

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
June 6, 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; Peter Hart, County Attorney; Delray & Jan Bredehoeft, Joan Mersch, Lisa Goebel, Michelle Markham, Julie Goebel, Mike Wirtz, Joan Wirtz, Jim Fehr, Mary Moser, Jamie Moser, Cory Fehr, Dan Fehr, Marte Elbert. Summit Carbon Solutions representatives: Kaylee Langrell, Grant Terry, Sherry Timmons.

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 Solberg to approve the agenda for June 6, 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the minutes for May 30, 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the Veteran Affairs monthly report for May 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the 28E Agreement with the City of Rodman for the Solid Waste Agreement. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Solberg to approve a septic grant application for Dave Tonderum. Motion Carried.

Julie Goebel met with the Board to discuss pipeline safety concerns. Landowners present: Joan Mersch, Lisa Goebel, Michelle Markham, Julie Goebel, Mike Wirtz, Joan Wirtz, Jim Fehr, Mary Moser, Jamie Moser, Cory Fehr, Dan Fehr, Marte Elbert.

Julie provided the Board with information on CO2 pipeline ruptures and plume modeling. CO2 pipelines are dangerous and different than any other kind of pipeline. PHMSA (Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration) is responsible for safety regulations, testing and research. An additional 60,000 to 90,000 miles of CO2 pipeline would be required to get net zero by 2050.

Julie requested the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors to pass ordinances like Emmet and Kossuth County with setbacks for CO2 hazardous liquid pipelines. The Board stated they would contact an attorney regarding a resolution for setbacks.

There was no other public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter discussed with the Board the maximum amounts of vacation and compensation time that can be carried over.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve extending the maximum vacation accumulation for Secondary Roads to July 1, 2024. Motion Carried.

Jodi Jergens, Assessor, met with the Board.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve hiring Jessica Rydell as a fulltime employee with starting salary of \$42,000 effective June 19, 2023. Motion Carried.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board to give an update on the opioid conference held in Des Moines. Palo Alto County has received \$28,044.17 and will continue to receive funds for 18 years. Robin is working with staff at PACHS to develop a plan for Palo Alto County.

Kaylee Langrell, Summit Carbon Solutions, met with the Board. Present: Grant Terry, Sherry Timmons. Kaylee gave a presentation to the Board addressing common misconceptions regarding the Summit Carbon project and CO2 pipelines. She provided a map of the 24.34 miles of anticipated pipeline in Palo Alto County. The IUB hearing is scheduled for October.

Committee Reports: Craig: Third Judicial Meeting.

The Board held a conference call with Pocahontas County to set the levy for Tri Jt. 1 with Humboldt, Pocahontas, and Palo Alto County.

Motion by Jeff Ives, Pocahontas County, 2nd by Erik Underberg, Humboldt Co. to set the levy for Tri Jt 1 for 16% of the original assessment. The Palo Alto County share is \$1,928.20 due September 30, 2023. Ayes: All Counties. Motion Carried.

The Tri Joint Board discussed dissolving the district and contacted Jim Hudson the drainage attorney. There was no action taken.

The Conference call adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

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

Ronald Graettinger, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor