

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
August 30, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Keith Wirtz, Chair; Ronald Graettinger, Craig Merrill, Linus Solberg. Absent: Roger Faulstick, Present: Mike Kendell, Mason Hoffman, Sean Bell, Dwight Jones, Lou Clark, Bertha Mathis, Jim Neighbors, Patrick Brown, Bri Erskine, Nathan Kenkel, Lynn Potter, Sharon Neighbors, Carla Larson, Delray Bredehoeft, Janelle Bredehoeft, Laura Winter, Andrea DiPietro, Gregory F. Green; Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Peter Hart, County Attorney.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Graettinger, Merrill, Wirtz, Solberg. Nays: None. Absent: Faulstick.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the agenda for August 30, 2022, with Rob Allen being rescheduled to a later date. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the minutes for August 23, 2022. Motion Carried.

Aletha King, Zoning, met with the Board to report on the Planning & Zoning meeting that was held on Monday evening.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to approve the conditional use permit & master matrix for Curlew Sow LLC. Motion Carried. The site is an expansion and meets the good neighbor policy.

Aletha reported on the Planning & Zoning. Planning & Zoning made the decision to table the approval of the met tower applications until after the airport commission meets next week. Keith Wirtz was in support of approving the met tower applications. Roger Faulstick was not present, but did relay to Keith that Roger would be in favor of the applications. Ron Graettinger said we can wait another week. Craig Merrill stated that the met towers do not affect the airport.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Solberg to table approval of the met tower applications in Section 20 of Walnut and Section 19 of Great Oak Township until after the airport commission meets. Ayes: Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Nays: Wirtz. Motion Carried.

John King, Chief Deputy, met with the Board to request approval to hire full time dispatcher position vacated by an employee.

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Merrill to approve hiring Trisha Alderson at \$20.09 per hour as full-time dispatcher effective September 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

Delray Bredehoeft, Jim Neighbors, Laura Winter, and Gregory Green was present for public comment.

Rob Allen, Conservation Director, will reschedule to meet with the Board later to discuss tractor repairs.

The Board will consider the NW Iowa Regional Housing request next week.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Solberg to approve change order and pay estimate no. 1 for Drainage District No. 162 to Reutzel Excavating. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to set the completion hearing date for Drainage District No. 162 for September 27, 2022, at 8:45 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westegard, met with the Board to review the resolution for crossing drainage districts for pipeline installation. Present: Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office. The Board reviewed the draft resolution. Collin presented changes & recommendations. No action taken.

The Board held a conference call with Kossuth County for the completion hearing on Tri Jt 84. The completion hearing was for the FEMA repairs made in Kossuth County. The conference call was held at 10:03 a.m. with Kossuth & Emmet counties. Tyler Conley, Bolton & Menk, presented the certification of completion of contract for Tri Jt 84. The board discussed crop damages. The public hearing closed at 10:18 a.m.

Motion by Kyle Stecker, Kossuth Co., 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Pluth, Emmet Co., to amend the buffer amount and approve completion of contract with Reutzel Excavating. Motion Carried.

The Board held a conference call with Pocahontas & Humboldt counties to discuss the drainage petition filed on Tri Joint 1. Present: Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Kip Fehr.

Motion Jeff Ives, Pocahontas County, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linus Solberg, Palo Alto, to appoint Louis Stauter, Chair, and Kelly Jepsen as Secretary, for the joint conference call. Motion Carried.

Kip Fehr discussed the trees and erosion of the Tri Jt 1 drainage district which is the outlet for Drainage District 81 in Palo Alto County. Collin Klingbeil discussed the informational meeting that was held in Palo Alto County.

Motion by Jeff Ives, Pocahontas Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig Merrill, Palo Alto Co., to appoint Collin Klingbeil to prepare the report for Tri Jt 1. Motion Carried.

Gary Atherton, Pocahontas County, discussed with the Palo Alto & Pocahontas boards a private tile assessment crossing watershed boundary. Gary presented to the Board a private tile voluntary annexation that effects Jt 63 and Jt 77 drainage districts. The landowner agreed to a one-time assessment.

Motion by Jeff Ives, Pocahontas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig Merrill, Palo Alto, to approve voluntary annexation from Brian Shimon into Jt 63 M.O.D & DD 11. Motion Carried.

Motion by Brent Aden, Pocahontas Co., and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linus Solberg, Palo Alto, to set levy assessment and interest at 5% with 10-year waiver. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Merrill—Care connections; economic development. Wirtz—Early Childhood meeting.

John King, Chief Deputy, met with the Board to request approval to hire part time sheriff deputy.

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Graettinger to approve hiring Jac Robert Netsch as part-time Sheriff Deputy at \$31.32 per hour effective August 30, 2022. Motion Carried.

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