

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
April 9, 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; Carla Larson, Jim & Sharon Neighbors, Leon Wojahn, Randy Loomis. Present on conference call: Sean Bell, Shane Roche, Bri Erickson—Lost Island Wind.

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 Faulstick to approve the agenda for April 9, 2024, with addition to approve Sheriff Agreement for FY 25 & FY 26. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for April 2, 2024. Motion Carried.

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

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the Veteran Affairs report for April 2024, and the quarterly report ending March 31, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the transfer of TIF Road Fund (15004) of \$380,031.19 and TIF Wind Fund (15005) of \$890,463.56 to the Debt Service Fund (40000) for payment of principal and interest on bonds. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the completion of a septic grant to Roger Nelson for \$5,000. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to set the Public Hearing for the Proposed FY25 Budget hearing for April 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Jim Neighbors was present for public comment and asked if the met towers are approved with entire application. Carla Larson asked questions about eagle nests. Leon Wojahn asked about turbine in Section 31.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter reviewed the construction & equipment budget for FY25.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the Iowa DOT budget for FY25. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the Palo Alto County 5-year construction program. Motion Carried. Nay: Solberg.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, reviewed the proposed budget amendment for FY24. Present: Amanda Hansen.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to set the Hearing for the FY24 Budget Amendment for April 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the Sheriff's Agreement for FY25 & FY26. Motion Carried.

Bill Hanigan, Attorney, met with the Board by conference call. Present: Aletha King, Zoning; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office. Bill updated the Board on the progress of the road use agreement, decommissioning agreement, and underground utility permit application. Bill addressed 2 issues and stated the ball was in Vesta's court. The first issue is some lease agreements are older than the date of the updated wind ordinance and the second issue is financial assurance for decommissioning.

Committee Reports: Keith—donation of flashing lights; Craig—Goodwin update; Aletha—transfer station update. Anne Quail, Attorney—recreational trail on private property.

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

Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	79.38
Bird Friendly Iowa	Dues & Memberships	100.00
Kristi J Busse	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	2056.76
Christina Clausen	Employee Mileage & Meals	36.00
Clay County Treasurer ATTN: C	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	125.05
Stephanie J. Early	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	49.00
Electronic Specialties	Radio & Related Equip	149.50
Emmet Co Public Health	Salary-Regular Employees	3144.35
Emmetsburg Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	1701.38
E.M.U.	utilities	425.00
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Board Proceedings	1036.56
Fareway	Food & Provisions	439.97
Forge & Build North Iowa Lumbe	Buildings	242.55
Graettinger Times	Official Pub & Legal Noti	670.47
Vincent H. Heller	Bus	260.00
Ronald Hersom	Bus	90.00
IA State Assn of Counties	Dues & Memberships	250.00
JCL Solutions	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	26.36
Travis Johnson	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	2910.14
K.C. Nielsen Ltd	Agric/Hort. Services	1300.00
Karl's	Other	70.54
Mack, Hansen, Gadd, Armstrong&	Consultants	3150.00
Mail Services, LLC	Misc Expense	4151.34
Malloy Reporting Service	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	139.50
ANDY MANWARREN	Agric/Hort. Services	80.00
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	1024.87
Midwest Pest	Contract Carriers	150.00
Mike Myer	Engineering Services	896.97
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	104.95
Office Elements	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	58.75
Palo Alto Co Emergency Mgmt	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	2110.75
Palo Alto Co Fair Assn	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	14055.39
Palo Alto Co Health System	Food & Provisions	1340.00
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	2893.04
Palo Alto County Soccer Club c	Misc Expense	15454.00
Picrays Welding & Fab.	Buildings	229.88
The Print Shop	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	719.19
QS LAWN AND SPRINKLER	Buildings	105.00
RELX Inc. DBA LexisNexis	Legal Research Service	198.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT	Postage & Mailing	1000.00
Ricoh USA, Inc.	Office & Data Processing	15.58
River Valley Telecommunication	Telecommunications Serv.-	571.63
Ruthven Zipcode	Official Pub & Legal Noti	129.95
HOWARD SMITH	Bus	237.60
Snyder & Associates	Misc Expense	6596.57

Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	1254.87
Swanson Hardware	Custodial Supplies	329.90
VISA	Buildings	4075.98
Visual Edge IT, Inc.	Contract Carriers	174.93
West Bend Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	123.54
West Bend Journal	Official Pub & Legal Noti	76.27
Windstream	phone	1307.32
<u>General Supplemental Fund</u>		
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	1044.00
Loffler Companies - 131511	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	71.47
State Election Adm Training	Dues & Memberships	200.00
<u>American Rescue Plan Act 2021</u>		
JCL Solutions	Misc Expense	6625.00
Karl's	Misc Expense	1225.94
<u>Rural Services Basic Fund</u>		
Emmetsburg Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	10170.27
Graettinger Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	4322.36
Heartland Building Moving	Buildings	2240.00
Mallard Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	3559.59
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	531.57
River Valley Telecommunication	Telecommunications Serv.-	90.42
Ruthven Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	3559.59
City of Spencer	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	18693.63
Swanson Hardware	Safety & Protect.Supplies	202.58
West Bend Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	3813.85
<u>Secondary Road Fund</u>		
Arnold Motor Supply ATT: Sue	Engineering Services	10.41
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	44.02
Calhoun-Burns & Assoc. Inc.	Engineering Services	4378.95
Cintas	Engineering Services	75.08
Ellingson Drainage Inc	Engineering Services	21400.00
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	9171.14
Emmetsburg Ford	Engineering Services	30.00
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Engineering Services	59.00
Forge & Build North Iowa Lumbe	Engineering Services	79.59
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	100.91
Graettinger Times	Engineering Services	13.40
Graves Construction Co., Inc	Engineering Services	4806.35
Hallett Materials	Engineering Services	618.75
Hiway Truck Equipment	Engineering Services	567.00
IA DOT	Engineering Services	120.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Engineering Services	100.74
K & W Electric Inc	Engineering Services	1933.69
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	684.96
Lube Tech Accelerating Perform	Engineering Services	7264.25
City of Mallard	Engineering Services	105.76
Martin Marietta Agg	Engineering Services	1702.27
Mid-American Research Chemical	Engineering Services	415.03
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	425.70
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	2329.85
N & A Manufacturing Inc.	Engineering Services	35.00
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	Engineering Services	415.39
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	43.43
Palo Alto Co Auditor	Engineering Services	50.57
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	75.26
Rouse Tire and Repair, LLC	Engineering Services	25.00
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Engineering Services	18898.59

Ruthven Zipcode	Engineering Services	107.20
City of Ruthven	Engineering Services	90.73
Titan Machinery Titan Rentals	Engineering Services	718.35
Chris Towell	Engineering Services	26.24
Verizon	Engineering Services	240.06
Visual Edge IT, Inc.	Engineering Services	745.80
West Bend Journal	Engineering Services	221.10
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	649.51
<u>Jail Capital Projects</u>		
Karl's	Buildings	2821.62
<u>Emergency Mgmt Agency</u>		
Kayla Hagen	Education/Training/Hotel	116.48
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Parts	105.17
Titletown Drones, LLC	Parts	2091.00
<u>E911 Surcharge Fund</u>		
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	158.99
MEDIACOM LLC	Engineering Services	383.29
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	158.99
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	701.77
WahlTek Mailing Center	Miscellaneous Repair	3249.07
Windstream	phone	358.05
WINDSTREAM IA Comm Inc	phone	161.51
<u>Drainage Claims</u>		
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD Jt 22-IDALS	142.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 923-IDALS	9900.50
Bill Brown	DD 61N-Commissioner	100.00
Bill Brown	DD 64-Commissioner	100.00
HOLLAND CONTRACTING CORP.	DD 64-Improvement Payl	255590.00
Allen Stangl	DD 61N-Commissioner	100.00
Allen Stangl	DD 64-Commissioner	100.00

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Wirtz to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. Motion Carried.

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor