

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
August 31, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Linus Solberg, Chair; Ronald Graettinger, Craig Merrill, Keith Wirtz; Roger Faulstick present by conference call. Present: Peter Hart, County Attorney; Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Jacob Oliver, 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.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for August 31, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the minutes for August 24, 2021. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohman, Community Health Director, met with the Board by conference call to give an update on COVID19 and vaccine. Palo Alto County has 18 cases and a 14% positivity rate.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, presented the annual urban renewal report for FY21. Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the annual urban renewal report for FY21. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board for approval of utility permit. Walter updated the Board on 510th Ave north of Hwy 18 and explained that the timing of the weather worked against them and the road will get fixed. Walter announced the retirement of Pat Corley in mid-October.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 35 of Silver Lake Township & Section 1 & 2 of Booth Township. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Robin Jamison—ISAC meeting update regarding American Rescue Plan Funds; Ron Graettinger—Upper Des Moines.

The Board held an informational meeting on Drainage District No. 23 Lateral 8 Tile. Present: Rick Hopper, Derek Behrens, Jacobson-Westergard. Present: John & Ann Heiman, Ed Noonan, Gregg Garrelts, John Rouse, Rich Rouse, Jacob Stewart, Randy Loomis, Mike Sikora; Jim Hudson, Drainage Attorney, was present by conference call.

Jim Hudson, Drainage Attorney, was present by conference call. Jim Hudson explained the statute that requires when a mistake is made in a reclassification that an engineer and 2 commissioners shall file a new report with the Board and the Board will set a hearing date giving notice in the paper & to the landowners 20 days before the date set for hearing.

Rick presented a drainage map of Drainage District No. 23 Lateral 8 Tile. Rick explained the errors that have been corrected on the assessment schedule due to the location of DD 153 tile. Rick reviewed the factors for determining the assessment schedule and explained a benefit factor for partial ponding areas and severe ponding areas.

Carmen Moser, County Auditor, explained the clerical error that was made & reviewed the total costs of the project as follows:

Construction (Reutzel Excavating) \$736,574
Engineering, \$38,575
Crop Loss \$30,414
Interest \$45,288
Less Road Crossings paid by Sec Roads \$60,106
Total: \$790,745

The original levy mailed out did not cover all the costs for the project. All assessments will have an increase.

The Board discussed having a different engineer prepare the reclassification report.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to appoint Rick Hopper, Engineer, and Bill Brown & Bill Whitney, as Commissioners, to reclassify Drainage District 23 Lateral 8 & 9 and to file a new report with the Board of Supervisors. Ayes: Wirtz, Graettinger, Faulstick, Solberg. Nays: Merrill. Motion carried. Letters will be mailed to the landowners on Lateral 9 to cancel the levy.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to cancel the board meeting on September 7th, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Linus Solberg, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor