

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
August 2, 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; Adam Gellert, KICD; Delray & Jan Bredehoeft, Jim & Sharon Neighbors; Kent Malm, Mason Hoffman.

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 Merrill to approve the agenda for August 2, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Merrill to approve the minutes for July 26, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the Veteran Affairs claims report for July 29, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the watershed septic grant application for Harold Christensen. Motion Carried.

Mason Hoffman met with the Board to file a drainage petition for a repair to Jt. Drainage District No. 60. Mason requested to have a cleanout with a long reach excavator on Jt. 60 Main Open in Highland Township, Section 19, 20, 16 & 17. Present: Kent Malm.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to accept the petition filed on the Jt 60 Main Open Ditch and direct Kent Malm to get quotes from 4 contractors to do the cleanout on Jt 60 Main Open. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Sharon Neighbors, Delary Bredehoeft and Jim Neighbors.

Kent Malm, IRVM, met with the Board to give an update and discussed the process for cleaning trees in the fence line.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board by conference call. Walter gave a report on the upcoming paving project.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Faulstick to approve a utility permit for Beckstrom Construction Inc. in Section 29 & 32 of Freedom Township. Motion Carried.

The Board of Supervisors discussed how to file the vacancy of the County Sheriff either by appointment or by election. Present: John King, Sheriff Deputy; Seth Nelson, Sheriff Deputy, Ben Morey, Sheriff Deputy.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to fill the vacancy of County Sheriff by appointment on September 1, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom, and to direct the Auditor/Commissioner of Elections to publish notice of the appointment. Ayes: all. Motion Carried.

Public Notice

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors has been notified by the County Sheriff of his resignation on August 31, 2022. The Board of Supervisors intends to fill the vacancy by appointment per Code of Iowa 69.14A, Subsection 2. The electors of the county have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by special election. The petition is due within fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice or fourteen (14) days from the date of appointment. The Board of Supervisors has set September 1, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom as the date, time, and place to fill the vacancy of the County Sherriff.

Dated 8-2-2022
Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors

The Board discussed a representative for the Wellness Coalition. Roger Faulstick is the representative and Linus Solberg is the alternate.

Committee Reports: Roger—roads.

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

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor