

Courthouse  
Emmetsburg, Iowa  
May 5, 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 on conference call: Neil Ankeny, Kevin Berte, Joe Schany, Newspaper; Mark Hunefeld, EMA; Aletha King, Zoning; Deb Theesfeld, Ed Noonan, Marilyn Noonan, Jim Unrau.

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 add to the agenda the approval of claim for rebar and to cancel Northwest Iowa Care Connections items and to approve the agenda for May 5, 2020, with the changes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve the minutes for April 28, 2020. Motion Carried.

Mark Hunefeld, EMA, met with the Board by conference call to give an update on COVID-19 update. Palo Alto County has zero positive cases reported of COVID-19.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve the Veteran Affairs monthly report for May 1, 2020. Nays: Solberg. Motion Carried.

Aletha King, Zoning, met with the Board on conference call. The Zoning Board approved a conditional use permit for Kevin and Matt Berte for a hog confinement building in Section 11 of Fern Valley Township. Three neighbors signed waivers for the Good Neighbor Policy.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to approve a conditional use permit to K & M Pork for a hog confinement building in Section 11 of Fern Valley Township. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter discussed with the Board the Silver Lake road project. Walter presented two options as the original plan going west around Silver Lake and the other plan to go north and west. Original plan cost estimate is \$2.4 million to \$2.7 million. The north & west plan cost estimate is \$1.8 million to \$2.0 million. Walter will meet with one additional landowner. The Board will schedule a meeting with Travis Squires, financial advisor and John Danos, Bonding Attorney. Landowners present on conference call: Jim Unrau, Deb Theesfeld, Ed Noonan, Marilyn Noonan.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Graettinger to approve a claim to Harris Rebar for Secondary Roads Department for \$1,715 for rebar approaches. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve the summer hires for the Secondary Roads Department as follows: starting 5-11-2020, at \$13.00 per hour, Michael Girres, Emma Feldhacker, Christine Gerdes, Blake Schany; starting 5-11-2020, at \$12.50 per hour, Carter Koenck, Spencer Roth, Kolton Roth. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Solberg to approve a handwritten warrant for \$660 to the U S Postal Service for postage for the Auditor's Office. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Graettinger to approve \$10.00 per hour for Precinct Election Officials effective May 1, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, seconded by Wirtz to approve hiring Gillian Nolan as part-time for Conservation Department at \$9.50 per hour effective May 26, 2020. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Merrill to approve \$5,000 to Dan Franxman for completion of septic grant. Motion Carried.

The Northwest Iowa Care Connections items were cancelled from the agenda at this time.

Committee Reports: Ron Graettinger—Upper Des Moines; Craig Merrill—Northwest Iowa Care Connections.

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

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Roger Faulstick, Chairman

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Carmen Moser, County Auditor