

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
May 30, 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; Craig & Karen Thu, Jim & Sharon Neighbors.

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 Solberg, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for May 30, 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wirtz to approve the minutes for May 23, 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to approve the cigarette permit for Dollar General #22491 Ruthven and Lakeland EZ Stop effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Solberg to approve the Spring Hills Country Club Inc. Class C Retail Alcohol license effective June 22, 2023, through June 21, 2024.

Craig & Karen Thu met with the Board on drainage concerns in Section 21 of Lost Island Township. Craig's complaint was the timing of getting the tile repaired.

Jim Neighbors was present for public comment and asked questions regarding the assessment of wind turbines.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter discussed tile repairs and issues that Sec. Roads is continuing to work on. Walter discussed the Craig Thu tile issue and had a plan to get it repaired.

Motion by Wirtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Solberg to approve a utility permit for West Bend Municipal in Section 25 of Fern Valley Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to approve a utility permit for Black Hills Energy in Section 25 of West Bend Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to approve hiring Brady Cook for seasonal summer work for Secondary Roads at \$17.00 per hour. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faulstick to approve hiring Bob Soenen for seasonal summer work for Secondary Roads at \$17.00 per hour. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wirtz to approve the Iowa DOT FY2023 budget amendment. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to approve the Cost Advisory Services Plan for FY22. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Solberg to approve the following drainage levies due on September 30, 2023. Motion Carried.

Fund/Ditch	% Levy	Assessment
DD 12	11.00%	\$1,558.60
DD 81	37.00%	\$365,845.73
DD 105	114.00%	\$4,985.22
DD 160	35.00%	\$70,738.35
DD 180 Lat 30 Tile	80.00%	\$7,981.03
DD N 15 Main Open	335.00%	\$355,024.95 20 year waivers
DD 119 Main Tile	762.00%	\$296,945.40 20 year waivers
Tri Jt 84	2.00%	\$2,318.91
DD PAK1 Main Open	3.50%	\$24,117.23
DD PAK1 Main Tile	75.00%	\$7,537.44
DD 119 H-2	43.00%	\$2,008.04
DD 119 H-3	771.00%	\$43,006.60 20 year waivers

Motion by Wirtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merrill to approve the landfill contract with the City of Spencer for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Motion Carried.

Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board to file the Engineer’s Report for Improvements to Drainage District No. 64. Present: Bruce Nelson.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Solberg to set the Informational Meeting on proposed improvements to replace the main tile of Drainage District No. 64 for June 13, 2023, at 9:00 am at the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Roger: transfer station demolition; Keith: Juvenile justice mtg; Craig: Care Connections mtg; Ron: intern breakfast, DECAT, Upper Des Moines.

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wirtz to adjourn. Motion Carried.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald Graettinger, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carmen Moser, County Auditor