

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
March 8, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Keith Wirtz, Chair; Ronald Graettinger, Roger Faulstick, Craig Merrill, Linus Solberg. Present: Natalie Henriksen, Reporter-Democrat; Jordan Morey, 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 Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the agenda for March 8, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Solberg to approve the minutes for March 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the Veteran Affairs claims report for March 4, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to approve the Recorder's Monthly report for 2-28-2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Graettinger to approve the canvass of votes for the City of Ruthven Special Election. Motion Carried.

Adam Kreutner 21  
Casey Pomeroy 39 (Elected to fill vacancy for term of 2 years)  
Write-In Votes 1 –Todd Thompson.  
Total Votes 61

Aletha King, Zoning, met with the Board. Planning & Zoning met on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Also present: Peter Hart, County Attorney; Ray Grandstaff, Alex Hamerlinck, Dan Scheffler, Kyle Norris, Laura Winter, Carla Larson, Jan Bredehoeft, Delray Bredehoeft, Todd Bredehoeft, Brian Garrels, Bertha Mathis, Dean Gunderson, John Marcellus, Dave Girres, Grant Westergard, Robert A Barker, Mike Hermansen.

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faulstick to approve a conditional use permit for GW Livestock in Section 7 of Lost Island Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Solberg to approve a conditional use permit for JDM Pork in Section 1 of Ellington Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Graettinger to approve the subdivision plat for Brown Farms in Section 20 of Walnut Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Graettinger to continue discussion for a conditional use permit for Lost Island Energy LLC in Section 14 of Lost Island Township to a later date. Nays: Merrill, Solberg, Faulstick, Graettinger Ayes: Wirtz Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to introduce and approve the following resolution 3-8-2022(A). All Ayes. Resolution Passed.

**Resolution 3-8-2022 (A)**  
**To Approve the ISAC Group Benefits Program 28E Agreement**

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) Group Benefits Program, a Chapter 28E organization, has adopted a 28E Agreement for its group health and related benefits program,

for the purpose of providing group health and related benefits for employees of participating entities.

**WHEREAS**, the County of Palo Alto desires to adopt the 28E Agreement for health and related benefits for eligible employees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors that the County desires to adopt the 28E Agreement for the ISAC Group Benefits Program;

Approved by the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors on March 8, 2022.

/s/Keith Wirtz, Board Chair

/s/Carmen Moser, Auditor

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to approve the agreement to combine township and city precincts. Motion Carried.

### Agreement to Combine Township and City Precincts

Come now the parties hereto Palo Alto County, Iowa (hereinafter referred to as County) and the City of Emmetsburg, Iowa (hereinafter referred to as City) and state:

Whereas, election precincts have been proposed by the Temporary County Redistricting Commission for incorporated areas of the City and unincorporated areas of the County; and,

Whereas, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 49.6, the parties hereto desire to enter into an Agreement to establish precincts consisting partially of unincorporated and partially of incorporated areas.

Now therefore in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein the parties agree as follows:

1. The County and City agree that certain election precincts shall be composed partially of unincorporated territory of the County and partially of territory within the City.
2. The parties agree that Precinct 3 shall include Emmetsburg Ward 3 as well as part of Emmetsburg, Silver Lake, Highland, Lost Island and Walnut Townships in Supervisor District 3.
3. The parties agree that precinct 4 shall include Emmetsburg Ward 4 as well as part of Fern Valley Township and all of Nevada, Fairfield, Freedom, Vernon and Independence Township in Supervisor District 5.

Agreed:

Date:

Attest:

/s/Keith Wirtz, Chairperson  
Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors

/s/Carmen Moser, Auditor  
Palo Alto County

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faulstick to approve the contracts for Drainage District No. 180 Lateral 1 Tile with Iowa Trenchless LLC and Reutzel Excavating. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to release FEMA retainage to Dirt Proz. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to introduce and approve the following resolution 3-8-2022. All Ayes. Resolution Passed.

**Approval of FY 23 Maximum Property Tax Dollars  
Resolution No. 3-8-2022**

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY 23 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on county web site and/or social media accounts if applicable.

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on March 8, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY 23 shall not exceed the following:

General County Services- \$4,012,097  
Rural County Services- \$2,302,843

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in either General County Services or Rural County Services for FY 23 represents an increase of over 102% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY 23.

Roll Call Vote:

Roger Faulstick: Aye  
Linus Solberg: Aye  
Keith Wirtz: Aye  
Ron Graettinger: Aye  
Craig Merrill: Aye

/s/Keith Wirtz, Chairman  
/s/Carmen Moser, Auditor

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faulstick to approve the Cost Advisory services report for FY21. Motion Carried.

The Board held a conference call with Kossuth County Board of Supervisors on the completion of repairs to PAK1 Main Open Ditch. The Boards set the completion hearing for PAK 1 on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Committee Reports: Craig-Mental Health

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve the claims and drainage claims for March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion Carried.

**General Basic Fund**

Alliant Energy	Utilities Payments	75.00
Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	66.92
Bauer Plumbing & Heating Inc.	Buildings	426.00
BLUE LAKE WEBSITES ANITRA LARS	Data Processing Services	298.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	Misc Expense	4265.00
Buhrow Construction	Buildings	25808.48
Central Ia Juv Detention Ctr	Crisis Stab Comm Based Se	7005.00
Dan Cooper Builders	Buildings	80.00
Counsel Office & Document	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	95.55
COVERT TRACK GROUP, INC.	Contract Carriers	600.00
Emmet Co Public Health	Salary-Regular Employees	2665.43
Emmetsburg Ford	Misc Expense	37439.86
E.M.U.	utilities	125.00
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Misc Expense	367.75
GALLS, LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	327.66
Graettinger Times	Official Pub & Legal Noti	683.35
Vincent H. Heller	Bus	162.00
Ronald Hersom	Bus	103.50
Hy-Vee Accounts Receivable	Food & Provisions	176.17
IACCVSO	Employee Mileage & Subs.	60.00
Inman Electric Co Inc	Engineering Services	29.34

IA Office of State Medical Exm	Medical & Health Services	2340.08
Iowa State Fire Marshall Div	Buildings	2543.00
K.C. Nielsen Ltd	Parts	56.11
Koenig Portable Toilets	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	25.00
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Minor MV Parts & Access	41.98
Language Link	Audio/Visual Supplies	51.93
Mail Services, LLC	Postage & Mailing	308.46
City of Mallard	Utilities Payments	181.72
Malloy Reporting Service	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	1875.00
Matt's Cleaning Service	Salary-Regular Employees	500.00
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	247.06
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	1183.51
Palo Alto Co Comm Health Ser	Board of Health	695.29
Palo Alto Co Fair Assn	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	789.31
Palo Alto County Public Health	Other	37500.00
Fred Blake Perkins	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	170.50
PITNEY BOWES	Postage & Mailing	1144.32
POCAHONTAS CO SHERIFF	Inmate Housing-out of cou	552.00
The Print Shop	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	64.90
QS LAWN AND PEST, LLC	Buildings	150.00
Quill Corporation	Office Equipment	749.97
Regional Trans.Authority	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	1800.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Electric Light & Power	814.79
Susan Ruppert	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	14.99
Ruthven Zipcode	Official Pub & Legal Noti	90.18
Schumacher Elevator Company	Fixed Plant Equipment	633.63
SITE SERVICES, INC.	Buildings	2950.00
SLASH POINT SALES	Office & Data Processing	109.90
HOWARD SMITH	Bus	100.50
Solutions Inc.	services	391.02
Spencer Office Supplies	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	59.54
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	Engineering Services	55.00
Bob Subbert	Animal Bounties & Apiaris	250.00
Swanson Hardware	Buildings	232.80
U.S. Postal Service	Postage & Mailing	130.00
Verizon	phone service	320.14
VISA	Dues & Memberships	500.00
Wessels Oil Co Inc	Utilities Payments	225.00
West Bend Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	341.05
West Bend Journal	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	116.75
Windstream	phone	930.79
<b><u>General Supplemental Fund</u></b>		
Vicky Conlon	Election Officials	150.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	420.75
JAN HELMKE	Election Officials	150.00
Sharon Hobart	Election Officials	30.00
Margaret McNally	Election Officials	20.00
The Print Shop	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	127.10
Ruthven Zipcode	Official Pub & Legal Noti	41.30
JULIE SCHONING	Election Officials	155.00
Bonnie Whitney	Election Officials	36.00
<b><u>Rural Services Basic Fund</u></b>		
Aldon Construction	Miscellaneous Repair	208.24
Emmetsburg Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	520.71
Graettinger Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	221.30
Mallard Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	182.25
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	84.95
River Valley Telecommunication	Telecommunications Serv.-	84.93
Ruthven Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	182.25
SLASH POINT SALES	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	53.98
West Bend Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	195.27
Windstream	phone	65.30
<b><u>Secondary Road Fund</u></b>		
ADC Services	Engineering Services	240.00
Arnold Motor Supply ATT: Sue	Engineering Services	223.89
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	41.24
Cintas	Engineering Services	110.58
Crysteel Truck Equipment	Engineering Services	863.95
Currans Plumbing & Heating	Engineering Services	707.90
City of Cylinder	Engineering Services	55.00
Diamond Mowers, Inc.	Engineering Services	2124.12
Don's Truck Sales Inc	Engineering Services	28.30
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	158.15
Thomas Fuchs	Engineering Services	32.58
Gateway Hotel	Engineering Services	122.08
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	246.10
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Engineering Services	105.09
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	214.57
Lube Tech Accelerating Perform	Engineering Services	1222.15
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	895.48
Mogler Electric	Engineering Services	726.64
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	59.65
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	41.66
Picrays Welding & Fab.	Engineering Services	180.00
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Engineering Services	6070.51
Safelite Fulfillment, Inc.	Engineering Services	309.99
SLASH POINT SALES	Engineering Services	777.92
Society of Land Surveyors	Engineering Services	295.00
Solutions Inc.	Engineering Services	236.35
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	261.30
SynTech Systems	Engineering Services	2000.00
Verizon	Engineering Services	408.09

Twacomm.com Viking Telecom Sol	Engineering Services	436.68
Weisbrod Inc Weisbrod Electric	Engineering Services	616.50
City of West Bend	Engineering Services	421.54
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	4816.07
<b><u>E911 Surcharge Fund</u></b>		
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	150.00
Century Link	Engineering Services	262.08
Electronic Specialties	Equipment	177103.25
Mainstay Systems of Iowa LLC	Miscellaneous Repair	23.70
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	150.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	645.98
WINDSTREAM CABS ATTENTION: CAB phone		344.54

**Drainage Claims**

Archstone Farms, LLC	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	60.00
Melva M Bargman, Rev Tr 1/2	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	510.00
Harold P & Carol A Bonnstetter	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	1890.00
Cory D. & Jennifer A. Fehr	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	1920.00
Daniel & Eunice Fehr	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	3855.00
Anita D. Fisher &	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	1200.00
Lester L. & Esther L. Frieden	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	3870.00
David Eli & Robin K Girres	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	3864.92
Ronald & Judith Girres	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	4475.80
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc.	DD 119 eng exp	2205.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc.	DD81 eng exp	4905.00
Jurgens, Inc	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	156.00
LB Family Properties, LLC	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	8694.00
Gerald G. & Rita L. Thatcher	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	4380.00
Verdon Acres, LLLP	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	2340.00
Winchester Family Trust	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	3615.00
Wirtz Farm Partnership, LP &	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	1908.00
Charles Wirtz, James Wirtz, &	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	690.00
Doris Zaugg Farms Inc.	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	1794.00
Dorothy Zaugg	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	7380.00
Martin & Doris Zaugg Farms, LLC	DD61 MainOpen crop damage	2821.50

Motion by Graettinger seconded by Solberg to adjourn. Motion Carried.

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Keith Wirtz, Chairman

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Jordan Morey, Auditor Clerk