

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
February 1, 2024, 1:00 pm.

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; John King, County Sheriff; Ed & Sue Kelly; Mark Sherinian, Attorney.

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 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for February 1, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for January 30, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to go into closed session at 1:04 p.m. to discuss appointment of County Attorney per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (c) and 21.5 (1) (i).
Ayes: Faulstick, Wirtz, Graettinger, Merrill, Solberg. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 2:17 p.m.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to introduce and approve Resolution that the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors believes that it is in the best interest of the county to provide additional time to the selection committee so that it can find and recommend the very best candidate for the position of County Attorney. Ayes: Faulstick, Wirtz, Solberg, Graettinger, Merrill. Resolution Passed.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to introduce and approve Resolution in order to provide the committee additional time, the Chairman of the Board is authorized to communicate through counsel and the Attorney General's Office the county's request for an appointment by Chief Judge Patrick Tott of Travis Johnson, the Clay County Attorney to serve temporarily in the position of Palo Alto County Attorney.
Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Solberg, Wirtz, Faulstick. Resolution Passed.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to introduce and approve Resolution to reopen the application process through February 9, 2024, at 4 pm. Ayes: Faulstick, Wirtz, Solberg, Graettinger, Merrill. Resolution Passed.

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

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor