

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Roger Faulstick, Chair; Craig Merrill, Ron Graettinger, Keith Wirtz, Linus Solberg. Present: Robin Jamison, County Treasurer; Peter Hart, County Attorney; Mark Hunefeld, EMA Director.

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

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve the agenda for March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve the minutes for March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Mark Hunefeld, EMA Director, met with the Board to give an update on COVID-19. Courthouse Office windows are closed. Citizens can do business by phone, email, fax, and on-line. Drop boxes are located at both entrances of the courthouse to make tax payments and other business.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter met with the Board to give an update on roads and projects.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to approve 2020 summertime pay rates as follows: \$12.50 per hour first year, and \$13.00 per hour for 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and Class A CDL at \$18.00 per hour. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve the 2020 Fairfield pit farm lease. Motion Carried.

Walter discussed with the Board the EWPP Grant status for the West Fork of the Des Moines River near Flynn river bridge.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to give approval of assurances relating to real property acquisition. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve VPN connection for the Engineer's Office. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve VPN connection for the County Attorney's Office. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Craig Merrill—NW IA Care Connections; Ron Graettinger—Ag Meeting cancelled for March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Rick Hopper and Derek Behrens, Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc., met with the Board for the bid letting on Drainage District No. 23 Lat 8 & 9. The following bids were received for 1" drainage coefficient for full length Lateral 8 & 9:

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| B&B Farm Drainage:        | \$934,720.25 |
| Reutzel Excavating Inc.   | \$907,990    |
| Holland Contracting Corp. | \$1,276,017  |
| Rognes Bros. Exc Inc.     | \$928,713    |

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to approve the low bid from Reutzel Excavating Inc. for \$907,990 for 1" drainage coefficient full length on Laterals 8 & 9 for improvements on Drainage District No. 23. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to postpone the Drainage District 180 Low Main Tile hearing scheduled for Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, until further notice. Motion Carried.

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

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Roger Faulstick, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor