

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
November 15, 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: Delray & Jan Bredehoeft; Jim & Sharon Neighbors; Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Amanda Hansen, Auditor's Office; 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.

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

Motion by Faulstick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Graettinger to approve the agenda for November 15, 2022, with the addition to approve the agreement for economic development services. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to approve the minutes for November 7, 2022. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohman, Public Health, met with the Board for an update on Public Health and to request funds for the FY24 budget. Sarah requested \$78,750 for the FY24 budget. Sarah explained the reason for the 5% increase that is needed to cover in-home care services. Sarah talked about the Palo Alto County Connections Coalition meeting.

Delray Bredehoeft was present for public comment and inquired how wind turbines provide economic development.

Don Reffer, B & W Control Specialists, met with the Board to present the spraying quotes for the drainage districts in Palo Alto County. The districts are on a 3-year rotation. Don traveled to the northeast part of the county and then prepared quotes of the drainage districts to present to the Board.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to approve the quotes for drainage districts for spraying by B & W Control Specialists. Motion Carried. Districts will be billed for actual amounts and time.

The Board of Supervisors canvassed the tally lists from the General Election held on November 8, 2022. Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve the canvass of votes for the General Election held on November 8, 2022. Motion Carried. The official canvass results are on file at the Auditor's Office.

Hugh Lively, RIDES, was rescheduled to December 13.

Committee Reports: Roger—jail update; Keith—road update.

Maureen Elbert, PACEDC, met with the Board to give an annual update and present the budget request for FY24. Present: Ron Larson, Rick Brennan, Tony Brugman, Linda Thilges, Gretchen Reichter.

Rick Brennan, President of Economic Development Board, requested the same amount as last of \$100,000 for FY24 budget request. Tony Brugman explained the revolving loan fund process. Linda Thilges spoke on behalf of the City of West Bend and the façade program. Ron Larson spoke on the new paint & body shop that opened in Mallard. Gretchen Reichter, City of Emmetsburg, spoke on the Emmetsburg Industrial Park and the many programs that the economic development board offers.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Solberg to approve the agreement for Economic Development Services. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson & Westergard, met with the Board to discuss the private ditch relocation in Section 6 of West Bend Township. Present: Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Ron Mader, Bill Mader.

Collin presented the letter with his findings for the relocation of the private ditch in Section 6 of West Bend Township. The request is feasible; however, the private ditch is the outlet for the tiles of Drainage Districts No. 12 and No. 182. Collin presented items that need to be followed for the relocation of the open ditch to happen.

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to have an informal meeting with landowners in Drainage Districts No. 12 and 182 to discuss the proposed private ditch relocation in Section 6, West Bend Township on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

The Board had a conference call with Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors on Drainage District Jt. 63 Main Open Ditch. Motion by Jeff Ives, Pocahontas County, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linus Solberg, to accept the plans & specifications for the cleanout of the outlet of Jt 63 in Pocahontas County. Motion Carried.

Motion by Clarence Siepker, Pocahontas County, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig Merrill, to set the bid letting date for Jt 63 for December 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Pocahontas Co. Boardroom. Motion Carried.

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

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Keith Wirtz, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor