

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
May 14, 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; Jim & Sharon Neighbors, Terry Chamberlain.

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 May 14, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the minutes for May 6, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the Sheriff's quarterly report ending March 31, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve a septic grant application for Ed Noonan. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a septic grant application for John Heiman. Motion Carried.

Terry Chamberlain, VFW Commander, met with the Board to update the Board on street pole flags for Veteran's to be placed at the Veteran's wall memorial.

Jim Neighbors was present for public comment and asked questions about the meeting tonight and the format.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter updated the Board on roads & tile issues. The Board discussed various drainage issues.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve summer help for the Secondary Roads Department as follows: Christine Gerdes (mower) at \$17.00/hour effective May 23, 2024; Joseph Moen at \$17.00/hour effective May 23, 2024,; Nathan Adams, Blake Bixby, Trig Troyer, Tyler Albrant, Andrew Kral at \$16.50/hour effective May 23, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Section 1 of Nevada Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to rescind the previous motion to approve Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative utility permit application. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the final voucher for Project BROS-SWAP-C074(110)—SE-74, Fern Valley box culvert. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the Iowa DOT FY2024 budget amendment 1.0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the following drainage district levies for July 1, 2024, a percent of the original assessment. Motion Carried.

Fund/Ditch	% Levy	Assessment
DD 5	8.50%	\$36,025.68
DD 12	49.00%	\$6,809.84
DD 41 Main Open	5.00%	\$25,205.27
DD 48 Main Open	1.00%	\$7,154.28
DD 62	46.00%	\$36,063.48
DD 80 Lat F Open	5.00%	\$5,200.44
DD 84 Main Open	32.00%	\$56,132.68
DD 92 Main Tile	6.00%	\$2,651.04
DD 98 Main Open	17.00%	\$23,357.07
DD 98 Sub 1	189.00%	\$31,789.80
DD 106	717.00%	\$70,017.76
DD 111	16.00%	\$2,145.16
DD 114	8.00%	\$6,185.88
DD 117	88.00%	\$6,640.89
DD 126	21.00%	\$1,113.23
DD 132	41%	\$10,530.43
DD 175	136.00%	\$96,058.20
DD 182	15.00%	\$1,171.32
DD 21W Lat 1A Ditch	24.00%	\$2,069.74
DD 114 Lat Jack Creek	24.00%	\$6,205.94
DD 923 Lat 1 Open	106.00%	\$2,025.11
DD 923 Lat 2 Open	1.00%	\$1,443.60
DD 80 Up Main	17.00%	\$20,373.63
DD 41 Lat F	1.00%	\$655.26
DD 15N Lat Old A	6.00%	\$605.96
DD 98 Lat B Tile	17.00%	\$513.33
DD 61 Lat J-2 Tile	11.00%	\$1,004.39
DD Jt 60 Main Open	78%	38,064.04
DD Jt 60 Lat No 11 Tile	330%	\$1,808.40

Kim Kibbie, Emmetsburg City Administrator, met with the Board. Kim introduced the new Chamber Director Alex Johnson to the Board of Supervisors.

Committee Reports: Roger—drainage issues; Keith—drainage issues, Jt 63 Lat 1A tile.

The Board held a conference call with Pocahontas County. The Board considered a claim to Strutzenberg Farm Drainage & Excavating LLC for extra work approved by the trustees during the completion hearing for Jt 63.

Motion by Louis Stauter, 2nd by Linus Solberg to appoint Kyle Smith as Chair and Kelly Jepsen as Secretary of the telephone conference on Jt. Drainage District No. 63. Motion Carried.

Motion by Jeff Ives, 2nd by Craig Merrill to approve payment to Strutzenburg Farm Drainage & Excavating LLC for \$17,871.24 repairs on Jt 63 Pilot Creek. Motion Carried.

Motion by Louis Stauter, 2nd by Keith Wirtz to move forward with the estimate for repairs on the Jt. 63 ditch on the Kerns property at \$6,000 for 78 feet of ditch bank repair, including riprap armor. Motion Carried.

