

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
October 24, 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; Carla Larson, Delray & Jan Bredehoeft, Jim & Sharon Neighbors, Bri Erskine, Gary Smith, Craig Markley.

Unless otherwise indicated, all 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 Faulstick to approve the agenda for October 24, 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for October 10, 2023. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohman, Public Health, will meet with the Board next week.

Carla Larson was present for public comment and asked about the owner of the 170 wind turbines. Delray Bredehoeft asked what happens when Vesta files an application. Jim Neighbors asked about the emergency management services for the wind turbines. Bri Erskine will have the emergency response person contact the Board.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter presented a request for right of way for the trail project south of Lost Island. Gary Smith and Craig Markley were present to discuss the trail project near Lost Island Lake.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the request for right of way for the trail project south of Lost Island Lake adjacent to 350th Avenue. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the purchase of a snowplow from Rooney's Auto and Tire for \$9,415.02 for Secondary Roads. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Merrill to approve the continuation of the fuel contract with Ruthven Oil. Motion Carried.

Family Crisis Center representatives met with the Board to review services provided in Palo Alto County and request funding for FY25. Family Crisis Center provides 24-hour access in Palo Alto County. The budget request for FY25 is \$5,000.

The Board held a joint conference call with Clay and Buena Vista County Trustees of Jt. Drainage District No. 22. Sara Smith, Iowa Department of Ag & Land Stewardship (IDALS), met with the Board. Present: Jon Rosengren, Botlon & Menk. Sara presented a proposed constructed wetland enhancement site in Section 17 of Booth Township. The project is fully funded through IDALS.

Present: Palo Alto Co-- Ronald Graettinger, Keith Wirtz, Roger Faulstick, Craig Merrill, Linus Solberg. Clay Co. --by conference call: Randy Swanson, Art Hamrick, Barry Anderson, Courtney DeLoss, Allen Batschelet. Buena Vista Co.-by conference call: Kathy Croker, Kelly Snyder, Paul Merten, Rhonda Ringgenberg, Sue Lloyd, County Auditor; Brian Blomme, Drainage Engineer. Absent: Dan Hartman.

Motion by Linus Solberg, 2nd by Barry Anderson to appoint Ron Graettinger, Chair and Carmen Moser, Secretary, of the joint conference call for Joint Drainage District No. 22. Ayes: all. Motion Carried.

Sara Smith presented the proposed constructed wetland enhancement site in Section 17 of Booth Township. The current wetland was established in 2010 and this is an enhancement of wetland site. This proposed project is part of the Iowa Nutrient reduction program that is fully funded by IDALS. Brian Blomme recommends approval of the site.

Motion by Keith Wirtz, 2nd by Art Hamrick to approve the wetland enhancement site for Jt. Drainage District No. 22 in Section 17 of Booth Township and to approve connection to the Branch 19 Tile. Ayes: all. Motion Carried.

Motion by Linus Solberg, 2nd by Randy Swanson to adjourn the joint conference call for Joint Drainage District No. 22 at 9:54 a.m. Ayes: all. Motion Carried.

The Board held a conference call with Pocahontas County at 10:00 a.m. to consider final pay claim to Anderson Drainage & Excavation for work on Jt. Drainage District 63 outlet. Present: Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk.

Motion by Louis Stauter, 2nd by Ron Graettinger to pay Strutzenberg for \$13,471.50. Motion Carried.

Motion by Linus Solberg, 2nd by Clarence Siepker to approve final pay application to Anderson Drainage for \$11,572.25. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kyle Smith, 2nd by Craig Merrill to adjourn the conference call. Motion Carried.

Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board to file the bid documents and specifications for Drainage District No. 64. The engineer's estimate is \$2,030,000.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to appoint Bill Brown and Allen Stangl as right of way appraisers for Drainage District No. 64. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to accept the bid specification for Drainage District No. 64 and set the bid letting date for December 5, 2023, at 8:15 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom and to notify landowners to discuss the bids on December 5, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the septic grant application from Jerry Wolff. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Roger: gaming corporation, jail project; Keith: West Bend urban renewal project; IDALS project; Craig-trail meeting.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to approve county claims and drainage claims for October 24, 2023. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Amazon Capital Services	Custodial Supplies	382.32
AT&T Mobility	Telecommunications Serv.-	371.43
Bomgaars	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	414.36
Boone Co Sheriff's Dept	Inmate Housing-out of cou	200.00
Carroll Construction Supply Ac	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	351.15
Clay County Sheriff	Inmate Housing-out of cou	2400.00
The Crittenton Center	Crisis Stab Comm Based Se	233.25
Emmetsburg Ford	Motor Vehicle	4798.01
E.M.U.	utilities	183.72
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Official Pub & Legal Noti	112.05
Forge & Build North Iowa Lumbe	Park Maintenance & Suppli	280.54
Bill Frederick	Engineering Services	5000.00
HEARTLAND SECURITY SERVICES	Buildings	513.40
IA Drainage District Assn c/o	Education/Training/Hotel	70.00
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	1226.00

Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Water & Sewer	356.57
IA Office of State Medical Exm	Medical & Health Services	1945.00
IA Secretary of State	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	30.00
JCL Solutions	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	175.69
Ryan Jergens	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	137.50
Karl Chevrolet	Motor Vehicle	18757.00
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	9.49
Loffler Companies - 131511	Office Equip & Furniture	556.26
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	1329.84
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	104.95
Palo Alto Co Comm Health Ser	Board of Health	5991.40
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	4700.27
Palo Alto Co Sheriff	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	107.50
Parallel Ag	Miscellaneous Repair	16.30
Ryan Reynolds	Education/Training/Hotel	13.90
Ricoh USA, Inc.	Office & Data Processing	12.50
Sector c/o US Bank N.A. TFM Lo	Other	64903.74
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	5865.33
Tyler Stokes	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	137.50
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	Safety Items	267.52
Swanson Hardware	Shop Equipment	103.46
VISA	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	64.99
Windstream	phone	262.53

General Supplemental Fund

Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	18.99
Election Source	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	42.57
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	3366.47
Loffler Companies - 131511	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	2349.25
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	36.30
The Print Shop	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	238.80

Rural Services Basic Fund

IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	115.00
K.C. Nielsen Ltd	Buildings	2750.00
King Excavation	Buildings	48000.00
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Buildings	915.00
Northern Rolloff	Buildings	2620.00
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	95.90
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	1318.75
Shamrock Recycling, Inc	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	2823.78
City of Spencer	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	20098.20
Sportman's Corner	Equipment	4600.00
Rick Watts	Buildings	2500.00

Secondary Road Fund

Amazon Capital Services	Engineering Services	107.98
Arnold Motor Supply ATT: Sue	Engineering Services	281.10
Bomgaars	Engineering Services	31.99
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Engineering Services	352.00
Cintas	Engineering Services	37.54
Diamond Mowers, Inc.	Engineering Services	205.41
Emmetsburg Ford	Engineering Services	92405.80
E.M.U.	Engineering Services	177.47
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Engineering Services	14.96
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	2064.66
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	689.77

Graettinger Mun. Utilities Gra	Engineering Services	316.69
Graettinger Times	Engineering Services	93.80
Great Lakes Concrete Spencer R	Engineering Services	1620.00
Hilton	Engineering Services	1003.62
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Engineering Services	26.26
ICEA Service Bureau	Engineering Services	975.00
K & W Electric, Inc.	Engineering Services	1059.02
K.C. Nielsen Ltd	Engineering Services	817.12
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	33.99
City of Mallard	Engineering Services	76.63
Mid-American Research Chemical	Engineering Services	506.98
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	551.48
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	1096.98
New Prairie Leasing	Engineering Services	29615.00
Northern Safety Co., Inc.	Engineering Services	170.73
Palo Alto Co Auditor	Engineering Services	49.30
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	75.48
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Engineering Services	9179.44
City of Ruthven	Engineering Services	202.75
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	11.98
Titan Machinery	Engineering Services	339.87
Chris Towell	Engineering Services	160.00
Truck Center Companies	Engineering Services	42.01
Unity Point Clinic- Occ Med	Engineering Services	84.00
Visual Edge IT, Inc.	Engineering Services	125.00
Windstream	Engineering Services	534.41

Emergency Mgmt Agency

Kayla Hagen	Education/Training/Hotel	282.00
Hughes, Brennan & Wirtz Inc	Tort Liability Insurance	2555.00

E911 Surcharge Fund

Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	158.99
Mainstay Systems of Iowa LLC	Miscellaneous Repair	23.70
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	158.99
Verizon	phone service	3.60

Drainage Claims

Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc	DD Jt 60 Lat 11-Repair	1682.00
Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc	DD 23 Lat 8-Repair	3012.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 180 Lat 1-Eng Exp	256.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 61 N-Eng Exp	11564.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 64-Eng Exp	10173.00
D D 23 Main Open	Transfer DD 23 Main Tile	14195.10
D D 29 Lower Main Tile	Transfer DD 29 Up Main Ti	7855.19
D.D. 175	Transfer DD 175 CMN OTLT	412.88
D.D. 5	Transfer DD 69	518.35
Goodwin Law Office, P.C.	DD 180 Lat 1-Attny Fees	3036.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc.	DD 23 Lat 8-Eng Exp	1296.90
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc, Inc.	DD 23 Lat 9-Eng Exp	130.00
Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD 15 N Main-Repair	17477.09
Reutzel Excavating Inc	DD 61 Main-Cleanout	6307.50

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