

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
January 31, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Ronald Graettinger, Chair; Keith Wirtz, Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg; Absent: Craig Merrill. Present: Carla Larsen; Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Peter Hart, County Attorney.

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

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

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Solberg to approve the agenda for January 31, 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Solberg to approve the minutes for January 24, 2023. Motion Carried.

Rob Allen, Conservation, met with the Board to renew the Bird Friendly Iowa Certification.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the renewal of the Bird Friendly Iowa Certification for Palo Alto County. Motion Carried.

Dee Graettinger met with the Board to talk about the I-Smiles Program. Dee works at Upper Des Moines and works closely with this grant program. Cherokee Public Health has requested funding from Palo Alto County to help support the dental services grant.

Carla Larson was present for public comment and asked for an update on Vesta's project.

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

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Wirtz to approve construction plans for BROS-C074(112)—8J-74, for the bridge replacement on 400th Street. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the final voucher for BRS-CHBP-C074(105)—GB-74, for the bridge replacement on 490th Street. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board to the file report on Drainage District No. 81. Present: Roger Wagner, Dave Morey, Howard Morey, Jamie Moser, George Zech, Ron Brown, Kipp Fehr, Jamie Schmidt, Duane Brown, Joe Neary, Linda Koppie, Colton Zaugg, Mike Hermansen, Fred Wirtz.

Collin reviewed the history of Drainage District 81 and presented the report he prepared. Collin explained the permits he filed with the Iowa DNR and the Army Corps. The report was filed to address the petition filed on Drainage District No. 81. Collin did not recommend repairs to the drainage district because the cost of repairs would be more than the benefits derived.

There was discussion on dissolving the drainage district after all the debts are paid. Iowa Code Section 468.250, requires a petition to be signed by 50% of the landowners owning 60% of the land to dissolve a drainage district.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to accept the report and place the report on file in the Auditor's Office, and to hold another meeting to consider removing some trees in the channel. Motion Carried.

Rob Latimer and Trey Lester, Summit Carbon Solutions, met with the Board for an update on the proposed pipeline. Present: Doug Bergold, Turnkey Logistics; Richard Dove, Construction Manager.

Rob presented an update on the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline. They anticipate construction in summer of 2023 pending a permit from Iowa Utilities Board. Summit stated that emergency response plans will be specific to our county. The Board expressed concerns about drainage tiles and the floodplain. There were questions on the CO2 carbon levels.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, reviewed the final proposed budget with the Board of Supervisors for FY24.

There were no committee reports.

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

Ronald Graettinger, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor