; Roger Faulstick—proposed building.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Graettinger to approve the claims and drainage claims for January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion Carried.

**General Basic Fund**

Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	31.92
Bauer Plumbing & Heating Inc.	Buildings	120.00
Canon	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	166.00
Central Ia Juv Detention Ctr	Foster Family Home	901.54
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Custodial Supplies	309.30
Cliff Christensen	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	100.00
Christina Clausen	Employee Mileage & Subs.	12.00
Clean Plus Inc./CPI Division	Custodial Supplies	131.39
CoZo Stephanie Lientz	Educational/Training Serv	75.00
Curt Dykstra Plumbing and Heat	Agricultural & Horticult.	12062.23
E-Pride	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	375.18
Emmet Co Public Health	Salary-Regular Employees	3758.88
E.M.U.	utilities	354.65
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Misc Expense	265.00
Fareway	Custodial Supplies	1771.96
Foundation Analytical Lab	Employee Mileage & Subs.	133.10
Graettinger Times	Board Proceedings	1038.93
Vincent H. Heller	Bus	174.00
Nick Hoch Jr	Contract Carriers	300.00
Hometown Electric	Buildings	96.00
Hy-Vee Accounts Receivable	Food & Provisions	100.41
IA Law Enforcement Academy	Educational/Training Serv	250.00
IMWCA	Workmens' Comp Insurance	4806.55
Inman Electric Co Inc	Engineering Services	57.04

Iowa Communications Network	Telecommunications Serv.-	22.68
IOWA NARCOTICS OFFICERS ASSOC	Dues & Memberships	200.00
ISSDA	Dues & Memberships	350.00
J.T. Body Shop	Minor MV Parts & Access	500.00
NICK JACKSON	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	1075.00
Knight Protection	Contract Carriers	250.00
Language Link	Data Processing	7.75
Tom Leuer	Engineering Services	500.00
Loffler Companies - 131511	Office Equip & Furniture	377.30
Louscher Family Dentistry	Acute & Emergency Treat.	319.00
Mail Services, LLC	Postage & Mailing	278.46
Mainstay Systems Inc	Contract Carriers	106.65
ANDY MANWARREN	Agric/Hort. Services	210.00
Matt's Cleaning Service	Salary-Regular Employees	500.00
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	796.34
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	560.64
MOCIC ATTN: MEMBERSHIP	Dues & Memberships	100.00
Joseph F. Neary	Engineering Services	160.50
Northern Rolloff	Buildings	7535.41
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	294.90
Palo Alto Co Comm Health Ser	Board of Health	5950.02
Palo Alto Co Emergency Mgmt	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	2108.25
Palo Alto Co Fair Assn	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	632.18
Palo Alto Co Health System	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	228.75
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	10193.63
Quill Corporation	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	383.13
RESERVE ACCOUNT	Postage & Mailing	4200.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Electric Light & Power	64.80
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Tires & Tubes	670.72
Ruthven Zipcode	Official Pub & Legal Noti	141.12
SLASH POINT SALES	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	199.00
HOWARD SMITH	Bus	283.50
Solutions Inc.	services	2312.56
Swanson Hardware	Custodial Supplies	141.29
Thomson Reuters West Payment C	Legal Research Service	1375.26
Upper Des Moines Opp.Inc.	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	22975.00
Verizon	phone service	320.14
VISA	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	2768.87
Weekly Bulletin	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	170.00
West Bend Journal	Official Pub & Legal Noti	141.12
Windstream	phone	152.25
<b><u>General Supplemental Fund</u></b>		
Amazon Capital Services	Other	58.97
Loffler Companies - 131511	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	1506.69
<b><u>Rural Services Basic Fund</u></b>		
E-Pride	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	19.98
Emmetsburg Ford	Equipment	4081.32
Emmetsburg Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	435.90
Graettinger Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	185.26
IMWCA	Workmens' Comp Insurance	8926.45
Aletha King	Custodial Supplies	9.36
Mallard Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	152.57
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	79.95
River Valley Telecommunication	Telecommunications Serv.-	75.36
Ruthven Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	152.57
SLASH POINT SALES	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	54.95
City of Spencer	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	19843.48
Swanson Hardware	Misc Expense	79.92
ULINE ATTN: Accounts Receivab	Misc Expense	116.08
West Bend Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	163.46
Windstream	phone	60.46
<b><u>Special Revenue-SheriffReserve</u></b>		
Colton Andersen	Educational/Training Serv	60.00
IA Lakes Community College	Educational/Training Serv	150.00
Palo Alto Co Health System	Educational/Training Serv	79.00
Sioux Sales Co.	Educational/Training Serv	3900.00
<b><u>Secondary Road Fund</u></b>		
Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc	Engineering Services	1804.00
Arnold Motor Supply ATT: Sue	Engineering Services	567.41
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	41.24
Bomgaars	Engineering Services	7.15
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Engineering Services	289.50
Chemsearch	Engineering Services	345.25
Christensen Construction Co.	Engineering Services	10660.00
Cintas	Engineering Services	242.64
Cramer & Associates, Inc.	Engineering Services	4704.77
Heritage-Crystal Clean, LLC	Engineering Services	205.43
City of Cylinder	Engineering Services	50.00
Don's Truck Sales Inc	Engineering Services	1668.78
DPT Mechanical	Engineering Services	3493.61
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	7970.84
Nick Fank Fank Farms	Engineering Services	121.50
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	590.72
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	252.95
Graettinger Mun. Utilities Gra	Engineering Services	471.67
Hancock Concrete Products	Engineering Services	53917.06
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Engineering Services	104.98
Inland Truck Parts	Engineering Services	729.18
Interstate Batteries	Engineering Services	261.90
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc.	Engineering Services	153.50
City of Mallard	Engineering Services	126.07
Martin Marietta Agg	Engineering Services	7207.65