The joint board discussed a drainage issue in Section 34 of Rush Lake Township on the Jt 63 Lateral 1A tile. Motion by Brent Aden, 2nd by Craig Merrill to adjourn the joint conference call at 10:10 a.m. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the county claims and drainage claims for May 14, 2024. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	48.48
BUSINESS FORMS & SYSTEMS CO.	Data Processing Supplies	502.73
Kristi J Busse	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	300.00
C&R Distributing	Park Maintenance & Suppli	162.65
Canon	Office Equip & Furniture	1433.52
Central Business Forms	Park Maintenance & Suppli	343.00
Community Lumber	Buildings	154.98
Dept. of Inspections, Appeals,	Equipment/Elevator	175.00
Stephanie J. Early	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	23.00
Electronic Specialties	Radio & Related Equip	607.49
Emmet Co Public Health	Engineering Services	3811.49
Emmetsburg Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	296.90
E.M.U.	utilities	1370.66
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Official Pub & Legal Noti	1179.12
Fareway	Custodial Supplies	272.37
Farm & Home Publishers	Misc Expense	1875.00
Jane M. Fitzgerald, CSR	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	52.50
GALLS, LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	206.40
Graettinger Times	Board Proceedings	1127.39
Hanigan Law Group, PLC	Consultants	95968.36
Harris Sanitation	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	272.00
Vincent H. Heller	Bus	405.60
Ronald Hersom	Bus	90.00
Hy-Vee Accounts Receivable	Acute & Emergency Treat.	79.41
IA Office of State Medical Exm	Medical & Health Services	2062.00
Intoximeters Inc	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	84.00
Robin Jamison	Employee Mileage & Meals	25.30
JCL Solutions	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	1439.40
Travis Johnson	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	250.00
Jim Kibbie	Engineering Services	430.03
Starla Kirchner	Engineering Services	500.00
Lawyers Chautauqua	Education/Training/Hotel	350.00
Loffler Companies - 131511	Office & Data Processing	186.74
Mail Services, LLC	Postage & Mailing	371.96
Maximum Promotions	Buildings	5537.85
Timothy McCarthy	Misc Expense	400.00
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	1022.00
Victoria Merwald	Misc Expense	509.93
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	718.59
Roger Nelson	Engineering Services	5000.00

Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	209.90
Palo Alto Co.Econ.Dev.Corp.	Education/Training/Hotel	20.00
Palo Alto Co Health System	Food & Provisions	1455.00
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	4731.51
The Print Shop	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	48.81
Quill Corporation	Secret Investigations	95.98
RELX Inc. DBA LexisNexis	Legal Research Service	198.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT	Postage & Mailing	1000.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Electric Light & Power	406.95
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Tires & Tubes	170.17
Ruthven Zipcode	Official Pub & Legal Noti	406.91
Megan R. Sankey, CSR, RPR Buen	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	18.50
Shamrock Recycling, Inc	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	44.80
HOWARD SMITH	Bus	334.80
Scott Smith	Engineering Services	430.95
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	1120.65
Swanson Hardware	Custodial Supplies	378.32
Thomson Reuters West Payment C	Legal Research Service	884.00
UMB BANK, N.A. Attn: Diana Van	Misc Expense	1200.00
VISA	Park Maintenance & Suppli	1069.79
West Bend Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	116.76
West Bend Journal	Official Pub & Legal Noti	374.07
Windstream	phone	331.72
<u>General Supplemental Fund</u>		
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	3196.42
E.M.U.	utilities	184.75
IPERS Collections	Ipers-County Contribution	.87
Kossuth County IT Department	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	2920.00
Loffler Companies - 131511	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	96.19
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	29.93
North Iowa Telecom	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	67.00
<u>American Rescue Plan Act 2021</u>		
River Valley Telecommunication	Misc Expense	1520.50
<u>Rural Services Basic Fund</u>		
Christensen Construction Co.	Buildings	155990.00
DMH Companies	Buildings	13661.07
Emmetsburg Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	1659.08
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Official Pub & Legal Noti	7.48
Graettinger Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	705.12
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Motor Vehicle Equipment	107.10
Mallard Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	580.68
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	95.90
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	137.14
Parallel Ag	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	204.72
Randy's Repair	Motor Vehicle Equipment	164.28
River Valley Telecommunication	Telecommunications Serv.-	90.42
Ruthven Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	580.68
Swanson Hardware	Buildings	305.18
West Bend Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	622.16
<u>Secondary Road Fund</u>		
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	206.14
Amazon Capital Services	Engineering Services	1664.89
Arnold Motor Supply ATT: Sue	Engineering Services	232.40
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	44.02
Calhoun-Burns & Assoc. Inc.	Engineering Services	1597.50
Cintas	Engineering Services	112.62
Crysteel Truck Equipment	Engineering Services	1807.00

Dixon Construction	Engineering Services	9783.30
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	9080.51
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Engineering Services	510.00
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	553.06
Forge & Build North Iowa Lumbe	Engineering Services	24.80
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	47.15
Graettinger Mun. Utilities Gra	Engineering Services	518.94
Graettinger Times	Engineering Services	214.40
Graves Construction Co., Inc	Engineering Services	13731.39
Harris Sanitation	Engineering Services	60.00
IA DOT	Engineering Services	99.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Engineering Services	113.24
Interstate Batteries	Engineering Services	292.22
K & W Electric Inc	Engineering Services	1589.78
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	951.71
Lube Tech Accelerating Perform	Engineering Services	3327.02
City of Mallard	Engineering Services	86.02
Martin Marietta Agg	Engineering Services	9533.65
McNally Abstract Co	Engineering Services	12960.00
Menards	Engineering Services	449.98
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	622.11
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	1802.73
North Central International Fo	Engineering Services	216.15
Northern Safety Co., Inc.	Engineering Services	184.55
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	Engineering Services	298.00
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	42.77
Palo Alto Co Auditor	Engineering Services	300.36
Palo Alto Co Health System	Engineering Services	96.00
Rick's Home Repair	Engineering Services	310.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	75.26
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Engineering Services	29338.17
Ruthven Zipcode	Engineering Services	214.40
City of Ruthven	Engineering Services	109.01
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	Engineering Services	57.75
SynTech Systems	Engineering Services	338.00
Truck Center Companies	Engineering Services	712.84
Verizon	Engineering Services	240.04
Visual Edge IT, Inc.	Engineering Services	560.55
West Bend Journal	Engineering Services	294.80
City of West Bend	Engineering Services	289.58
Windstream	Engineering Services	581.27
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	3869.27
<u>Res Enhance & Protection</u>		
Jeralds Tree Service	Park Maintenance & Suppli	1500.00
<u>Emergency Mgmnt Agency</u>		
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Parts	286.67
VISA	Education/Training/Hotel	525.00
<u>E911 Surcharge Fund</u>		
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	158.99
Century Link	Engineering Services	33.95
GeoComm Inc	Engineering Services	5258.00
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	158.99
Penguin Management, Inc.	Miscellaneous Repair	1296.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Data Processing Services	401.86
Verizon	phone service	7.31
Windstream	phone	438.49
WINDSTREAM IA Comm Inc	phone	161.51

Drainage Claims

B & W Control Specialists	DD Jt 60 Main-Spraying	1941.15
B & W Control Specialists	DD 159-Spraying	573.15
B & W Control Specialists	DD 160-Spraying	1001.00
B & W Control Specialists	DD 175-Spraying	9419.05
B & W Control Specialists	DD 5-Spraying	4254.30
King Excavation	DD Jt 60 Main-Clean out	34100.00
King Excavation	DD 80 Lat Q-Tile Repair	1920.00
King Excavation	DD 80 Lat Q4-Tile Repair	535.00
Michaelson, Inc	DD 15N-Repair	765.00
Myer Tile & Backhoe, LLC	DD 29 Lat 10-Repair	320.00

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

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor