

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
June 8th, 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.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the agenda for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve the minutes for May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the Veteran Affairs claims report for June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Graettinger to approve the Recorder's Monthly report for May 30, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wirtz to approve the "Project Hope Proclamation for the weeks of June 21 – July 2, 2021" with donation boxes hosted at the Dollar General Stores in the county. Motion Carried.

Dan Opheim was present for public comment and raised concerns regarding cables of the windmills and potential solar panels.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board for the following items.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to approve hiring Mike Flaherty as part-time operator at \$18.00 per hour. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wirtz to go into closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1) (j) at 8:43 a.m. Ayes: Wirtz, Merrill, Faulstick, Graettinger, Solberg. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 9:00 a.m.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, discussed the Silver Lake Byway with the Board. The current alignment will not be able to acquire right of way without condemnation. The Board did not want to pursue condemnation. Possible options include to fix the south four miles of pavement or find a new alignment that works with the landowners.

The Board held a bid letting for Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch improvements. The following bids were received:

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Midwest Mechanical Services, LLC | \$1,543,883.00 |
| 2. King Excavation                  | \$997,023.20   |
| 3. H & H Construction               | \$1,092,583.99 |
| 4. Anderson Drainage & Excavation   | \$1,075,503.90 |
| 5. Reutzel Excavating               | \$958,382.80   |
| 6. Spring Lake Construction         | \$1,354,338.36 |
| 7. McCarty Custom Inc               | \$1,026,179.70 |
| 8. LA Carlson Contracting Inc.      | \$1,064,591.80 |
| 9. CJ Moyna & Sons Inc              | \$1,057,525.00 |
| 10. Peterson Contractors Inc        | \$1,387,917.30 |

Bolton & Menk will review the low bid and the Board will award the bid on 6-15-2021.

Collin Klingbiel, Bolton & Menk, filed the Report of Appraisers for right of way acquisition for Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch.

Motion by Faulstick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Graettinger to tentatively approve the DD 61 Main Open Ditch Right of Way Acquisition Appraisal Report and set a hearing date for July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Mary Barrick, Conservation and Rob Patterson, Iowa DNR, met with the Board to discuss Telford Prairie and gave an update on Conservation. Rob discussed the prairie and the proposed project. Survey information is being reviewed and tile search for private tiles is the next step. The Board requested coordination of the project to maintain the prairie and to improve the drainage outlet.

Motion by Faulstick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to approve the cigarette permit for Lakeland EZ Stop Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wirtz to approve the cigarette permit for Dollar General Ruthven. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to go into closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1) (c) at 10:10 a.m. Ayes: Wirtz, Merrill, Faulstick, Graettinger, Solberg. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 10:46 a.m.

Committee Reports: Wirtz-Central Iowa Detention Center; Merrill—Care Connections; Faulstick—building committee.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Graettinger to approve the claims and drainage claims for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion Carried.

## **Claims**

### **General Basic Fund**

Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	34.47	
Rob Sand, Auditor of State	Acct/Audit/Clerical Servi	41328.80	
JULIE BARGMAN	Employee Mileage & Subs.	87.50	
Bauer Plumbing & Heating Inc.	Buildings	689.00	
BLUE LAKE WEBSITES ANITRA LARS	Data Processing Services		144.34
Mike Brown	Employee Mileage & Subs.	84.00	
CAASA Centers Agnst A & S Assa	Contrib to Other Gov & Or		2000.00
CellSite Solutions, LLC	Buildings	17451.00	
Terry Chamberlain	Misc Expense	750.00	
Counsel Office & Document	Audio/Visual Supplies		183.60
E-Pride	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	93.75	
Emmetsburg Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access		317.29
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Misc Expense		112.50
Fareway	Food & Provisions		1202.38
James Frambach Jr	Bus		84.00
Dr. Thomas Getta	Medical & Health Services		1000.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS AND SUPPLIES	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc		374.94
Graettinger Times	Buildings		225.00
Dean Gunderson	Employee Mileage & Subs.		144.00
Vincent H. Heller	Bus		570.50
Ronald Hersom	Bus		150.00
Duane Hoffman	Employee Mileage & Subs.		90.00
Hughes Pharmacy	Acute & Emergency Treat.		27.05
Hy-Vee Accounts Receivable	Food & Provisions		162.82
Ia Dept of Public Safety	Contract Carriers		1242.00
IA Law Enforcement Academy	Educational/Training Serv		150.00
IA State Assn of Counties	Educational/Training Serv		420.00
IA State Bar Association	Dues & Memberships		260.00
Jack's OK Tire	Minor MV Parts & Access		119.80
NICK JACKSON	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl		650.00
K.C. Nielsen, Ltd.	Agric/Hort. Services		1000.00
TIFFANI KELLER	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl		85.00

