

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
September 6, 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: Peter Hart, County Attorney; Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Sue Ruppert, County Recorder; Jim & Sharon Neighbors; Delray & Janelle Bredehoeft, John King, County Sheriff; Seth Nelson, Deputy Sheriff; Aletha King, Zoning; Rob Allen, County Conservation; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.

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 6, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the minutes for August 30, 2022, and September 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the Veteran Affairs claims report for August 2022. Motion Carried.

John King, County Sheriff, met with the Board to recommend hiring a Sheriff Deputy. John King recommended hiring Thomas Schultes as a full-time sheriff deputy.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve hiring Thomas Schultes as full-time Sheriff Deputy effective September 8, 2022, at \$65,145. Ayes: Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Wirtz. Nays: Graettinger. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to accept the salary for John King, County Sheriff, at \$89,589 and Seth Nelson, Chief Deputy at \$76,151, effective September 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

John King, County Sheriff, presented a 28E Agreement with Lakes Area Law Enforcement Employment Co-op. John requested to pursue this employment co-op to fill the Sheriff Deputy position still open.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the 28E Agreement for sharing testing resources with Lakes Area Law Enforcement Employment Coop. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the NW Iowa Regional Housing letter of support and local match of \$665. Motion Carried.

Delray Bredehoeft and Jim Neighbors was present for public comment.

Stewart Ohrtman met with the Board to discuss a tile project in Independence Township, Section 6 in Drainage District Jt. 21.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Solberg to approve a septic grant application from Jason King. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve completion of a septic grant for Jill Mielke for \$5,000; and for Rhonda Thompson for \$5,000. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Roger Faulstick—public safety building; Ron Graettinger—Upper Des Moines; Aletha King—Zoning Board vacancy.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board for the completion hearing on Drainage District 119. Present: Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Dale Reed; Rick Elbert—telephone conference.

Collin presented the completion report for Drainage District No. 119 tile improvement project of the main tile and Latera H-3. Collin presented the recommended crop damages for landowners.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Merrill to approve crops damages as recommended by the engineer with removal of future crop damage. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to accept completion of the contract with Reutzel Excavating and to direct the Auditor to make final payment in 30 days. Motion Carried.

Rob Allen, Conservation Director, met with the Board to discuss tractor repairs.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Solberg to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor