

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
July 23rd, 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: Peter Hart, County Attorney.

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 July 23rd, 2019. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Faulstick to approve the minutes for July 16th, 2019. Motion Carried.

Jeremy Thilges & Dean Gronemeyer, NRCS, met with the Board to discuss flood damage. Present: Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc.; Gary Atherton on conference call.

Jeremy updated the Board on USDA projects and the EWP program. The USDA Engineers have reviewed the steel bridge (Flynn bridge). Jeremy asked the Board to notify him of locations that have damages that affect public benefit such as roads and bridges. Gary Atherton will report the FEMA assessment of damages to drainage districts within 15 days.

Bertha Mathis was present for public comment. Bertha requested the amount of litigation costs on Drainage District 180 and expressed concerns regarding solar energy farms.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter gave update on road report.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve an underground utility permit application for Northern Natural Gas Co. in Section 5, Nevada Township and Section 6, Emmetsburg Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Faulstick to approve FMLA leave policy statement. Motion Carried.

The Board held a conference call with John Danos, Attorney, to discuss tax increment financing on wind turbines. Present: Darren Hanna, Emmetsburg Schools; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office Clerk; Lois Naig, Assessor.

John Danos, Attorney, explained to the Board the timeline if the county were to use tax increment financing for road repairs. There is a procedure for adding property to the county urban renewal area which would be about a 4-8-week process. Based on construction of the wind turbines the frozen base would be January 1st, 2020, with debt certified on or before December 1st, 2021. The Board will schedule a call with Travis Squires at Piper & Jaffrey Co. for a financial review of the additional tax dollars generated from the wind turbines.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc., met with the Board to file the preliminary engineering reports for Drainage District No. 23, Lateral 8 and Lateral 11 tile for improvements. Present: Randy Loomis; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.

The preliminary engineering report for Lateral 8 tile improvements recommends:

- Option 1: entire Lateral 8, 1/2" coefficient \$610,455
- Option 2: entire Lateral 8, 1" coefficient \$852,483
- Option 3: Lateral 8 to Station 48+00, 1/2" coefficient \$415,464
- Option 4: Lateral 8 to Station 48+00, 1" coefficient \$597,334

The preliminary engineering report for Lateral 11 tile improvements recommends:

- Option 1: entire Lateral 11, 1/2" coefficient \$104,910

Option 2: entire Lateral 11, 1" coefficient \$124,920

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to accept the Drainage District 23 Lateral 8 & 11 Engineer's Report and set a hearing date for September 10th, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Election Center. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc., met with the Board to file the Annexation Report for Drainage District No. 47. The report recommends annexation of 119.06 acres with restrictions on annexation. Rick will contact Jim Hudson, Attorney, to prepare an agreement to ensure the restrictions listed are met.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to accept the Drainage District 47 Annexation Report and set a hearing date for September 10th, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. at the Election Center. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc. met with the Board. The Board held a conference call with Pocahontas County. Present Pocahontas County: Brent Aden, Ed Dewey, Jeffrey Ives, Clarence Siepkner, Louis Stauter; Karen Norine, Auditor's Office. Present Palo Alto County: Craig Merrill, Chair; Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Ron Graettinger; Carmen Moser, Auditor; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Ives to nominate Craig Merrill as Chair and Carmen Moser as Secretary for the Joint 13 Drainage District conference call. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Rick presented the Engineer's Report for repairs to the outlet waterway. The preliminary engineering report for Jt 13 outlet repair and open ditch cleanout will decrease the velocity of flow which will help minimize the erosion that occurs along the open ditch while not decreasing the capacity of the ditch.

The total estimated project cost is \$28,740.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Stauter to accept the Joint Drainage District 13 Engineer's Report and set a hearing date for September 10th, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. at the Election Center in Emmetsburg. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Motion by Siepkner, seconded by Faulstick to adjourn the joint telephone conference call at 10:30 a.m. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed cell phone reimbursement which was requested by Environmental Health and Zoning Department.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to deny request for cell phone reimbursement. Motion Carried.

The Board reviewed Drainage District 180 Lateral 1 tile railroad ROW contract.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to approve railroad ROW contract for Drainage District 180 Lateral 1 Tile. Motion Carried.

Bert Naig met with the Board regarding concerns of no public notice received for cement site in wind energy project area.

Committee Reports: Wirtz & Solberg: INREC committee update for nutrient reduction and water quality wetlands; Faulstick: drainage issues; rural water easement.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve the claims and drainage claims for July 23rd, 2019. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Custodial Supplies	266.00
Clay County Sheriff	Inmate Housing-out of cou	800.00
Community Lumber	Park Maintenance & Suppli	174.99
Counsel Office & Document	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	188.77
Diamond Vogel Paints	Park Maintenance & Suppli	99.32
E-Pride	Office Equip & Furniture	51.45
Emmetsburg Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	552.27
E.M.U.	utilities	438.15
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Official Pub & Legal Noti	1372.84
Fareway	Custodial Supplies	67.57
GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	Contract Carriers	118.00

Harris Sanitation	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	240.00
Hometown Convenience	Cash Allowances	85.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Water & Sewer	473.77
IA Prison Industries	Recreational Supplies	180.79
IA State Assn of Counties	Dues & Memberships	6275.00
Intoximeters Inc	Protection/Security Serv.	110.00
IOWA LAND RECORDS	Educational/Training Serv	75.00
NICK JACKSON	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	278.75
Koenig Portable Toilets	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	2101.25
Lost Island Sanitary District	Water & Sewer	4125.00
Mainstay Systems Inc	Contract Carriers	106.65
Martin-Mattice Fun. Home	Medical & Health Services	650.00
Matt's Cleaning Service	Salary-Regular Employees	450.00
Debra M. McKeever, CSR,RPR MCK	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	154.50
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	2643.52
North Iowa Lumber & Design, Inc	Buildings	70.77
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	199.90
Office Systems Company	Office & Data Processing	307.35
Palo Alto Co Comm Health Ser	Board of Health	2900.00
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	3290.29
PRIA PROPERTY RECORDS INDUSTRY	Dues & Memberships	60.00
The Print Shop	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	60.20
Quill Corporation	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	112.08
River Valley Telecommunication	Telecommunications Serv.-	373.61
Rouse Tire and Repair, LLC	Tires & Tubes	23.00
THOMAS SCHULTES	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	412.50
Solutions Inc.	services	148.80
Stanard & Associates, Inc.	Legal & Ct-Related Servic	84.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	Engineering Services	167.20
Swanson Hardware	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	209.80
The Cartridge Connection, Inc.	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	68.95
Thomson Reuters West Payment C	Legal Research Service	460.76
U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	155.42
Verizon Wireless	Telecommunications Serv.-	320.12
VISA	Postage & Mailing	255.56
Windstream	phone	1006.50
Ziegler Inc	Contract Carriers	799.44
<u>General Supplemental Fund</u>		
E.M.U.	utilities	45.01
IA PRECINCT ATLAS CONSORTIUM	Other	3690.44
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	65.30
Carmen Moser	Employee Mileage & Subs.	21.98
<u>Rural Services Basic Fund</u>		
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	66.63
K.C. Nielsen Ltd	Miscellaneous Repair	3.45
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	1127.16
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Equipment	73.65
Shamrock Recycling, Inc	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	2473.92
City of Spencer	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	24744.85
Swanson Hardware	Miscellaneous Repair	31.49
Windstream	phone	104.82
<u>Rec. Records Mgmt Fund</u>		
Solutions Inc.	services	1399.96
<u>Secondary Road Fund</u>		
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	16.05
Arnold Motor Supply ATT: Sue	Engineering Services	157.36
Cemstone	Engineering Services	3226.50
Cintas	Engineering Services	100.14
Community Lumber	Engineering Services	9336.01
Continental Research Corp	Engineering Services	266.99
Heritage-Crystal Clean, LLC	Engineering Services	376.19
Don's Truck Sales Inc	Engineering Services	2298.72
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	32.50
E.M.U.	Engineering Services	93.08
Fareway	Engineering Services	26.76
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	1108.18
Great Lakes Concrete	Engineering Services	3538.00
Melissa Hall	Engineering Services	15.50
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Engineering Services	14.34
Interstate Batteries	Engineering Services	126.95
Jack's OK Tire	Engineering Services	4144.00
Kirkham Michael	Engineering Services	1633.98
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	194.93
Lube Tech Accelerating Perform	Engineering Services	3646.18
City of Mallard	Engineering Services	64.55
Martin Marietta Agg	Engineering Services	1244.32
Maxyield Cooperative	Engineering Services	287.50
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	284.51
Palo Alto Co Health System	Engineering Services	82.00
Rees Truck & Trailer, Inc	Engineering Services	333.59
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Engineering Services	1291.07
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Engineering Services	25411.72
City of Ruthven	Engineering Services	125.21
Staples Credit Plan	Engineering Services	78.60
Syn-Tech Systems	Engineering Services	89.10
Unity Point Clinic- Occ Med	Engineering Services	126.00
Wentzel's True Value	Engineering Services	50.98
West Bend Red Power	Engineering Services	4.90
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	265.54
<u>Emergency Mgmt Agency</u>		
BUENA VISTA COUNTY EMA	Educational/Training Serv	100.00
City of Emmetsburg	Buildings - Rental	700.00

IA State Assn of Counties	Educational/Training Serv	210.00
<u>E911 Surcharge Fund</u>		
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	154.30
E-Pride	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	52.98
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	758.78
Palo Alto Co Emergency Mgmt	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	13500.00
Verizon	phone service	3.37
Windstream	phone	80.44

Drainage Claims

King Excavation	DD 41 Main Open, Repair	\$4,055.00
King Excavation	DD 41 Main Open, Repair	\$6,055.00
King Excavation	DD 54, Tile Repair	\$970.00
Hagen Excavating LLC	DD 61 Lat A, Tile Repair	\$2,750.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 84, Eng Exp	\$2,926.50
King Excavation	DD 172 Main, Tile Repair	\$4,055.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 180 Lat A Open Ditch, Eng Exp	\$8,169.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 180 Lat 1, Eng Exp	\$4,786.00
King Excavation	DD 15 South Lat 4, Tile Repair	\$2,460.00

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

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor