

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
September 20, 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; Jim Neighbors, Sharon Neighbors, Delray Bredehoeft, Jan Bredehoeft, Carla Larson.

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 September 20, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the minutes for September 13, 2022. Motion Carried.

John King, County Sheriff, met with the Board to request approval of hiring part time jailer.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Solberg to approve hiring Cara Kruetner as part time jailer effective September 20, 2022, at \$18.79. Motion Carried.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the 28E Agreement with Iowa DOT for Driver's License. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve abatement of taxes for City of Graettinger parcel no. 620018002040. Motion Carried.

Carla Larson, Jan Bredehoeft, Jim Neighbors and Mike Hermansen were present for public comment.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the watershed septic grant application for Mike Fay. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Roger: Jt 60 & health meeting. Ron: courthouse security & solid waste.

John Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board to give an update on the completion of contract for Drainage District No. 180 Lateral 1 improvement project. Present: Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Mike Hermansen.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Solberg to set the date for the completion hearing on Drainage District 180 Lateral 1 tile on October 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

John Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board for the hearing on reclassification for error on Drainage District No. 61. Present: Carl Fehr, James, Fehr; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.

John presented a supplemental report of the commissioners for Drainage District 61. The commission recommended to reduce assessments in the tiled area by 90%. There was a letter filed by the engineer stating the amount written off for the error on DD 61.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the changes for reclassification for the error found on the Fehr parcels as listed and to direct the Auditor & Treasurer to amend the drainage tax statements for September 30, 2022. Motion Carried.

The Board held a conference call with Clay County for discussion on Jt 60 Main Open Ditch. Present Palo Alto County: Carmen Moser, Auditor; Keith Wirtz, Ron Graettinger, Craig Merrill, Linus Solberg, Roger Faulstick; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Kent Malm, Ray Grandstaff.

Present Clay Co: Ann Bascke, Auditor; Barry Anderson, Burlin Matthews, Art Hamrick, Dan Skelton, Randy Swanson.

Motion by Ron Graettinger, 2nd by Burlin Matthews to appoint Keith Wirtz as Chair and Carmen Moser, Secretary of the joint conference call. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Kent presented 4 quotes that were received for repairs to Jt. 60 Main Open Ditch. The repairs are for cleaning out in Highland Township, south of Ruthven. Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc. \$68,750; Reutzel Excavating Inc. \$33,000; B & B Farm Drainage \$26,557; King Excavation LLC \$18,000.

Motion by Linus Solberg, 2nd by Barry Anderson to accept the low bid from King Excavation LLC for \$18,000 for repairs to Drainage District Jt. 60 Main Open Ditch. Ayes: all. Motion Carried. Repairs will be done late this fall.

The Board considered designation of county inspector for pipelines in Palo Alto County. Present: Kristina Paradise, Synder & Associates, Inc.; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Jamie Moser; Mike Hermansen.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to designate Snyder and Associates, Inc. as county inspector in the construction of Summit Carbon pipeline. Motion Carried.

The Board considered filing an objection with the Iowa Utilities Board for no pipeline in the floodplain in Palo Alto County.

Jamie Moser presented pictures of 510th Ave from 2019 when the road was washed out. Jamie objects to placing the pipeline in the floodplain.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to file a 2nd objection with the Iowa Utilities Board. Motion Carried.

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

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor