

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
December 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: Carla Larson, Delray Bredehoeft.

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 Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the agenda for December 6, 2022. Motion Carried.

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

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

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Solberg to approve the Recorder's Monthly report for November 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the septic grant application for George Tonderum. Motion Carried.

Nathan Clark, Library Association, met with the Board along with representatives of the libraries in the county to give an update on programs & to request funding for FY24. Present: Lisa—West Bend Library; Kay—Ruthven Library, Katie—Graettinger Library. The libraries requested a 3% increase. The request for FY24 is \$83,430.

Carla Larson was present for public comment and asked about the CO2 pipeline.

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

The Board held a conference call with Renee Von Bokern, HR Consultant, to review the Palo Alto County Personnel Policy Manual. Present: Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer. Renee reviewed the policy manual with the Board and answered questions.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the Palo Alto County Personnel Policy Manual on December 6, 2022; to be effective with the next pay cycle for Secondary Roads and to be effective with the next pay cycle for the courthouse payroll. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Merrill to approve the purchase of two dump trucks. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Merrill to approve the purchase of tractor. Motion Carried.

Jessica Amendt, Discovery House, met with the Board to give an update and request funding for FY24. Jessica requested a 20% increase. The request for FY24 is \$3,300.

Pat Lauck, West Bend Historical Society, met with the Board to request funding for FY24. Pat updated the Board on the Historical Society in West Bend and requested the same amount as last year of \$1,000.

Committee Reports: Keith—IDDA annual meeting.

The Board held conference call with Pocahontas County for the bid letting on Jt Drainage District No. 63 for Pilot Creek Improvements. John Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, opened the bid bonds and read the bid amounts.

The following bids were received:

Abel Drainage & Exc.	\$351,629
Luft & Sons, Inc.	\$230,240
H & H Construction	\$385,290
L.A. Carlson Const.	\$323,230
Bruden Irrigation	\$326,692.80
Empire Excavation	\$295,400
Reutzel Exc. Inc.	\$249,520
Anderson Drainage	\$228,569

Motion by Jeff Ives, Pocahontas Co. and 2nd by Craig Merrill, Palo Alto County, to award the contract for Jt 63 to Anderson Drainage for \$228,569. Motion Carried.

Rob Allen, Conservation, met with the Board. Present: Conservation Board Members: Ron Brown & Sam Henkelvig.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to go into Closed Session at 10:35 a.m. under Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (j) to discuss the purchase of real estate. Ayes: Wirtz, Faulstick, Merrill, Solberg; Absent: Graettinger.

The Board exited closed session at 10:43 a.m.

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

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor