

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 on conference call: Joe Schany, Emmetsburg Reporter/Democrat.

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve the minutes for January 26, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the Veteran Affairs claims report for February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohman, Community Health Director, met with the Board by conference call to give an update on COVID19 and vaccine. February 9<sup>th</sup> is the community vaccine clinic for 200 people at the VFW.

Roberta Hersom, Extension Council Member, and Beth Frankenstein, Regional Director, met with the Board to discuss a new lease for the Carnegie Library Building. The current lease expires on March 31, 2021. The group discussed changes to the lease and Peter Hart, County Attorney, will prepare the new lease agreement for a time period of 3 years.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board for an annual performance review. Walter requested closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (i). Motion by Merrill, seconded by Faulstick to go into closed session at 8:48 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i). Ayes: Wirtz, Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 8:57 a.m.

Aletha King, met with the Board for an annual performance review. Aletha requested closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (i). Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to go into closed session at 9:00 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i). Ayes: Wirtz, Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 9:06 a.m.

Kent Malm, IRVM, met with the Board for an annual performance review. Kent requested closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (i). Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Wirtz to go into closed session at 9:10 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i). Ayes: Wirtz, Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 9:16 a.m.

Ben Morey and Kyle Hagen, Deputy Sheriff, met with the Board to request approval for Sheriff Reserves to carry firearms.

Motion by Keith Wirtz, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve Coty Zimmerman to carry a taser and firearm and for Nathan Andersen to carry a taser for the Sheriff Reserves. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Keith Wirtz—IDDA meeting; Ron Graettinger—Upper DesMoines; Craig Merrill—Care Connections of North Iowa.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, presented the proposed property tax levy, long term debt schedule and fund balance worksheet for the FY22 budget.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to set the hearing date for the proposed property tax levy for February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

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