

Election Center
Emmetsburg, Iowa
November 16, 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: Jacob Oliver, Democrat/Reporter; Jordan Morey & Amanda Hansen, Auditor's Office.

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 Graettinger to approve the agenda for November 16, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the minutes for November 8, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve completion of septic grant application for Grant Deitering for \$5,000. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the 2nd tier canvass of votes for the city/school election held on November 2nd, 2021. Motion Carried.

Wade Lundgren and Dick Nelson met with the Board to present a drainage petition for Drainage District No. 64. Present by conference call: Don Gardner.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to accept a drainage petition on Drainage District No. 64 and as requested by landowners to appoint Collin Klingbeil, Bolton & Menk, to prepare an engineer's report and investigate state funding for a water quality wetland. Motion Carried.

The Board held a conference call with Travis Squires, Piper & Sadler, to review bond schedule and borrowing for Public Safety Building & road projects. The awarding of the bid for the Public Safety Building is set for November 30th.

No one was present for public comment.

Rick Hopper & Jason Bendixen, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc., met with the Board for the Reclassification Hearing on Drainage District No. 23 Lat 8, 9, 10, 11. Present: John & Maddy Rouse, Ann Heiman, Mike Sikora, Joe Sikora, Ed Noonan, Rich Rouse, Jacob Stewart, Randy Loomis, Neil Dahlquist; Jim Hudson, Drainage Attorney.

Rick presented the reclassification schedule for Drainage District No. 23 Lat 8, 9, 10, 11. Rick presented a map with the laterals and explained the changes from the initial reclassification.

Objections were filed by: Winifred Geelan-Potthoff; Randy Loomis, Jill Loomis, Neil & Marcia Dahlquist, John Rouse, Madeline Rouse, Joe Sikora, John & Ann Heiman. All objections were read & reviewed by the attorney and engineer. Landowners asked questions and voiced concerns regarding the schedule that was presented at the hearing.

Rick Hopper stated the Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc. was willing to provide \$25,000 towards the district for the error that was made (\$17,500 to Lateral 8 and \$7,500 to Lateral 9).

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the reclassification report for Drainage District No. 23 Lat 8, 9, 10, 11, as presented by Rick Hopper on November 16, 2021, and revised on November 3, 2021. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, explained that the Board will approve the levy on November 23, 2021, and set the levy date for December 1, 2021, with payment due by December 31, 2021; or a waiver must be signed and 1st payment due by December 31, 2021.

The temporary redistricting commission met with the Board to present the precinct plan they prepared. Present: Bonnie Whitney, Jan Helmke, Ron Mader, Fred Wirtz. Ann Marie Nelson resigned from the Commission on 11-13-2021.

Ron Mader presented the precinct map they prepared. Ron explained the addition of 2 polling locations one in Mallard & one Ruthven due to satellite voting law changes. The Temporary Redistricting Commission asked the Board to check on using American Rescue Funds to purchase election equipment and a trailer. The gaming corporation grant was also mentioned. The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing after the city ward map is approved by the city council.

Committee Reports: Roger—gaming corporation; Linus—drainage.

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

Linus Solberg, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor