

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
November 29, 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: Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer; Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat.

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, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the agenda for November 29, 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the minutes for November 22, 2022. Motion Carried.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board to present a hire letter for the new employee in the Treasurer's Office.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve hiring Tashia Joynt effective December 16, 2022, in the County Treasurer's Office at \$ 42,000 per year. Motion Carried.

Robin discussed with the Board property at 1401 Doon Street in Ayrshire.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Solberg to abate taxes for the property at 1401 Doon Street in Ayrshire in cooperation with Iowa Lakes Regional Water to abate the special assessments and deed the parcel to the City of Ayrshire. Motion Carried.

Robin discussed with the Board the Personnel Policy Manual. Present: Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer. The secondary roads union has been decertified. Walter, Robin, Keith Wirtz, & Carmen Moser met to review & update the policy manual. The Board reviewed the changes to the policy manual & will have a conference call next with Renee VonBokern to answer any questions.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board for the following items.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the IA DOT Federal Aid Agreement for STBG-S-CO74(111)—52-74, N28 concrete overlay. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Merrill to approve the fuel contract with Ruthven Coop Oil Co. for \$856,615.53. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick for approval of maintaining status quo on benefits for Secondary Roads. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board by conference call for the informal meeting on Drainage District No. 12 and No. 182. Ron Mader & Bill Mader requested to move the private open ditch in Section 6 of West Bend Township. Present: Steve Morey, Herb Morey, Andy Struecker, Ruth Lindgren, Douglas Miller, Ron Mader, William Mader, Ann Wittrock; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.

The landowner's request of relocating the ditch is to eliminate the potential for liquid nitrogen to be sprayed in the ditch via the irrigation system. Requirements would need to be followed in order to approve this request if the Board should approve.

Landowners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Collin explained that this is not a repair or an improvement, but a modification and the Board of Supervisors have to give permission.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the request to relocate the private drainage ditch in Section 6 of West Bend Township per the requirements of the engineer's letter dated 11-3-2022; and the extended tile for Drainage Districts 12 & 182 will become a part of the drainage district after installed and paid for by the Mader's. Motion Carried.

Rob Allen, County Conservation, met with the Board to give an update on conservation and to invite the Board to the Holiday open house at the Nature Center. The Christmas Open House is on December 8 at the Nature Center from 3-5 pm.

Committee Reports: Keith: Early Childhood; Ron—Upper Des Moines; Linus—Care Connections.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to go into Closed Session at 10:42 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (C) to discuss hazardous liquid pipelines with Tim Whipple, Attorney, Ahlers & Cooney. Ayes: Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 11:38 a.m. No action was taken.

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

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor