

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
March 19th, 2019, 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, Ron Graettinger. Present: Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.

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

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the agenda for March 19th, 2019, with the addition of a conference call to Gary Atherton at 9:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Faulstick to approve the minutes for March 12th, 2019. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Faulstick to appoint Stewart Ohrtman as Independence Township Clerk and Myron Bruhn as Independence Township Trustee. Motion Carried.

Kent Malm, IRVM Department, met with the Board to approve seasonal hire and discuss part time position. Kent recommended hiring Gillian Nolan as the seasonal hire for the IRVM Department. Kent discussed hiring a part time position for the IRVM Department.

The Board discussed drainage tile repairs with Kent. Kent is interested in taking on the responsibility to check drainage tile repairs.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter informed the Board that the road crews are working diligently to improve the conditions of the roads. Walter updated the Board on road conditions and presented a Resolution 3-19-2019 Weight Embargo on Specific Roads.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to introduce and approve the following Resolution 3-19-2019. Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Faulstick, Merrill.
Nays: none
Resolution Passed.

**WEIGHT EMBARGO - SPECIFIC ROADS
RESOLUTION 3-19-2019(A)**

WHEREAS: The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors recognizes the severity of the past winter and its effect on certain paved roads during the period of thawing this spring, and

WHEREAS: Sections 321.236(8), 321.255, 321.471, and 321.473 of the Code of Iowa provide the authority for local authorities to impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated on any highway under their jurisdiction and Section 321.463 establishes the penalty for violating said restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, Iowa that the roads listed below shall be eligible to have the following weight restrictions implemented by the erection of such signs as are necessary to advise the traveling public of these limits, in accordance with Section 321.472:

6-Ton Axle Limit (Gross Load = Number of Axles X 6 Tons)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer may grant permits of exemption upon showing evidence of severe economic hardship or in emergency situations.

It is intended that these weight restrictions shall remain in effect for a period of three weeks or less, but may not exceed 90 days. The weight restrictions shall be enacted when the weight embargo signs are placed and rescinded by the removal of signs by the proper authority.

Complete Listing of Roads to be embargoed:

No.	Road name/number	From	To
1	Highway B14	480 Ave	500 Ave
2	Highway B19	530 Ave (Hwy N60)	580 Ave (Kossuth Co. Line)
3	Highway B20	530 Ave (Hwy N60)	580 Ave (Kossuth Co. Line)
4	Highway B25	355 Ave (Hwy N20)	370 Ave (Hwy N26)
5	Highway B53	340 Ave (Hwy N18)	380 Ave (Hwy N28)
6	Highway N60	390 St (US Hwy 18)	Rodman Corp. Limits
7	Highway B63	340 Ave (Clay Co. Line)	380 Ave (Hwy N28)
8	Highway B63	380 Ave (Hwy N28)	460 Ave (IA Hwy 4)
9	Highway B63	525 Ave	West Bend Corp. Limits
10	Highway N26	280 St (Hwy B14)	340 St (Hwy B25)
11	Highway N28	360 St (US Hwy 18)	420 St (Hwy B53)
12	Highway N40	280 St (Hwy B14)	360 St (Emmetsburg Corp. Limits)
13	North Huron Road	340 St	360 St (Emmetsburg Corp. Limits)

Passed and Approved this 19th day of March, 2019.

Palo Alto County, Iowa

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman: /s/Craig Merrill
 /s/Roger Faulstick
 /s/Linus Solberg
 /s/Keith Wirtz
 /s/Ron Graettinger

I, Carmen Moser, Auditor in and for Palo Alto County, Iowa, do certify the above to be a true and exact copy of a resolution passed and approved by the Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, Iowa at its meeting on the 19th day of March, 2019.

ATTEST: /s/Carmen Moser, Palo Alto County Auditor

Walter presented the hourly rates for hiring summer part time employees.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Faulstick to approve the hourly rate for summer hires as follows: 1st year \$11.50 per hour, 2nd year \$12.00 per hour. Motion Carried.

Walter discussed hiring part time positions for Secondary Roads. Walter will advertise for the positions.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve hiring part time positions for Secondary Roads. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve FAST Act Application for federal funding for the north 6 miles of N28. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Faulstick to approve the purchase of joint sealer machine for \$66,500 from Mid States Equipment & Supply. Motion Carried.

Walter discussed and reviewed the county snow ordinance that explains the county is not responsible for replacing mail boxes. The Board discussed changing the policy. No action was taken.

The Board discussed opening a cemetery for situations due to weather conditions. Walter has concerns using county equipment and accidentally hitting a headstone. The Board stated that the driveways need to be marked with reflectors.

The Board held a conference call with Gary Atherton to discuss FEMA costs.

Joe Neary, Flood Plain Manager, met with the Board to review flood plain maps. Joe showed the Board the old paper flood plain maps. Joe presented the new preliminary flood plain maps available on the Iowa DNR and Iowa Flood Center website.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger: Ag Day; Roger Faulstick—drainage meeting; Craig Merrill—Zoning/Solid Waste position.

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

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor