

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
March 30, 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: Peter Hart, County Attorney.

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 Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to approve the agenda for March 30th, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to approve the minutes for March 23rd, 2021. Motion Carried.

Chris Towell, Assistant to County Engineer and Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board for the following utility permits.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water in Section 2 and 11 of Lost Island Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water in Section 11 and 14 of Lost Island Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Merrill to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water in Section 29 of Walnut Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Wirtz to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water in Section 32 of Walnut Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Graettinger to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water in Section 27, 33, 34 of Walnut Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water in Section 19, of Walnut Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water in Section 19, of Walnut Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wirtz to approve hiring Keegan M. Johnson as part time jailer effective March 30, 2021, at \$17.35 per hour. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Johnathan Moe, PACHS CEO, met with the Board for a hospital update. Sarah Strohmman, Community Health Director, met with the Board by conference call to give an update on COVID19 and vaccine.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc. met with Board for an update on Drainage District No. 119. Present: Rick Elbert. On conference call: Doug Shirk, Diane Smith. Rick gave the Board an update on not being able to take the tile outlet to the south and will need to take the water NE to the open ditch. Rick will put together a new report and the Board will hold an informational meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to introduce and approve the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 3-30-2021**

**Approval of FY 2021-2022 Budget and Certification of Taxes**

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors has considered the proposed FY 2021-2022 county budget and certification of taxes, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county budget was held on March 30, 2021; and the budget was published as provided by Iowa Code. No written comments were received and no one representing the public was present for the hearing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County that the county budget and certificate of taxes for FY 2021-2022, as set forth in the budget summary, is hereby adopted and that the Palo Alto County Auditor is directed to file said budget and to establish accounting records in accordance with the attached schedules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson and the County Auditor be and are hereby authorized to sign the approved FY 2021-2022 county budget.

Signed and dated this 30th day of March, 2021.

/s/Linus Solberg, Chairman  
Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/Carmen Moser  
Palo Alto County Auditor

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to adopt this resolution on March 30th 2021. Ayes: Graettinger, Faulstick, Merrill, Wirtz, Solberg. Nays: None. Resolution Passed.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill 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 March 31, 2021, no additional hours are allowed. This is effective through December 31, 2021. Motion Carried.

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

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Emmetsburg, Iowa

March 30, 2021

The Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, Iowa, met on March 30, 2021, at 9:15 o'clock, a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom, 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 meeting was also available telephonically at the following:

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

The Board offered attendance to 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: Ronald Graettinger, Roger Faulstick, Craig Merrill, Keith Wirtz, Linus Solberg.

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 Keith Wirtz 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 Craig Merrill.

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

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

Nays: none.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3-30-2021 (A)

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 in the Urban Renewal Area 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 and/or at the Courthouse Boardroom on April 27, 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 April 27, 2021.

Passed and approved March 30, 2021.

/s/Linus Solberg  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/Carmen Moser, County Auditor

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve a liquor license for Lakeland EZ Stop LLC, Class C Beer Permit, Class E Liquor License and Sunday Sales. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faulstick to approve the library contact for \$81,000 for FY22. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Graettinger—Ag Committee; Merrill—Care Connections; Faulstick—RIDES, jail; Wirtz—Early Childhood.

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor