

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
January 17, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Ron Graettinger, Chair; Keith Wirtz, Roger Faulstick, Craig Merrill, Linus Solberg. Present: Carla Larson, Delray Bredehoeft, Jim Neighbors, Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Peter Hart, County Attorney; Aletha King, Zoning; Robin Jamison, County Treasurer.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Faulstick, Wirtz, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

Ronald Graettinger, Chair, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the agenda for January 17, 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve the minutes for January 10, 2023. Motion Carried.

Carla Larson was present for public comment and questioned why Section 33 was omitted from motion made with the City of Emmetsburg.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the Class B Liquor License for Dollar General #22491, Ruthven, Iowa. Motion Carried.

Aletha King, Zoning, met with the Board to present the response letter to Lost Island Wind project per the County Wind Ordinance.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the letter of response to the Lost Island Wind Project. Motion Carried.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, met with the Board. Carmen reviewed the long-term debt schedule for bond road projects and the public safety building. Carmen presented the proposed tax levies for FY24 and the valuations for FY24.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter presented a Secondary Roads Department Policy for wage progression.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the Secondary Roads wage progression policy effective January 17, 2023. Motion Carried.

The Board held a budget workshop with the following Elected Officials to present their proposed budgets for FY24: Sue Ruppert, County Recorder, Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, Carmen Moser, County Auditor.

Julie Edwards, Upper Des Moines, met with the Board to present a budget request for FY24. Julie requested \$19,000 for Upper Des Moines and \$1,000 for CHORE Services in Palo Alto County.

The Board considered the employee wage increase for FY24 (except Sheriff's Union).

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to approve 5% for county employees with an additional \$750 for any employee making under \$55,000. Ayes: Merrill, Solberg, Wirtz, Faulstick, Graettinger. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Roger: Gaming Corporation.

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

The Board reconvened at 12:30 p.m., for the Teamsters Local 238(Union-Sheriff Employees) to present their initial bargaining proposals. Immediately following, the county presented its initial bargaining proposal to the Union (Sheriff's Employees). Proposals are on file in the Auditor' Office. The Board adjourned for exempt session.

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor