

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
April 21, 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: Peter Hart, County Attorney.

Due to COVID-19 the meeting was held by conference call. The conference call bridge number and conference ID number was posted and provided at the top of the agenda that was emailed.

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 Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve the agenda for April 21, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve the minutes for April 14, 2020. Motion Carried.

Mark Hunefeld, EMA, provided an update by conference call on the COVID-19 pandemic for Palo Alto County. No positive cases at this time.

No one was present for public comment.

Aimee Devereaux, Environmental Health, presented by conference call a septic grant application for Lucille Anderson of Curlew. Due to funding through the gaming corporation, the septic grant application was put on hold at this time.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, presented utility permits for the Board to approve by conference call.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Graettinger to approve an underground utility permit application to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Nevada Township, Section 5. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve an overhead electric line permit application to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Fairfield Township, Sections 21, 22, 23, 26, 27 and 28. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Merrill to approve an overhead electric line permit application to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Silver Lake Township, Sections 29 and 32. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Solberg to approve an overhead electric line permit application to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Silver Lake Township, Sections 13, 23, 24, 25, and 26. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Wirtz to approve an underground utility permit application to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Silver Lake Township, Section 24. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve an underground utility permit application to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Silver Lake Township, Section 24, boring under 425<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve an underground utility permit application to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in Silver Lake Township, Sections 23 and 24. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to approve an underground utility permit application to Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Company in Silver Lake, Great Oak, and Highland Townships (various sections) Motion Carried.

The Board reviewed quotes received for the purchase of a total patcher. The low bid was received by Hampton Equipment for \$63,000.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve the Notice of Grant and Agreement Award for NRCS Project on Des Moines River. Motion Carried.

Lisa Black, General Services, gave an update by conference on claims for assistance for March and April.

Craig Brownlee met by conference call with the Board. Present on the call: Jeremy Thilges, NRCS, and Clint Hain, NRCS Engineer. Craig Brownlee explained the waterway project in Vernon Township, Section 29, and the involvement of Drainage District 161 tile. Clint explained the waterway repair and the proposal to move the drainage district tile due to not having enough cover over the tile. The Board gave approval for the project and the Board will contact Bolton & Menk to check on funding through IDALS.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger—DECAT meeting. The Board called Don Etler by conference call regarding drainage projects.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board held a conference with Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors. Motion by Louis Stauter, and seconded by Linus Solberg to appoint Clarence Siepker as Chair and Kelly Jepsen as Secretary of the Jt. DD 63 Br. F Open Ditch conference call. Motion Carried.

Motion by Louis Stauter, seconded by Keith Wirtz to approve the cleanout of Jt. 63 Br. F open ditch not to exceed \$40,000. Motion Carried.

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

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Roger Faulstick, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor