

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
February 6, 2024, 2:00 p.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; Delray & Jan Bredehoeft, Jim & Sharon Neighbors; Ed & Sue Kelly; John King, Sheriff; Aletha King.

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 Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the agenda for February 6, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for January 31, 2024, and February 1, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Solberg to approve the Veteran Affairs report for January 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the County Recorder's report for January 31, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to approve a septic grant application from Brent Hilton. Motion Carried.

Craig Merrill stated that the interview committee is ready to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Interview Committee members were John King, Sheriff; Carmen Moser, Auditor; Supervisors: Craig Merrill and Linus Solberg. The committee recommended Anne Quail as the County Attorney. The committee received 4 applications and interviewed 3 of the applicants.

Craig asked for comments from the interview committee. Linus stated that Anne Quail scored the best of the applicants. Carmen Moser stated that Anne has magistrate & assistant county attorney experience. Anne is team oriented and has excellent communication skills. Anne knows the CARPEL & electronic management document system used by the State of Iowa. Anne is ready to lead & direct the County Attorney Office.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to introduce and approve a resolution to close the application period due to finding a qualified candidate for the County Attorney position. Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Solberg, Wirtz, Faulstick. Nays: none. Resolution Passed.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to introduce and approve a Resolution to appoint Anne Quail as County Attorney who will immediately assume all duties and responsibilities of the Palo Alto County Attorney as defined in Iowa Code Section 331.756. Attorney Quail will hold the position as a part-time county officer, as permitted under Iowa Code Section 331.752, so that she may continue to participate in private practice cases. The annual salary of the County Attorney is set at \$100,998. Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Solberg, Wirtz, Faulstick. Nays: none. Resolution Passed.

Anne Quail was sworn in as County Attorney and took the Oath of Office.

The Board considered a 28E Agreement for Clay County Attorney to assist Palo Alto County Attorney with the backlog of cases.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the 28E Agreement with Clay County Attorney to assist Palo Alto County Attorney with the backlog of cases. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Committee Reports: Keith—Central Iowa Juvenile Detention; Craig—DD 180 update on filing lawsuit.
Linus—Attorney to assist with wind ordinance & solar ordinance.
Bill Hanigan, Attorney with Hanigan Group will have a conference call with the Board on February 13.

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

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor