

Joint Meeting Minutes between Emmet County Board of Supervisors and Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors
April 4, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

River Valley Telecommunications, Graettinger Iowa

Emmet County – Present: John Pluth

Jeff Quastad
Lisa Hansen
Todd Glasnapp
Tim Schumacher
Heidi Goebel, Assistant Auditor

Palo Alto - Present: Roger Faulstick

Ronald Graettinger
Linus Solberg
Keith Wirtz
Craig Merrill
Carmen Moser, Palo Alto County Auditor
Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer.

Others Present: Mike Tidemann, Armstrong Journal; Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Richard Dove, Summit Carbon Solutions; Kylie Lange, Summit Carbon Solutions; Doug Bergold, Turnkey Logistics; Grant Terry, Summit Carbon Solutions.

Ronald Graettinger, Chair, Palo Alto Board of Supervisors called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Motion by Solberg, second by Glasnapp to appoint Ronald Graettinger as Chair and Carmen Moser as Secretary of the joint meeting. Ayes: all. Motion Carried.

Motion by Schumacher, second by Merrill, to approve the minutes from last meeting of the Joint Boards with the correction that the conference call started at 9:00 a.m. on February 22, 2022. Ayes: all. Motion Carried.

Graettinger opened the meeting for discussion. The first item of discussion was the sharing of the County Engineer and Environmental Health Specialist. The two positions are currently shared between the counties and are working well. Both counties are happy with the sharing of Ben Huntley, Environmental Health and Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer.

Walter discussed the new all-systems permit which allows trucks to exceed axle weight limits. Walter is not opposed to the all-systems permit but wants to implement the permit correctly and continue discussions with neighboring counties.

Jeff Quastad stated the Emmet County Board is being sued by Summit Carbon Solutions for updating their zoning ordinance to restrict hazardous liquid pipelines in their county.

Tim Schumacher discussed Emmet Co. Solid Waste and Ron Graettinger explained the rate increases regarding the landfill. Palo Alto County had a fire at the transfer station on March 31, 2023.

Tim Schumacher gave an update on the hiring of an IT Position in Emmet County. Linus asked Emmet County how much insurance coverage they have for cybersecurity.

Linus Solberg discussed the 170 wind turbines in Palo Alto County and the possibility of 48 more. Palo Alto shared the setbacks in place in their county. Emmet County is expecting to get windmills.

Palo Alto gave an update on the construction of the Public Safety Center. The estimated completion date is December 2023. Keith Wirtz discussed the Iowa Drainage District Association and drainage improvement projects.

Motion by Solberg, second by Lisa Hansen to adjourn the joint meeting at 11:34 a.m. Ayes: all. Motion Carried.

Ronald Graettinger, Chair
Palo Alto County Supervisors

Carmen Moser, Auditor
Palo Alto County