

Election Center
Emmetsburg, Iowa
January 9, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in a special session. Members present: Craig Merrill, Chair; Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Ronald Graettinger. Absent: Roger Faulstick.

Present: Ed Kelly, Sue Kelly, Aletha King, David Weber, Randy Loomis, Laura Winter, Cory Fehr, Duane D. Metzger, Jamie Moser, Kayla Hagen, Jill & Doug Williamson, Neil Dahlquist. On conference call: Anna Ryon, Attorney; Joan Mersch, Julie Goebel; Kylie Lange and Kaylee Langrell, Summit Carbon Solutions.

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

Craig opened the public meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Board met for the purpose of Amending Various Sections of the Palo Alto County Zoning Ordinance Dated 08/09/1995 with Amendments, for the Purpose of Regulating and Restricting the Use of Land for the Transport of Hazardous Liquid Through a Hazardous Liquid Pipeline.

Legal Notice was published in the paper on December 28, 2023. Copies of the draft ordinance were available on the county website and at the county auditor's office.

Anna Ryon, Attorney, gave an update on the questions from the prior week. Anna added Section 10.50 for connection to facilities. To add civil penalties the Board would need to republish and start the process over. Anna stated that the ordinance needs to be voted on twice unless we start the process over.

The Board had an open discussion on the proposed ordinance and anyone present was given an opportunity to speak. Craig Merrill reviewed statements filed by Allen Stangl. The board had discussion on the setbacks. The following setbacks were decided. From an occupied structure, not less than 4,000 feet. From an environmentally sensitive area, not less than one-half of one mile. Anna will update the ordinance and new copies will be available.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to adopt Ordinance 2024-0001, Amending Various Sections of the Palo Alto County Zoning Ordinance Dated 08/09/1995 with Amendments, for the Purpose of Regulating and Restricting the Use of Land for the Transport of Hazardous Liquid Through a Hazardous Liquid Pipeline with changes discussed at the public meeting. Motion Carried. Ayes: Solberg, Wirtz, Graettinger, Merrill. Absent: Faulstick. Motion Carried.

The Board set the third hearing on the ordinance for January 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Election Center.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Wirtz to adjourn the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. Motion Carried.

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor