

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
March 19, 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; Anne Quail, County Attorney; Aletha King, Zoning; Laura Winter, BJ Schany, Jeff Schany, Jim & Sharon Neighbors. Conference Line- Shane Roche, Patrick Brown, Sean Bell, Carla Larson, Dean Gunderson

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 Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for March 19, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for March 12, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve septic grant application for Dave Tonderum. Motion Carried.

Kristinia Paradise with Synder and Associates was present by conference call to give an update on pipeline county inspections. Kristinia will plan to attend the public hearing in April for the new proposed laterals to POET.

BJ Schany was present for public comment and asked questions on supervisor districts and thoughts of going to at large. Laura Winter asked about the new books and maps for the Lost Island Wind project and an update on MidAmerican speaking with the Board.

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

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Solberg to approve a utility permit for IA Lakes Reg Water in Sections 9 & 16 of Silver Lake Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve a utility permit for IA Lakes Electric in Sections 28 & 29 of Highland Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve \$16.50/hr for first year hires & \$17.00/hr for returning summer help for Secondary Roads summer help salary. Motion carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve 28E agreement with City of Emmetsburg for North Huron Pavement Project. Motion Carried.

Bill Hannigan, Attorney was present by conference call to discuss wind turbine decommissioning with the Board. Bill answered questions from the Board on decommissioning requirements and explained the most common methods of performance bonding or letters of credit.

Aletha King, Zoning was present to present the wind turbine application with Lost Island Wind Energy Project. Aletha received the application on 3/14/2024, after her review, the Board will hold a public hearing within 30 days.

Diane Nelson with the Palo Alto County Extension Board was present to discuss the upcoming remodeling project at the Extension Office. The Extension Office received a Palo Alto County Gaming grant to help with remodeling costs.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Solberg to approve the recommended remodeling project for the Palo Alto County Extension Office Building. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Faulstick- Roads, Extension Office Remodel; Merrill- Attorney call

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

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Jordan Morey, Auditor Clerk