

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
May 2, 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, Craig Merrill, Linus Solberg. Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Jim & Sharon Neighbors, Delray Bredehoeft, Carla Larson.

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 Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for May 2, 2023, with the addition to set a date for the budget amendment hearing. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Solberg to approve the minutes for April 25, 2023. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohman, Public Health, met with the Board for a presentation on the Ten Essential Services of Public Health. Sarah discussed changes coming and the possibility of regionalization due to changes at the state level. Sarah talked about the needs for mental health, food, and care for the elderly.

Carla Larson was present for public comment and requested the following be part of the record.
"To the supervisors and County Attorney.
A couple of weeks ago, you all received a packet from our attorney, Michael Youngblut, representing our nonprofit group, Protect our Aviation and Eagles. Now that you have had ample time to read it, we want it put on record that we are urging you to protect everything that flies in the aeronautical Air zone. Included in that letter from Mr. Alan Armstrong, a letter that we want to put on record also, that last year we gave each of you a book written by Alan Armstrong, one of the top aviation lawyers in the nation, stating that 599' towers penetrating navigation airspace by 99' constitute hazards to Air Navigation, and will have adverse impact on safety and capacity of the Emmetsburg Municipal Airport. We also have retained Mr. Armstrong's services We also wanna record the book written by W. Ben Johnson MD from Madison county. 179 pages of medical information released in 2020 Dr. Johnson's cardiologist investigation and response to industrial wind turbines in residential rural country side regarding concerns of adverse health effects, given to each of you last summer. Also, we want it on record that we have brought you information on how BPA and SF6 can contaminate our soil and water sources irreversibly. We want it on record we gave you the FAA study stating all 60 were obstructions by 100' We have done the research and depth, which is what you elected officials paid by the taxpayers should be doing. How many Wind projects have reached the end of life yet, so we don't know what all the effects will be. Do we want to make this another experiment We've given you the information we hope you will study it."
Thank you Carla Larson,
Protect our Aviation and Eagles

Aletha King, Solid Waste, met with the Board to give an update on the transfer station. Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to purchase a 2023 5090E John Deere tractor & loader from K.C. Nielson for the transfer station. Nays: Solberg. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Merrill to appoint Kyle Norris as Lost Island Township Trustee term ending December 31, 2024, and Mark Jorgensen as Lost Island Trustee term ending December 31, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the Cost Advisory Services Contract for a 3-year contract. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to grant authorization to proceed with loan documents and signatures for the purchase of a new fire truck by the County Auditor, Carmen Moser, and the following trustee and clerk: Great Oak Township, Justin Kibbie & Kyle Elbert; Nevada Township, Kathy Mortenson, & Coleen Ruddy; Walnut Township, Jerry Joyce & Steve Dobbins. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Merrill to set the budget amendment hearing for May 23, 2023, at 8:15 a.m. at the Election Center. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Craig—Care Connection of North Iowa; Ron—Upper Des Moines.

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

Ronald Graettinger, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor