

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
November 1, 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, Linus Solberg. Absent: Craig Merrill. Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Jim Neighbors, Delray & Jane Bredehoeft; Linda Koppie, Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard; Peter Hart, County Attorney; Aletha King, Zoning.

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. Absent: Merrill

Keith Wirtz, Chair, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Solberg to approve the agenda for November 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Solberg to approve the minutes for October 25, 2022. Motion Carried.

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

Jeremy Thilges, NRCS, met with the Board to introduce the new watershed coordinator. The new watershed coordinator is Harley Butler. The purpose of this position is to work with landowners in the watershed of Five Island Lake, Lost Island Lake and Silver Lake to develop conservation practices for erosion control & nutrient management.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board to file the Drainage District 81 Reclassification Report. Present: Linda Koppie. Linda Koppie asked questions about costs and annexation regarding Drainage District 81.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to tentatively accept the reclassification report and set the Reclassification Hearing for January 10, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Election Center. Motion Carried.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter informed the Board that the dump trucks approved a couple weeks ago cannot be secured. No price will be available for 3-6 months. Walter received a letter from Lost Island Wing Energy project.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve hiring John Klepper as Equipment Operator in West Bend effective November 7, 2022, at \$20.27 per hour with 6-month probation period. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Solberg to approve the revised water agreement with the City of Graettinger. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the purchase of a UTV from Northland Auto Marine for \$15,848. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve plans for STBG-S-CO74(111)-5E-74, N 28 PCC overlay. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Faulstick to approve a utility permit for Alliant Energy in Section 9 of Fern Valley Township. Motion Carried.

Abby Burns & Jared Ball, PACHS Behavioral Health Department, met with the Board to give an update on the Care Connections Grant. Abby informed the Board about Thomas Valles who played in the Disney Movie McFarland USA. Thomas was a speaker at high schools throughout the 6-county region for Care Connections. Thomas talked about mental health, substance abuse, & physical abuse.

Delray Bredehoeft was present for public comment and asked a question regarding the Lost Island Wind Energy letter received by Walter.

Linus suggested contacting someone to find a replacement for a member on the Board of Adjustment. Linus talked about all the tile in the county and suggested getting the attorney to file with the IUB and OCA. The Board discussed having a meeting with the landowners in Palo Alto County regarding the pipeline easements & proposed ordinance.

Doug Bergold with Turnkey Logistics was present at the meeting.

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

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor