

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
February 19, 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.

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 Graettinger to approve the agenda for February 19, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve the minutes for February 12, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to approve a liquor license for Dollar General, Ruthven, for Class B Wine permit, Class C Beer Permit, and Sunday Sales. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with OCIO (Office of Chief Information Officer) for cybersecurity. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohman, Community Health Director, met with the Board by conference call to give an update on COVID and vaccine. Mass vaccine starting 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February.

Dan Opheim was present for public comment. Dan expressed concerns about bridges in the county that need replaced. Present: Justin Opheim.

Chris Towell, Assistant to County Engineer, met with the Board.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water in Section 14 of Lost Island Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Merrill to approve a utility permit for Windstream Communications for work between 430<sup>th</sup> & 440<sup>th</sup> Ave in Emmetsburg Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve a utility permit for Windstream Communications in Section 2 of Great Oak Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Faulstick to approve BROS-SWAP-CO74(109)—SE-74 RCB culvert new/culvert box on 400<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve intake removal on 490<sup>th</sup> Ave for Drainage District 923. The engineer has approved an intake installation on the private tile crossing at same location. If DD 923 tile has issues, the intakes will need to be reinstalled. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Roger Faulstick-- jail storage building; Craig Merrill—NW Iowa Care Connections; Linus Solberg—gaming corporation; EMA & 911 Board.

SET DATE FOR HEARING ON  
DESIGNATION OF EXPANDED  
URBAN RENEWAL AREA AND  
URBAN RENEWAL PLAN  
AMENDMENT AND PROJECTS

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Emmetsburg, Iowa

January 19, 2021

The Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, Iowa, met on January 19, 2021, at 9:00 o'clock, a.m., for the purpose of setting a date for a public hearing on the designation of an expanded urban renewal area and on a proposed urban renewal plan amendment and project.

The Board met telephonically, which was accessible at the following:

**Conference Bridge call in # 1-712-859-6000**  
**Conf ID: 82238**

The Board conducted this meeting telephonically due to federal and state government recommendations in response to COVID-19 pandemic conditions. Telephonic access information was included in the posted agenda of this public meeting.

The Chairperson presided and the roll being called, the following members of the Board were present and absent:

Present: Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Craig Merrill, Roger Faulstick, Ron Graettinger.

Absent: none.

The Chairperson announced that an amendment to the boundaries of the Palo Alto County Industrial Park Urban Renewal Area had been prepared, along with an amendment to the urban renewal plan for the area, and that it was now necessary to set a date for a public hearing on the proposed amended area and proposed amendment to the urban renewal plan. Accordingly, Supervisor Ron Graettinger moved the adoption of the following resolution entitled "Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of the Expanded Palo Alto County Industrial Park Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment," and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Roger Faulstick.

Following due consideration, the Chairperson put the question on the motion and the roll being called, the following named Supervisors voted:

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

Nays: none.

Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 1-19-2021

Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of the  
Expanded Palo Alto County Industrial Park Urban Renewal Area and on  
Urban Renewal Plan Amendment

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Palo Alto County, Iowa (the "County") by resolution previously established the Palo Alto County Industrial Park Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area") and adopted an urban renewal plan (the "Plan") for the governance of projects and initiatives to be undertaken therein; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made which shows the desirability of expanding the Urban Renewal Area to add and include all the property (the "Property") described on Exhibit A hereto; and

WHEREAS, this Board is desirous of obtaining as much information as possible from the residents of the County before making this decision; and

WHEREAS, an amendment (the "Amendment") to the Plan has been prepared which (1) covers the addition of the Property to the Urban Renewal Area and (2) authorizes the undertaking of new urban renewal projects consisting of (a) using tax increment financing to pay the costs of constructing county road, bridge and culvert improvements for the improvement of transportation infrastructure and the promotion of economic development; and (b) using tax increment financing to pay the costs of constructing a new public safety building; and

WHEREAS, portions of the Property lie within and within two miles of the incorporated limits of the City of Emmetsburg, Iowa (the "City"), and pursuant to Section 403.17, the County must enter into a joint agreement (the "Joint Agreement") with such City in order to exercise urban renewal authority over such portions of the Property; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary that a date be set for a public hearing on the expansion of the Urban Renewal Area and on the Amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. This Board will meet telephonically on February 23, 2021, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., at which time it will hold a public hearing on the designation of an expanded Urban Renewal Area as described in the preamble hereof and on the Amendment.

Section 2. The County Auditor shall publish notice of said hearing, the same being in the form attached to this resolution, which publication shall be made in a legal newspaper of general circulation in Palo Alto County, which publication shall be not less than four (4) and not more than twenty (20) days before the date set for the hearing.

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 403.5 of the Code of Iowa, the County Auditor is hereby designated as the County's representative in connection with the consultation process which is required under that section of the urban renewal law.

Section 4. The proposed Amendment is hereby submitted to the County's Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendations, as required by Section 403.5, Code of Iowa.

Section 5. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to present the Joint Agreement to the City for approval, execution and delivery to the County prior to the public hearing on February 23, 2021.

Passed and approved January 19, 2021.

/s/L J Solberg, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/Carmen Moser, County Auditor

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor