

Election Center
Emmetsburg, Iowa
September 21, 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; Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Jacob Oliver, 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.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the agenda for September 21, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for September 14, 2021. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohman, Community Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on COVID. Sarah reported 6% positivity rate and ½ the cases from the prior week.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve crop damages on Drainage District No. 62. Motion Carried.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board. Robin presented a list of expenses for the American Rescue Plan funding.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve tax abatements for the following parcels 16027004253, 52004013050, 520009011000. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve up to \$35,000 for Public Health to purchase a vehicle for the distribution of vaccine and COVID related expenses with the American Rescue Plan funds. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to appoint Brandi Nelson, RN, as a Medical Examiner—Investigator for Palo Alto County. Motion Carried.

Daron Wilson, POET, was present for public comment and discussed the proposed carbon dioxide pipeline. POET has not committed to the project at this time.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board for the conference call with Travis Squires to discuss bonding for road projects.

The Board held a conference call with Travis Squires, Piper & Sadler, Financial Advisor, to discuss proposed bonding schedule for road projects. The Board discussed to borrow \$3.5 million for road projects as the same time of the jail bond.

Ben Huntly, Environmental Health, met with the Board.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the 28E Agreement with DNR for private water well permitting. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the application and completion of a septic grant application for Wyman & Becky Travis. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve a 23E Agreement with Elderbridge. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Roger—Gaming Corporation & RIDES; Craig—economic development.

Cole Kruizenga, Project Chief Inspector, met with the Board to discuss inspection services for Midwest Carbon Express pipeline. Cole reviewed with the Board that it is the county responsibility for the inspection of the pipeline in our county. They will do the inspection from the beginning of the right-of-way staking all the way through to the restoration. The informational meeting for Palo Alto County is on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 12:30 at Iowa Lakes Community College.

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

Linus Solberg, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor