

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
May, 10<sup>th</sup>, 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: Delray & Jan Bredehoeft; Jim & Sharon Neighbors; Mike Kindall, Brant Leonard, Aaron Chin, Dan Scheffler.

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 Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Graettinger to approve the agenda for May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with Bruce Nelson rescheduled to May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Solberg to approve the minutes for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faulstick to approve the Veteran Affairs claims report for May 6, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Graettinger to approve the Recorder's Monthly report for April 30, 2022. Motion Carried.

Bruce Nelson, Trails Committee, rescheduled to May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to approve a utility permit for Gerald Beckstrom in Section 23 & 32 of Freedom Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve a utility permit for Gerald Beckstrom in Section 29, 30, 31, 32 of Freedom Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Faulstick to approve a utility permit for Gerald Beckstrom in Section 27, 28, 33 of Vernon Township and Section 4, 9, 16, 19, 20, 21 & 30 of Freedom Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve a utility permit for Windstream Iowa Communications LLC in Section 21 of Ellington Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to approve a temporary construction easement for ITC to remove a transmission line in Section 32 of Fern Valley Township. Motion Carried.

Rob Allen, Conservation, met with the Board to approve hiring seasonal employees.

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to approve hiring Bob Subbert as campground host at \$100 per weekend effective May 13, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Graettinger to approve hiring Rowan Whitaker as seasonal part time at \$11.50 per hour effective May 16, 2022; and increase to \$12.00 per hour on July 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faulstick to adjust hourly rate for Donald Larsen to \$17.00 per hour effective May 4, 2022; and Brody Krieg to \$13.00 per hour effective May 16, 2022. Motion Carried.

Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board by telephone conference. Jon filed the DD 61 North reclassification report and requested the Board set a hearing date. Jon filed the Drainage District 61 common outlet report and asked the Board to set a hearing date.

**Cost of Common Outlet Repair: \$1,439,006.41**

**Distribution of Cost:**

Drainage District No. 61	58.99%	\$848,805.21
Drainage District No. 61 North	41.01%	\$590,201.20

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Graettinger to set the hearing date for Drainage District 61 North Reclassification Hearing for June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.; and to set the common outlet hearing for June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10:15 a.m. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faulstick to approve the cigarette permit for Dollar General in Ruthven, Iowa, Palo Alto County. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to approve the Library Contract for FY23. Motion Carried.

There were no committee reports.

Dan Scheffler, Development Manager for Vestas, was present for public comment. Dan spoke to the Board in regards to the Lost Island Wind Project and would like the opportunity to work with the DNR.

Delray & Jan Bredehoeft were present for public comment asked the Board what the impact is on the county & what is their goal is regarding the wind turbines. He stated that questions need to get answers.

Mike Kendall was present for public comment and stated enough is enough in regards to the wind turbines.

Jim Neighbors was present for public comment and asked the Board questions regarding the tax base of Palo Alto County.

Bertha Mathis was present for public comment and filed a request for open records and filed petitions with signatures for "no" to Lost Island Wind project. Bertha filed copies of letters sent to the DNR. (All documents are on file in the Auditor's Office).

Bo Barker was present for public comment and scrutinized the process of the Board and Zoning Board.

Wayne Knutson was present for public comment and spoke on the quality of life.

Dave Chapman was present for public comment and spoke in support of the wind turbines.

Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff, John King & Seth Nelson, Deputy Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss recruiting new sheriff deputies. Seth requested the Board to consider an additional 4% increase in wages for July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. No action taken.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Solberg to approve the claims and drainage claims for May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion Carried.

**General Basic Fund**

Bohl's Small Engine & Marine	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	247.84
Central Ia Juv Detention Ctr	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	336.00
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Custodial Supplies	276.00
Cintas	Custodial Supplies	217.97
CoZo Stephanie Lientz	Educational/Training Serv	175.00
Consolidated Electrical Dist.	Contract Carriers	2247.20
Electronic Specialties	Radio & Related Equip	2725.03
Emmet Co Public Health	Employee Mileage & Subs.	2935.19
E.M.U.	utilities	1690.18
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Board Proceedings	3768.37
Fareway	Custodial Supplies	39.76
Graettinger Times	Official Pub & Legal Noti	3035.22
Vincent H. Heller	Bus	525.00
Ronald Hersom	Bus	160.20
IA COUNTY RECORDER'S ASSN LISA	Dues & Memberships	200.00
IA Dept of Natural Resources W	Well Permit Fee to State	25.00
ISACA TREASURER RYAN DOKTER/AU	Educational/Training Serv	210.00
Robin Jamison	Employee Mileage & Subs.	29.00
MISSY KING	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	85.00
Knight Protection	Buildings	394.00
Kossuth Co Jail	Inmate Housing-out of cou	7906.50
Kossuth Co Sheriff	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	101.00

KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Parts	25.06
Mail Services, LLC	Postage & Mailing	320.00
Malloy Reporting Service	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	362.25
Matt's Cleaning Service	Salary-Regular Employees	500.00
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	845.23
Victoria Merwald	Postage & Mailing	173.42
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	104.95
Palo Alto Co Comm Health Ser	Board of Health	6320.62
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	3456.47
PITNEY BOWES	Postage & Mailing	76.49
QS LAWN AND PEST, INC.	Contract Carriers	150.00
Quill Corporation	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	28.98
RESERVE ACCOUNT	Postage & Mailing	800.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Electric Light & Power	393.31
Ruthven Zipcode	Official Pub & Legal Noti	937.14
SITE SERVICES, INC.	Buildings	3233.00
HOWARD SMITH	Bus	425.40
Solutions, Harris Local Gov	services	808.62
Spencer Office Supplies	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	170.09
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	Engineering Services	330.00
Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott	Data Processing Supplies	888.04
Swanson Hardware	Agric/Hort. Services	414.25
Thomson Reuters West Payment C	Legal Research Service	271.23
Thrifty White Pharmacy	Acute & Emergency Treat.	51.25
UMB BANK, N.A. Attn: Diana Van	Misc Expense	600.00
Verizon	phone service	320.12
VISA	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	515.51
West Bend Journal	Official Pub & Legal Noti	1088.89
Windstream	phone	695.85
<b><u>General Supplemental Fund</u></b>		
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	5127.39
E.M.U.	utilities	271.12
Swanson Hardware	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	4.99
<b><u>American Rescue Plan Act 2021</u></b>		
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	Misc Expense	25.00
ProPac, Inc.	Misc Expense	248.03
<b><u>Rural Services Basic Fund</u></b>		
Dakota Fluid Power Branch 10	Equipment	25337.88
Emmetsburg Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	854.93
Graettinger Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	363.33
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Equipment	641.77
Mallard Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	299.22
Northern Rolloff	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	5167.00
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	352.22
River Valley Telecommunication	Telecommunications Serv.-	84.84
Rouse Tire and Repair, LLC	Equipment	299.40
Ruthven Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	299.22
SARGENT ELECTRIC	Miscellaneous Repair	232.74
Swanson Hardware	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	183.73
West Bend Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	320.58
WOODFORD EQUIPMENT	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	93.05
<b><u>Secondary Road Fund</u></b>		
ACP International SA-SO	Engineering Services	211.00
Amazon Capital Services	Engineering Services	203.23
Arnold Motor Supply ATT: Sue	Engineering Services	25.20
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	41.24
Calhoun-Burns & Assoc. Inc.	Engineering Services	5131.80
Seth Christensen	Engineering Services	62.25
Cintas	Engineering Services	110.58
Continental Research Corp	Engineering Services	221.77
Currans Plumbing & Heating	Engineering Services	80.00
City of Cylinder	Engineering Services	55.00
Deitering Bros Inc	Engineering Services	765.00
Don's Truck Sales Inc	Engineering Services	1065.66
DPT Mechanical	Engineering Services	238.83
Ellingson Drainage Inc	Engineering Services	9384.00
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	8152.59
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	2970.43
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	14.78
Graettinger Mun. Utilities Gra	Engineering Services	984.73
Melissa Hall	Engineering Services	150.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Engineering Services	105.49
Iowa State University Institut	Engineering Services	300.00
Interstate Batteries	Engineering Services	625.75
Jack's OK Tire	Engineering Services	3178.08
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	52.49
City of Mallard	Engineering Services	83.40
Midstates Equipment	Engineering Services	207.86
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	846.42
North Central International Fo	Engineering Services	65.81
Northern Safety Co., Inc.	Engineering Services	212.58
Nuss Truck & Equipment	Engineering Services	427.39
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	40.85
Picrays Welding & Fab.	Engineering Services	778.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	75.45
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Engineering Services	31519.59
City of Ruthven	Engineering Services	87.81
SLASH POINT	Engineering Services	355.50
Solutions, Harris Local Gov	Engineering Services	168.20
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	307.37
Verizon	Engineering Services	269.43
Windstream	Engineering Services	528.45

Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	468.77
<b><u>Jail Capital Projects</u></b>		
City of Emmetsburg	Buildings	3200.00
MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION CONSULTAN	Buildings	21184.84
Midwestern Mechanical of Iowa,	Buildings	98841.80
MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE, INC	Buildings	26000.00
Noah Detention Construction	Buildings	1434.83
Rick A. Weidner, AIA	Buildings	8894.00
Winger Contracting Company Win	Buildings	106401.90
<b><u>Debt Service Fund</u></b>		
UMB BANK, N.A. Attn: Diana Van	GO Bond Redemption	1806418.75
<b><u>Emergency Mgmt Agency</u></b>		
Ditsworth Auto	Parts	10050.00
Graettinger Hardware	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	37.99
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Parts	216.49
<b><u>E911 Surcharge Fund</u></b>		
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	150.00
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	150.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Data Processing Services	1050.52
Verizon	phone service	3.47
WahlTek Inc	Miscellaneous Repair	4495.00
Windstream	phone	358.05

**Drainage Claims**

Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	DD162 pub exp	65.30
Goodwin Law Office, P.C.	DD 180 Lat 1-Attny Fees	319.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc	DD119 eng exp	980.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc	DD81 eng exp	5635.70
Timothy McCarthy	DD 114-Beaver Trapping	250.00
Timothy McCarthy	DD 81-Beaver Trapping	250.00
Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD28 repair Pay#7	143820.20
Darren A. Stearns	DD41 MainOpen beaver	250.00
Darren A. Stearns	DD98 MainOpen beaver	250.00

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

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Keith Wirtz, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor