

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
May 3rd, 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; Peter Hart, County Attorney; Delray & Jan Bredehoeft, Carla Larson, Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff; Seth Nelson, John King, Ben Morey.

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 May 3rd, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the minutes for April 26th, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the septic grant application for Dustin & Melissa Horst. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill 2nd by Solberg to approve payment of \$5,000 to Charles Tippie for the completed septic grant application. Motion Carried.

The Board called Mark Sherinian, Attorney, as legal counsel and to ask who can be present in closed session. Mark stated the Board can decide who is present for closed session. Peter Hart, County Attorney, stated that the Board can go into closed session under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(C) which Mark confirmed.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to move into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) at 8:18 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom. Ayes: Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 9:51 a.m.

Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff, met with the Board to present hiring Thomas Schultes after advertising for the second time and receiving 2 applicants. Lynn requested to move Thomas from part time deputy to full time deputy.

Motion by Merrill to hire Thomas Schultes. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to deny hiring Thomas Schultes because of nepotism. Ayes: Faulstick, Solberg, Graettinger, Wirtz. Nays: Merrill. Motion Carried.

Craig Merrill stated that Keith and one other supervisor need to meet with Lynn to resolve this issue.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve and ratify Mark Sherinian, Attorney for Sherinian & Hasso Law Firm P.C. to represent the Board in closed session meeting today and going forward. Motion Carried.

Delray & Jan Bredehoeft were present for public comment and asked questions on decommissioning of wind turbines. Carla Larson was present for public comment on wind turbines.

The Board did not have a conference call with the engineer.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board to discuss inspection services for drainage districts crossing pipelines.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board for the hearing on Improvements to Drainage District No. 162. Present: Marte Elbert and Glen Smith. Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.

The proposed cost of the project is \$55,000. The following objections were on file: William Rogers, Mary Rogers, Marte Elbert, Cletus Elbert, John A. Peters, Therese M. Peters. Remonstrance was not met.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Merrill to direct the engineer to get competitive quotes for work on Drainage District No. 162 and to prepare estimate to levy for July 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

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

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve hiring Brody Krieg as part time employee at \$12.25 per hour effective May 16, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve hiring Donald Larsen as part time employee at \$16.50 per hour effective May 4, 2022. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Craig—Care Connections of Northern Iowa; Ron—Upper Des Moines.

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

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor