

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
January 9, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Craig Merrill, Chair; Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Ronald Graettinger, Roger Faulstick (present by conference call). Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Ed & Susan Kelly.

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 9, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for January 2 & 3, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the Veteran Affairs monthly report for December 2023 and the quarterly report ending December 31, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the Recorder's monthly report for December 31, 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Solberg to appoint Dexter Knobloch to fill vacancy for West Bend Township Trustee. Motion Carried.

Aletha King, Zoning/Solid Waste, met with the Board. The building total is \$473,900 this includes the upgrade of \$30,900, for new garbage truck. The City of Emmetsburg agreed to pay \$15,450 towards the upgrade.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the contract with Christensen Construction for the transfer station building. Nays: Solberg. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to introduce and approve Resolution 1-9-2024 Construction Evaluation Resolution. Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg Merrill, Faulstick. Resolution Passed.

RESOLUTION # 1-9-2024

CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PALO ALTO COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).
 Craig Merrill, Chair, Board of Supervisors
 Date: 1-9-2024
 ATTEST: Carmen Moser, County Auditor

No one was present for public comment.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board to present the semi-annual report for December 31, 2023.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the Treasurer’s semi-annual report for December 31, 2023. Motion Carried.

John King, County Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss the 28E agreements for law enforcement in Graettinger and Ruthven.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve a 1% increase to the cities for the law enforcement 28E agreements. Motion Carried.

John discussed the open house for the Public Safety Center with the Board. The open house is scheduled for February 10th.

There were no committee reports.

The Board held a conference call at 9:30 a.m. with Travis Squires, Financial Advisor to discuss and review the bond repayment plan for roads & the public safety center. The Board plans to take the maximum incremental value for FY26.

Tom Foley, Attorney, met with the Board by conference call.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Wirtz to go into Closed Session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) (c) at 10:01 a.m. Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Faulstick, Merrill. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 10:30 a.m.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Solberg to rescind its decision to eliminate the Assistant County Attorney position effective December 29, 2023, and continue that position through January 31, 2024, at which time the position will be eliminated. Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Merrill. Nays: Faulstick. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Solberg to approve the severance agreement with Amy Zenor based on the terms discussed in closed session and to authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement. Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Merrill. Nays: Faulstick. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the county claims & drainage claims for January 9, 2024. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	268.69
Brew Oil LLC	Cash Allowances	15.00
Christians Sheet Metal HVA	Buildings	337.50
Christina Clausen	Employee Mileage & Meals	36.00
Deitering Bros Inc	Miscellaneous Repair	108.43
Emmet Co Public Health	Salary-Regular Employees	3366.57
Emmet County Sheriff	Inmate Housing-out of cou	2450.00
Emmetsburg Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	1720.78
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Official Pub & Legal Noti	1292.00
Fareway	Custodial Supplies	92.75
GALLS, LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	411.32

Harris Sanitation	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	272.00
Vincent H. Heller	Bus	259.80
Ronald Hersom	Bus	219.00
IA COUNTY RECORDER'S ASSN %Mel	Dues & Memberships	250.00
IA State Assn of Counties	Education/Training/Hotel	630.00
Imaging Spectrum, Inc	Office Equip & Furniture	180.49
IMWCA	Workmens' Comp Insurance	1859.55
Jack's OK Tire	Tires & Tubes	1033.77
Robin Jamison	Employee Mileage & Meals	25.30
JCL Solutions	Office Equip & Furniture	133.91
Mail Services, LLC	Postage & Mailing	345.20
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	859.10
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	209.90
Northwest Iowa Regional Housin	Misc Expense	738.00
O'Brien County Sheriff	Inmate Housing-out of cou	160.00
Palo Alto Co Comm Health Ser	Board of Health	4404.00
Palo Alto Co Emergency Mgmt	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	2110.75
Palo Alto Co Fair Assn	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	735.52
POCAHONTAS CO SHERIFF	Acute & Emergency Treat.	1433.76
RESERVE ACCOUNT	Postage & Mailing	3500.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Electric Light & Power	1507.17
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Natural & LP Gas, Fuel Oi	640.50
S & S Pest Control	Utilities Payments	260.00
HOWARD SMITH	Bus	400.40
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	153.50
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	Engineering Services	1585.00
Swanson Hardware	Custodial Supplies	63.86
VISA	Dues & Memberships	3531.05
Weekly Bulletin	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	180.00
West Bend Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	102.54
Windstream	phone	1118.67
<u>General Supplemental Fund</u>		
IA State Assn of Counties	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	340.00
IPERS Collections	Ipers-County Contribution	.85
<u>Jail Special Revenue Fund</u>		
VISA	Protection/Security Serv.	4237.59
<u>Rural Services Basic Fund</u>		
Emmetsburg Ford	Motor Vehicle Equipment	134.24
Emmetsburg Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	507.83
Galens Pro-Mow	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	274.48
Graettinger Hardware	Buildings	43.97
Graettinger Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	215.83
IMWCA	Workmens' Comp Insurance	3453.45
Mallard Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	177.74
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	95.90
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	117.64
River Valley Telecommunication	Telecommunications Serv.-	85.54
Ruthven Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	177.74
Swanson Hardware	Buildings	12.76
West Bend Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	190.44
<u>Secondary Road Fund</u>		
Amazon Capital Services	Engineering Services	319.42
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	44.02
Bomgaars	Engineering Services	352.90
Central Salt, LLC	Engineering Services	2181.25
Cintas	Engineering Services	37.54
Coffman's Locksmith Shop	Engineering Services	20.00

Crysteel Truck Equipment	Engineering Services	1730.21
City of Cylinder	Engineering Services	55.00
Deitering Bros Inc	Engineering Services	1296.00
Electronic Specialties	Engineering Services	2571.80
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	9731.85
Emmetsburg Ford	Engineering Services	592.27
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	108.67
Forge & Build North Iowa Lumbe	Engineering Services	82.39
David Geerdes	Engineering Services	292.50
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	1057.75
Hometown Distributing LLC	Engineering Services	165.14
Jack's OK Tire	Engineering Services	7040.32
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	5387.08
Menards	Engineering Services	369.00
NORTH CENTRAL INT'L INC.	Engineering Services	240.91
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	Engineering Services	334.90
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	45.34
Parallel Ag	Engineering Services	38.99
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Engineering Services	30.63
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Engineering Services	13672.15
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	Engineering Services	166.25
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	1201.73
SynTech Systems	Engineering Services	181.00
Treasurer State of Iowa Divisi	Engineering Services	350.00
Truck Center Companies	Engineering Services	263964.00
Verizon	Engineering Services	240.06
West Bend Ford	Engineering Services	1211.67
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	3975.86

Jail Capital Projects

A-1 Mobile Storage Service, LLC	Buildings	335.00
JCL Solutions	Buildings	40225.04
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	963.96
MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION CONSULTAN	Buildings	14030.38
Midwestern Mechanical, INC	Buildings	36289.61
Noah Detention Construction	Buildings	9655.80
Sande Construction & Supply Co	Buildings	159846.76
Winger Contracting Company Win	Buildings	50445.00

Emergency Mgmt Agency

Frontier Precision Inc	Education/Training/Hotel	400.00
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E911 Surcharge Fund

Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	158.99
MEDIACOM LLC	Engineering Services	382.74
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	158.99
River Valley Telecommunication	Miscellaneous Repair	926.53

Drainage Claims

Westshore Farms	DD 175 repair	\$1,154.13
Motion by Solberg, 2 nd by Wirtz to adjourn. Motion Carried.		

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor