

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Craig Merrill, Chair; Ron Graettinger, Keith Wirtz, Linus Solberg, Roger Faulstick. Present: Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Peter Hart, County Attorney.

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.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to approve the agenda for January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve the minutes for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the Recorder's monthly report for December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Wirtz to approve a liquor license for Happy Campers LLC for Class B Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales. Motion Carried.

Julie Eglund, General Assistance, met with the Board to give an update on General Assistance requests for assistance and presented the proposed budget for FY19-20.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Semi-Annual report ending December 31, 2018.

Motion by Faulstick, seconded by Wirtz to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for December 31, 2018. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss the jail facility. Lynn presented statements from the jail inspection letter and discussed the Samuals Group which is a construction management group. Lynn discussed with the Board the possible location of a new jail facility on the current county property.

Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff, met with the Board to request hiring an additional Sheriff Deputy. Lynn presented statistics for the number of calls/complaints, criminal acts, citations and civil documents. Lynn presented costs of approximately \$84,000 for hiring an additional deputy.

The Board held a conference call with Bob Goodwin, Attorney, regarding Drainage District No. 180 Lateral 1 Tile. The conference call was in Closed Session under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c).

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to go into Closed Session at 9:06 a.m. under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c). Ayes: Wirtz, Faulstick, Solberg, Merrill, Graettinger. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 9:16 a.m.

Ryan Berven & Elizabeth Opie with Kingston Life & Health, met with the Board to discuss health insurance. Ryan presented the insurance plans for Palo Alto County within the ISAC Group.

Don Etler, Bolton & Menk, met with the Board. Present: Mary Barrick, County Conservation. Don Etler discussed with the Board water quality funding opportunities with IDALS. Don asked the Board for a Resolution or a letter of intent to support an application for funding and discussed hosting a meeting with Supervisors from Clay, Kossuth and Pocahontas counties.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Faulstick to set the completion hearing for Drainage District 175 repairs for February 12, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed watershed grant planning. Present: Mary Barrick, County Conservation. Mary updated the Board on pledges received for the watershed grant coordinator application.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the contract with Gary Atherton for FEMA assessment of drainage districts. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Craig Merrill: economic development meetings; Roger Faulstick—drainage update; Ron Graettinger—Compass Pointe;

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to adjourn. Motion Carried.

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Craig Merrill, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor