

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
January 16, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Craig Merrill, Chair; Roger Faulstick (conference call), Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Ronald Graettinger. Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Carla Larson, Delray & Jan Bredehoeft, Jim & Sharon Neighbors, Ray Grandstaff.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Faulstick, Merrill. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

Craig Merrill, Chair, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for January 16, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Solberg to approve the minutes for January 9, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Solberg to approve Happy Campers LLC class B alcohol license for 12 months effective March 15, 2024, to March 14, 2025. Motion Carried.

Dave Walters, HBW Insurance, met with the board to give an update on ICAP insurance and worker's compensation insurance. ICAP insurance rate increase is 30%. Worker's compensation insurance is down 13%.

Ray Grandstaff was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the final payment to Croell for \$30,000 for the voucher for LFM-P-(B53)—7X-74 for the Silver Lake road project. Motion Carried.

Collin Hoppe, Casey Brown, Clyde Johnson, Palo Alto County Fair Board, met with the Board for FY25 budget request.

There were no committee reports.

Clay Kramer, Vestas, Site Manager-Palo Alto, met with the Board to present safety information regarding wind turbines. Present: Patrick Brown. The Board had an open discussion and landowners were able to ask questions about wind turbines.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, reviewed the proposed tax levies for FY25.

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

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor