

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
May 21, 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, Laura Winter, Gary Koppie, Pat Kibbie, Randy Jacobs, Neil Dahlquist, Ron Kreutner, Kent Malm, Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.

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 21, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the minutes for May 14, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the septic grant application for Bruce Baumchen. Motion carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to introduce and approve the following Resolution 5-21-2024 for appropriation changes for FY24. Ayes: Faulstick, Wirtz, Solberg, Graettinger, Merrill. Nays: none. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION #5-21-2024
APPROPRIATION CHANGES
FY 2023-2024

WHEREAS, Section 331.434 (6) 2013 Code of Iowa, authorizes the Board of Supervisors to transfer appropriated monies within a service area, without amending the budget;

WHEREAS, such a transfer is necessary to correct current budget expenditures within certain departments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors to authorize the appropriation transfers within the same service area as follows:

SECTION I: The total sum of \$1,430 is ordered transferred from the Juvenile Justice decreasing the appropriations in the dollar amounts and Department 61 in the General Basic Fund, Service Area 3 as follows:

\$1,430 Family Protective Services

Line Item: 01000 03310 312 61 61 From \$35,000 to \$33,570

SECTION 2: The total sum of \$1,430 as detailed above is ordered transferred to the Local Health budget, increasing the appropriations in the dollar amounts and Department 23, General Basic Fund, Service Area 3 as follows:

\$1,430 Health Administration

Line Item: 01000 03040 120 23 From \$71,000 to \$72,430

Adopted this 21st day of May 2024, by the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors.

Kent Malm, Drainage, met with the Board to discuss drainage issues. The first issue is in Lost Island Township, Section 27. Kent discussed the repair of the Drainage District No. 117 tile. Kent will contact Clark Abel, tiler, regarding the tile issue and report back to the Board. Present: Ron Kreutner.

Kent Malm discussed the 2nd drainage issue in Silver Lake Township, Sections 4 & 5 in Drainage District No. 43. This project would be an improvement and an engineer will need to review. Kent will discuss with Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, and then have a meeting with the landowners. Present: Ron Kreutner.

Carla Larson was present for public comment and asked the Board to consider the paperwork distributed at the public hearing regarding the number of flights at the airport and to take it into consideration.

Mark Anderson was present for public comment and discussed a drainage problem in Section 20 of Independence Township.

Laura Winter was present for public comment and asked the Board if they knew of the dumping ground for the windmills. Laura presented photos of Lake Mills where blades are being dumped. Laura presented a letter to be placed on file from Janie Eick, Licensed Real Estate Agent in the State of Iowa, regarding property values near wind turbines.

Jim Neighbors was present for public comment and questions regarding the letter of credit and decommissioning.

Bill Hanigan, Hanigan Law Group, met with the Board on conference call. Bill was on the conference call for Tim Busch, Director of Aviation, presentation and available for questions from the Board.

Tim Busch, Director of Aviation of Iowa Lakes Community College, met with the Board for discussion on the airport. Tim met with the Board to raise awareness and express his concerns regarding the approach path to the airport. His specific concerns are towers B6 & A6 and requested to be moved farther south.

John King, County Sheriff, met with the Board. John updated the Board on the Public Safety Center. The jail is averaging about 9 inmates a day, the kitchen is up and running, and leaking of the roof is an issue. The roof is under warranty and is getting repaired.

John King presented a wage increase for Ryan Reynolds, Deputy Sheriff. John requested to move Deputy Reynolds to \$72,501 effective June 1, 2024, an increase of \$7,250. Deputy Reynolds anniversary date is June 1.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a wage increase for Ryan Reynolds, Deputy Sheriff, of \$3,625, effective June 1, 2024. Motion Carried.

John presented a wage increase for Heather Pullen and Marcus Smith as Certified Jailers. Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve a wage increase for Heather Pullen and Marcus Smith part-time Certified Jailers to \$23.47 per hour effective July 1, 2024. Motion Carried.

John King discussed with the Board the idea of a School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Emmetsburg Community School. The duties of the SRO are to serve as a law enforcement officer, law-related counselor and law related educator. John recommended a committee consisting of 2 Board of Supervisors and Sheriff investigate this more and meet with school board members.

Neil Dahlquist met with the Board on pipeline plume models. Present on conference call: Julie Goebel. Neil provided plume model information as a reference from One Earth Sequestration LLC since Summit has not provided plume model. Neil requested that the ordinance have a minimum of 4,000 feet setback from occupied structures which it does.

Committee Reports: Keith—Early Childhood; drainage issues.

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

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor