

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
January 23, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Craig Merrill, Chair; Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Ronald Graettinger. Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Peter Hart, County Attorney; Carla Larson, Jim & Sharon Neighbors, Ed & Sue Kelly, Ray Grandstaff; Doug Woods & Andrew Bachman, Invenergy; Gregory Christensen, Drake University.

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 23, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the minutes for January 16 & 17, 2024. Motion Carried.

Rob Allen, County Conservation, met with the Board. Rob requested recertification for Bird Friendly Iowa. Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the recertification for Bird Friendly Iowa for Palo Alto County. Motion Carried.

Ray Grandstaff was present for public comment to ask the Board to be responsible when deciding on the compensation board recommendation.

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

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the performance bond for Croell Construction for the Fenton road project. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the contract with Mid-Continental Restoration Co, Inc., for tuckpointing the courthouse in FY25 for \$92,284.00 and to repair the steps at the Extension Office building for \$7,898.00. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed the compensation board recommendations for elected officials' salaries for FY 25. The compensation board met on December 4, 2023, and recommended a 10% salary increase for all elected county officials. Present: John King, Sheriff; Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Sue Ruppert, County Recorder.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a 4% wage increase for the elected officials for FY25. Motion Carried. Nays: Solberg. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve a wage increase of 4% for all county employees (except the Sheriff's Union) for FY25. Ayes: all. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Roger—RIDES.

The Board called Bob Goodwin, Attorney, regarding the lawsuit with the bonding company on Drainage District No. 180.

The Board discussed the fair board request for FY25 and decided to fund the fair board at \$42,000.

John Torbert, Iowa Drainage District Association, met with the Board for the legislative update.

The Board discussed the draft solar ordinance from 2021. Present on conference line: Don Etler; Dean Gunderson. Present: Aletha King, Zoning; Jim Kuecker, Zoning Board. Don Etler worked with the Zoning Board on drainage work corridors for solar farms. Dean Gunderson spoke about Iowa Code Section 335.5. The Board of Supervisors has questions on heavy metals and CSR limitations. The Board will forward the draft ordinance to Anna Ryon, Attorney.

Peter Hart, County Attorney, notified the Board of the lawsuit filed by Summit Carbon Solutions. Case 3:34-cv-03006. Filed 01-19-2024.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to approve county claims & drainage claims for January 23, 2024. Motion carried.

General Basic Fund

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| AT&T Mobility | Telecommunications Serv.- | 371.43 |
| Bomgaars | Minor Equip & Hand Tools | 110.85 |
| Electronic Specialties | Radio & Related Equip | 90.00 |
| E.M.U. | utilities | 1173.36 |
| Emmetsburg Publishing Co. | Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran | 67.32 |
| Graettinger Times | Official Pub & Legal Noti | 1157.70 |
| IA Lakes Electric Coop | Electric Light & Power | 1164.31 |
| Iowa Lakes Regional Water | Water & Sewer | 515.07 |
| IA State Assn of Counties | Education/Training/Hotel | 210.00 |
| Ia State University | Misc Expense | 280.00 |
| JCL Solutions | Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc | 204.17 |
| K.C. Nielsen Ltd | Agric/Hort. Services | 177.25 |
| KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC | Miscellaneous Repair | 225.45 |
| Leads Online | Education/Training/Hotel | 2091.00 |
| MidAmerican Energy | electricity | 1342.59 |
| MOCIC ATTN: MEMBERSHIP | Dues & Memberships | 100.00 |
| Palo Alto Co Sec Road | Fuels | 3222.32 |
| Parallel Ag | Miscellaneous Repair | 49.29 |
| POCAHONTAS CO SHERIFF | Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran | 51.94 |
| The Print Shop | Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran | 61.20 |
| Ruthven Zipcode | Official Pub & Legal Noti | 266.30 |
| Swanson Hardware | Minor Equip & Hand Tools | 137.08 |
| Visual Edge IT, Inc. | Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc | 161.53 |
| West Bend Journal | Official Pub & Legal Noti | 186.16 |
| Wild Rose Casino & Resort | Other | 87.36 |
| Windstream | phone | 834.65 |

General Supplemental Fund

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| E.M.U. | utilities | 345.37 |
| MidAmerican Energy | electricity | 41.10 |
| PELZER LAW FIRM JENNIFER BENNE | Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran | 94.90 |

Jail Special Revenue Fund

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| Guardian RFID | Protection/Security Serv. | 4995.00 |
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Rural Services Basic Fund

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| Boji Portable Toilets DBA Koen | Buildings | 485.00 |
| IA Lakes Electric Coop | Electric Light & Power | 173.00 |
| Northern Rolloff | Other | 2739.00 |
| Shamrock Recycling, Inc | Sanitation & Disposal Ser | 2518.98 |
| City of Spencer | Sanitation & Disposal Ser | 18682.63 |
| Summit Fire Protection | Equipment | 655.50 |

Secondary Road Fund

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| Affordable Glass | Engineering Services | 385.00 |
| Amazon Capital Services | Engineering Services | 729.68 |

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| Anderson Tiling LLC | Engineering Services | 484.50 |
| Central Salt, LLC | Engineering Services | 4416.13 |
| Cintas | Engineering Services | 112.62 |
| Currans Plumbing & Heating | Engineering Services | 576.59 |
| Deitering Bros Inc | Engineering Services | 763.26 |
| E.M.U. | Engineering Services | 578.73 |
| Equipment Blades, Inc | Engineering Services | 4967.60 |
| Fareway | Engineering Services | 52.87 |
| Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer | Engineering Services | 993.42 |
| Forge & Build North Iowa Lumbe | Engineering Services | 396.03 |
| Gateway Hotel | Engineering Services | 160.00 |
| Graettinger Hardware | Engineering Services | 446.34 |
| Graettinger Mun. Utilities Gra | Engineering Services | 493.25 |
| Homewood Suites by Hilton | Engineering Services | 1191.12 |
| IA Concrete Paving Assoc | Engineering Services | 705.00 |
| IA DOT | Engineering Services | 240.00 |
| IA Lakes Electric Coop | Engineering Services | 1116.59 |
| Iowa Lakes Regional Water | Engineering Services | 106.99 |
| IA State University | Engineering Services | 880.00 |
| KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC | Engineering Services | 3096.24 |
| City of Mallard | Engineering Services | 81.02 |
| Menards | Engineering Services | 519.21 |
| MidAmerican Energy | Engineering Services | 1125.92 |
| NEW Cooperative, Inc. | Engineering Services | 575.19 |
| NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT | Engineering Services | 422.54 |
| Palo Alto Co Auditor | Engineering Services | 50.65 |
| Piccrays Welding & Fab. | Engineering Services | 660.34 |
| Rick's Home Repair | Engineering Services | 310.00 |
| River Valley Telecommunication | Engineering Services | 75.50 |
| Ruthven Coop Oil Co | Engineering Services | 30015.41 |
| City of Ruthven | Engineering Services | 132.94 |
| Staybridge Suites Sioux City | Engineering Services | 80.00 |
| Swanson Hardware | Engineering Services | 389.15 |
| Windstream | Engineering Services | 558.44 |
| Ziegler Inc | Engineering Services | 1165.44 |
| <u>Road Cap. Proj. Sec Roads</u> | | |
| Croell Inc | Roads | 30000.00 |
| <u>Emergency Mgmt Agency</u> | | |
| Palo Alto Co Sec Road | Parts | 55.41 |
| <u>E911 Surcharge Fund</u> | | |
| Windstream | phone | 160.88 |
| <u>Drainage Claims</u> | | |
| Anderson Tiling LLC | DD 15N Old A Tile Repair | 250.00 |
| Bolton & Menk, Inc. | DD 180 Lat 1-Eng Exp | 330.00 |
| Bolton & Menk, Inc. | DD 61 N-Eng Exp | 862.00 |
| Bolton & Menk, Inc. | DD 64-Eng Exp | 7984.50 |
| Goodwin Law Office, P.C. | DD 180 Lat 1-Attny Fee | 3645.50 |
| Terry Gunnarson | DD Jt 73 Main-Repair | 895.50 |

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Solberg to adjourn at 10:36 a.m. Motion Carried.