

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
March 26, 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; Absent: Roger Faulstick. Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Rob Allen, County Conservation, Ed & Sue Kelly, Randy Loomis, BJ Schany, Leon Wojahn, Lou Clark. Present on conference call line: Shane Roche, Bri Erskine, Sean Bell—Vestas.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Merrill. Nays: None. Absent: Faulstick.

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 March 26, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the minutes for March 19, 2024. Motion Carried.

Rob Allen, County Conservation, met with the Board to discuss the location of a wind turbine. Present: Randy Loomis. Rob discussed the location of a wind turbine between two county conservation areas and the possible negative impact on wildlife. Randy is the landowner of the turbine and stated that the county is zoned, and the turbine meets the setbacks of the county ordinance.

Leon Wojahn was present for public comment. Leon is tired of getting the run around on who decides on the location of the windmills. He is concerned about 2 eagle nests and the location of wind turbines. Leon asked questions about who is liable for accidents on bike trails.

Anne Quail, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss the Assistant County Attorney position. Present: Stephanie Hudson. Anne met with the Board to approach the topic of an Assistant County Attorney. Anne feels she could do more civil work and be proactive to serve the county well with an Assistant County Attorney. Stephanie Hudson talked about the collections process that has been put on the back burner since the office is short staffed. Anne did not ask for a decision today and will discuss it with the Board next week.

Committee Reports: Keith—Central IA Detention, Early Childhood; Linus—FEMA update; Craig—Bill Hannigan call.

Motion by Solberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wirtz to approve county claims & drainage claims for March 26, 2024. Motion Carried.

**General Basic Fund**

Amazon Capital Services	Misc Expense	296.08
AT&T Mobility	Telecommunications Serv.-	416.37
Bob Barker Co.	Clothing & Dry Goods	88.95
BLUE LAKE WEBSITES ANITRA LARS	Office & Data Processing	49.00
Bomgaars	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	160.94
Brew Oil LLC	Cash Allowances	300.00
Kristi J Busse	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	760.00
Canon	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	166.00
Central Ia Juv Detention Ctr	Crisis Stab Comm Based Se	960.00
Renee Chism	Food & Provisions	14.28
District III IACCB	Dues & Memberships	250.00
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Official Pub & Legal Noti	76.50
GALLS, LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	442.86
IA Comm Pool Administrators Io	Tort Liability Insurance	458.00
IA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSN	Dues & Memberships	373.00
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	567.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Water & Sewer	221.23

IA Law Enforcement Academy	Education/Training/Hotel	125.00
IA Office of State Medical Exm	Medical & Health Services	2076.45
Robin Jamison	Employee Mileage & Meals	711.83
JCL Solutions	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	257.00
Travis Johnson	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	568.60
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Minor MV Parts & Access	13.22
Lentz Funeral Homes	Medical & Health Services	900.00
Loffler Companies - 131511	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	56.26
Mail Services, LLC	Postage & Mailing	351.05
Martin-Mattice Fun. Home	Funeral Services	2200.00
Timothy McCarthy	Animal Bounties & Apiaris	950.00
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	2349.01
Carmen Moser	Education/Training/Hotel	509.96
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	104.95
Palo Alto Co Comm Health Ser	Board of Health	5097.57
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	456.88
Palo Alto Co Sheriff	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	332.00
Parallel Ag	Minor MV Parts & Access	14.17
Quill Corporation	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	97.86
Susan Ruppert	Employee Mileage & Meals	196.39
SHERINIAN & HASSO LAW	Consultants	9952.50
Snyder & Associates	Misc Expense	3030.00
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	3447.00
Swanson Hardware	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	30.63
Swift Air	Buildings	1065.97
VERIZON WIRELESS - VSAT	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	50.00
VISA	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	444.49
Michael Westfall	Animal Bounties & Apiaris	350.00
Windstream	phone	290.15
WINDSTREAM IA Comm Inc	phone	551.00
<b><u>General Supplemental Fund</u></b>		
Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	45.56
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	36.30
State Election Adm Training	Education/Training/Hotel	240.00
<b><u>Rural Services Basic Fund</u></b>		
DMH Companies	Buildings	62244.28
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	102.00
Northern Rolloff	Other	2176.00
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	95.90
River Valley Telecommunication	Telecommunications Serv.-	90.54
Shamrock Recycling, Inc	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	2518.98
City of Spencer	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	18794.90
<b><u>Secondary Road Fund</u></b>		
Algona Hearing Center	Engineering Services	175.00
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	207.34
Amazon Capital Services	Engineering Services	23.00
BlockWorks LLC	Engineering Services	20000.00
Cintas	Engineering Services	75.08
Crysteel Truck Equipment	Engineering Services	31.00
City of Cylinder	Engineering Services	55.00
E.M.U.	Engineering Services	782.55
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	34.02
Forge & Build North Iowa Lumbe	Engineering Services	32.99
Gateway Hotel	Engineering Services	19.20
David Geerdes	Engineering Services	292.50
Gordon Flesch Company Inc GFC	Engineering Services	472.04
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	290.73

Graves Construction Co., Inc	Engineering Services	224962.34
IA Dept of Transportation	Engineering Services	4096.96
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Engineering Services	20.30
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	2816.28
Menards	Engineering Services	429.14
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	1121.55
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	Engineering Services	172.74
NEW Cooperative, Inc.	Engineering Services	1584.43
Northern Safety Co., Inc.	Engineering Services	122.90
Palo Alto Co Health System	Engineering Services	841.00
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Engineering Services	24310.19
Staybridge Suites Sioux City	Engineering Services	90.92
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	24.97
Chris Towell	Engineering Services	41.62
City of West Bend	Engineering Services	273.01
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	747.19
<b><u>Emergency Mgmt Agency</u></b>		
IA Emergency Mgmt Association	Education/Training/Hotel	155.00
<b><u>E911 Surcharge Fund</u></b>		
Century Link	Engineering Services	33.95
Electronic Specialties	Equipment	61267.67

**Drainage Claims**

Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 180 Lat 1-Eng Exp	5741.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 61 N-Eng Exp	7399.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 64-Eng Exp	14051.50
Goodwin Law Office, P.C.	DD 180 Lat 1-Attny Fees	3794.50
Larry Lair Excavating, Inc	DD 147 Main-Repair	280.00
Timothy McCarthy	DD 114 Jack Creek-Beaver	350.00
Timothy McCarthy	DD 81-Beaver Trap	300.00
Michael Westfall	DD 114 Jack Creek-Beaver	100.00
Michael Westfall	DD 132- Beaver Trap	200.00
Michael Westfall	DD 175 Main- Beaver	150.00
Wirtz Backhoe	DD 126-Repair	600.00

Motion by Graettinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wirtz to adjourn. Motion Carried.

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Craig Merrill, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor