

Election Center
Emmetsburg, Iowa
April 5, 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: Diane Weiland, 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 Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the agenda for April 5, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the minutes for March 29, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Solberg to approve the Veteran Affairs claims report for April 1st, 2022, and the quarterly report ending March 31, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the transfer of \$817,015.24 from the Special Revenue Fund (15004) to the Debt Service Fund (40000) on April 5, 2022. Motion Carried.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, presented the proposed Budget Amendment for FY22.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Solberg to set the Budget Amendment Hearing for April 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Solberg to change Drainage District 162 hearing date to May 3, 2022, at 9:15 a.m. at Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board for the following items.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water in Section 11, 12, 14 of Lost Island Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 3 of Lost Island Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve a utility permit for Fenton Cooperative Telephone in Section 15, 16, 22 of Independence Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Faulstick to approve a utility permit for Fenton Cooperative Telephone in Section 22 of Independence Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve a utility permit for Fenton Cooperative Telephone in Section 15 of Independence Township. Motion Carried.

Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board for the continued annexation hearing on Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch.

Present: Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Jim & Sharon Neighbors; Dorothy Bradley; Martin Zaugg; Jeff Berkland; Ed Wilcox; Doug Miller; James L Miller; Dean Gunderson; Marilyn Schutz; Mark Weisbrod; Kent Fehr; Karl Fehr; Jerrod Wegener; Ron Girres; Quinn Dahlhauser; Ken Dahlhauser; Jay Elbert; Tony Elbert; Kevin Berte; James Fehr; John Fehr; Duane D Metzger; Fred Schmidt; Jim Kuecker; Jacob Schmidt, Bolton & Menk.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the Amendment #1 to the Annexation Report for Drainage District 61 Main open ditch. Motion Carried.

The Board held the Reclassification Hearing on Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch. Jon presented the Amendment #1 to the Reclassification report. Jon stated DD 61 North landowners requested an elevation factor. Jon presented the revised map with the elevation factors. Jim Hudson, Drainage Attorney, stated the Board has discretion on changing the classification.

Motion by Solberg 2nd by Faulstick to approve the Amendment No. 1 Reclassification Report excluding the lands in the Drainage District 61 North District. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to apply an elevation factor for DD 61 Reclassification. Motion Carried. Ayes: Faulstick, Graettinger, Merrill, Solberg Nays: Wirtz.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to direct the Engineer to reduce Kevin Berte property in DD 61 by 90% and remove the property from Drainage District No. 80 in 17-96-31. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to direct the Engineer to reduce Fehr property (320 AC) in DD 61 by 90%. Motion Carried.

The Board held a hearing on the establishment of Drainage District 61 North. Present: Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Jim & Sharon Neighbors; Dorothy Bradley; Martin Zaugg; Jeff Berkland; Ed Wilcox; Doug Miller; James L Miller; Dean Gunderson; Marilyn Schutz; Mark Weisbrod; Kent Fehr; Karl Fehr; Jerrod Wegener; Ron Girres; Quinn Dahlhauser; Ken Dahlhauser; Jay Elbert; Tony Elbert; Kevin Berte; James Fehr; John Fehr; Duane D Metzger; Fred Schmidt; Jim Kuecker; Jacob Schmidt, Bolton & Menk.

Jim Hudson, Drainage Attorney discussed common outlet procedures with landowners.

Objections on file were addressed by the Board and discussed with landowners. Linda Dawson- objected to establishment of DD 61 North
Kent, James, Mark Fehr & Jerry Metzger- objected to Reclassification
George & Lauren Hubbell- objected to Reclassification
Ed Wilcox- objected to annexation

Jon presented Amendment No. 1 Engineer's report on DD 61 North. Jon will continue this hearing to establish ROW and classification for DD 61 North.

Jim Hudson, Drainage Attorney explained the establishment of DD 61 North is subject to remonstrance. Remonstrance was not met.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Merrill to approve the establishment of Drainage District 61 North. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Graettinger to appoint appraisers & commissioners Allan Stangl & Bill Brown to DD 61 North. Motion Carried.

Fred Schmidt held a discussion with the Board on DD 61 North and requested an agreement be made that DD 61 North is only responsible for paying for silt removal on the Open Ditch.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to do an agreement for silt removal between DD 61 North and DD 61. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Faulstick-Wind Meeting; Graettinger-Solid Waste; Wirtz-Early Childhood; Solberg-Project Aware

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