Jim Kuecker	Employee Mileage & Subs.	120.00
Travis Lampe	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	128.00
Monty Leu	Employee Mileage & Subs.	122.50
Mail Services, LLC	Postage & Mailing	332.73
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	806.25
Victoria Merwald	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	1.40
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	515.83
North Iowa Lumber & Design,Inc	Buildings	419.97
NW Iowa Planning & Development	Dues & Memberships	1271.50
Palo Alto Co Comm Health Ser	Board of Health	980.99
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	3070.19
The Print Shop	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	46.20
Quill Corporation	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	145.95
River Valley Telecommunication	Electric Light & Power	64.80
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Minor MV Parts & Access	113.35
Larry Ruppert	Employee Mileage & Subs.	60.00
Schneider Geospatial, LLC	Misc Expense	5857.50
Secretary of State Notary Divi	Other	30.00
Siouxland District Health Dept	Contract Carriers	100.00
HOWARD SMITH	Bus	691.00
Solutions Inc.	services	1219.71
Swanson Hardware	Custodial Supplies	181.71
Thomson Reuters West Payment C	Dues & Memberships	516.63
Verizon	phone service	320.12
VISA	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	2669.59
Warner Funeral Home	Cash Allowances	2200.00
Windstream	phone	22.03
<b><u>Rural Services Basic Fund</u></b>		
Bomgaars	Equipment	199.00
Kapp's Fire Extinguisher Sales	Misc Expense	86.00
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	81.95
The Retrofit Companies, Inc.	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	916.25
Windstream	phone	61.00
<b><u>Special Revenue-SheriffReserve</u></b>		
VISA	Educational/Training Serv	171.60
<b><u>Secondary Road Fund</u></b>		
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	129.65
Arnold Motor Supply ATT: Sue	Engineering Services	132.66
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	41.24
Cintas	Engineering Services	41.79
City of Cylinder	Engineering Services	55.00
Diamond Mowers, Inc.	Engineering Services	248.86
E-Pride	Engineering Services	1788.00
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	8061.75
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	119.58
City of Fort Dodge	Engineering Services	600.00
Fox International, Inc.	Engineering Services	320.80
David Geerdes	Engineering Services	292.50
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	385.85
Graettinger Mun. Utilities Gra	Engineering Services	191.45
IA Dept of Transportation	Engineering Services	3614.40
IA Great Lakes Doors, Inc.	Engineering Services	352.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Engineering Services	105.09
Jack's OK Tire	Engineering Services	40.00
City of Mallard	Engineering Services	66.93
Merryman Bridge Construction	Engineering Services	101433.13
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	689.53
Northern Safety Co., Inc.	Engineering Services	216.32
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	43.92
Palo Alto Co Auditor	Engineering Services	46.89
Picrays Welding & Fab.	Engineering Services	120.60
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	75.93
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Engineering Services	17560.58
City of Ruthven	Engineering Services	190.46
SLASH POINT SALES	Engineering Services	518.25
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	30.97

Team Lab	Engineering Services	33742.00
U.S. Postal Service	Engineering Services	122.00
Verizon	Engineering Services	208.02
City of West Bend	Engineering Services	140.60
Windstream	Engineering Services	505.68
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	2777.59
<b><u>Emergency Mgmt Agency</u></b>		
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Parts	123.91
Swanson Hardware	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	33.32
<b><u>E911 Surcharge Fund</u></b>		
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	154.30
MEDIACOM LLC	Engineering Services	168.67
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	150.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	886.55
Windstream	phone	358.05
WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS ATTE	phone	639.12
<b><u>Drainage Claims</u></b>		
B & W Control Specialists	DD 106 Main-Spraying	1244.88
B & W Control Specialists	DD 29 Main-Spraying	963.50
B & W Control Specialists	DD 48 Main-Spraying	5401.50
B & W Control Specialists	DD 61 Main-Spraying	3474.00
B & W Control Specialists	DD 923 Lat 1 Open-Spraying	842.88
B & W Control Specialists	DD 923 Lat 2 Open-Spraying	3439.50
B & W Control Specialists	DD 923 Main-Spraying	2469.63
B & W Control Specialists	DD 98 Main-Spraying	6103.75
B & W Control Specialists	DD 98 Sub 1-Spraying	1454.88
Bill Brown	DD61 Main ROW appraiser	150.00
Bill Brown	DD84 commissioner	75.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD119 eng exp	3456.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD160 eng exp	1133.50
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD162 eng exp	1265.95
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD23 MainOpen eng FEMA	1840.85
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD41 MainOpen eng FEMA	1060.15
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD47 eng exp	1290.20
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD48 Lat1 eng exp	1180.70
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD5 eng FEMA	2349.35
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD57 eng exp	1180.70
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD92 eng exp	1738.70
KENT MALM	DD80 LowMain tile inspect	40.00
Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD80 LowMain repair	3866.34
Allen Stangl	DD61 Main ROW appraiser	150.00
Bill Whitney	DD84 commissioner	75.00

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