Metal Culverts Inc.	Engineering Services	187.00
Mid Country Machinery, Inc.	Engineering Services	573.24
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	359.87
Robin K Moore	Engineering Services	46.00
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	Engineering Services	711.84
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	952.43
North Central Int'l of SF	Engineering Services	63.04
North Iowa Lumber & Design, Inc	Engineering Services	15.30
Northern Safety Co., Inc.	Engineering Services	123.76
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	46.55
Palo Alto Co Auditor	Engineering Services	46.19
Precision Midwest	Engineering Services	355.00
Rick's Home Repair	Engineering Services	266.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	78.29
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Engineering Services	36.01
Rouse Tire and Repair, LLC	Engineering Services	1960.46
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Engineering Services	9325.49
City of Ruthven	Engineering Services	100.33
Safelite Fulfillment, Inc.	Engineering Services	209.99
Safety Flag Company	Engineering Services	970.00
SLASH POINT SALES	Engineering Services	330.75
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	30.32
Chris Towell	Engineering Services	160.00
Valley Contracting Inc	Engineering Services	200.00
Vander Haags Inc.	Engineering Services	627.26
Verizon	Engineering Services	208.02
City of West Bend	Engineering Services	203.88
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	1674.77

**Emergency Mgmt Agency**

Emmetsburg Ford	Parts	49.84
Graettinger Times	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	26.00
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Parts	97.87
Swanson Hardware	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	79.99

**E911 Surcharge Fund**

Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	154.30
Century Link	Engineering Services	327.66
MCI Comm Service	Engineering Services	33.20
MEDIACOM LLC	Engineering Services	172.44
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	758.78
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	886.55
Windstream	phone	358.05
WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS ATTE	phone	205.28

**Drainage Claims**

Anderson Drainage & Excavation	DD15N Tile repair	5011.61
Healy Excavating	DD162 Tile repair pay#1	118144.66
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc.	DD160 eng exp	2537.50
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc.	DD162 eng exp	1559.50
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc.	DD19 eng exp	325.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc.	DD23 Lat 8 Tile eng exp	260.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc.	DD23 Lat9 Tile eng exp	260.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc.	DD61 LatA eng exp	475.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc.	DD81 eng exp	11131.55
King Excavation	DD81 repair pay#2	337045.50
Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD23 Lat9 Tile rep pay#7	3123.00
Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD80 LowMain repair	43165.72
REZAC Machine Shop & Welding	DD32 Main repair	492.50

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor