

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
October 31, 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; Carla Larson, Delray & Jan Bredehoeft.

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 Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve the agenda for October 31, 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the minutes for October 24, 2023. Motion Carried.

Kent Malm, Weed Commissioner, met with the Board to file the annual weed commissioner report.

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wirtz to approve the weed commissioner report for 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wirtz to cancel the Board meeting on November 7, 2023. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

John Hansen, Midwest Construction, met with the Board. John Hansen gave a progress update report on the Public Safety Center. The pay applications for October & November were presented. Present: John King, County Sheriff. Completion date has been moved to January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. John Hansen recommended payment of the October and November pay applications.

Motion by Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faulstick to approve the pay applications for October & November. Motion Carried.

Sarah Strohman, Public Health, met with the Board. Sarah presented an update on Public Health and requested funding for FY25. Sarah requested \$78,750 for FY25. Sarah discussed the new coalition group and talked about the community services survey and presented the community health improvement plan.

The Board held a conference call with Gary Armstrong, Attorney, Storm Lake, to review and discuss a draft Ordinance for Regulating & Restricting the use of land for transport of hazardous liquid pipelines. Present: Kayla Hagen, EMA; and Aletha King, Zoning. The board asked questions and discussed different items in the draft ordinance. No action taken.

The Board contacted Kristine Paradise, Synder & Assoc., by conference call and asked questions regarding pipeline ordinances. Kristine will meet with the Board on November 14.

Committee Reports: Roger: fire emergency protocol for wind turbines; Keith: Central IA Juvenile Detention; Iowa Drainage District Assoc., Ron: Upper Des Moines.

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

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Ronald Graettinger, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor