

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
August 3, 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: BT Buhrow; 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 Merrill to approve the agenda for August 3, 2021, with addition to approve changes to Drainage District No. 47. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for July 27, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to award the bid for the Sheriff Garage/Temporary Comm. Center to Buhrow Construction for \$262,270.87. Motion Carried.

Ben Huntley, Environmental Health, met with the Board for approval of watershed septic grants. Ben presented 3 watershed septic grants that have been completed and provided paid invoices from the landowners.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve \$5,000 each to Marian Rosacker, Wyatt Wirtz, and Ron Broderson for completion of watershed septic grants. Motion Carried.

Kim Kibbie, City of Emmetsburg, was present for public comment. Present: Phillip Schmitt, Fair Board President. Kibbie requested to probe for test wells in the corner of the fairgrounds on the county property. Permission was granted.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board by conference call for the approval of a utility permit. Walter updated the Board on the patching contract and culvert replacements.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative at the intersection of 300th St & Hwy 4 in Walnut & Lost Island Township. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohman, Public Health, met with the Board to give an update on COVID. Currently, there are 3 cases in Palo Alto County with a 4% positivity rate. The number vaccinated is 42%. Sarah updated the Board on funding & will return to make a specific request at a future date.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to remove 2 parcels (Parcel# 070030004010 & 070030004040) from Drainage District No. 47 Main Open Ditch and Main Tile classification because the parcels receive no benefit and to approve a certificate of adjustment for the drainage tax due September 30, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the classification changes recommended by Rick Hopper, Engineer, based on the annexation agreement on restrictions placed on outlet capacity from annexed lands as part of the Drainage District No. 47 improvement project; and to direct the Auditor to make the necessary changes for the 2021 levy. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to cancel the levy on Drainage District 23 Lateral 8 Tile due to inequitable assessment schedule of benefits and to authorize the Auditor to issue refunds to the landowners who have paid their assessments. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Roger--drainage; Craig--Care Connections; Keith--county-wide breakfast PACEDC.

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

Linus Solberg, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor