

April 16, 2024

Joint meeting of Palo Alto and Emmet County supervisors held at River Valley Telecommunications in Graettinger.

Palo Alto County Supervisors: Ronald Graettinger, Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Craig Merrill

Emmet County Supervisors: Todd Glasnapp, Lisa Hansen, John Pluth, Jeff Quastad, Tim Schumacher

Auditors: Heidi Goebel, Emmet; Carmen Moser, Palo Alto

Press: Diane Weiland with Reporter Democrat in Emmetsburg

Walter Davis Oeth, shared county engineer

Call to order by Glasnapp at 10:35 a.m.

Schumacher made motion to appoint Todd Glasnapp as meeting Joint Chairperson and Heidi Goebel as Joint Board Clerk, Graettinger second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pluth made motion to approve minutes from last year's meeting, Quastad second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Schumacher asked for a solid waste discussion. Palo Alto shared how they manage their solid waste. Graettinger stated that Palo Alto County zoning, Aletha King, oversees their solid waste facility. Another board oversees the solid waste administration consisting of representatives from the entities involved. Palo Alto is paying three employees' wages and benefits. The people at the transfer station collect money and bill contractors/individuals. Once a week, the solid waste workers deposit the money with the county treasurer. Aletha King bills the cities annually. Palo Alto's solid waste does not do the recycling. Palo Alto utilizes Shamrock Recycling.

Solberg suggested that the Emmet supervisors should tour their facility and also recommended touring Spencer's solid waste facility.

Hansen asked if Palo Alto changed their wind turbine ordinance with more construction of turbines. Most current Palo Alto ordinance and amendment available for viewing on their website.

Question raised on how full-time information technology position in Emmet is working out. Discussion.

Solberg asked how the shared county engineer position was working. Discussion.

Solberg opened discussion about the status of pipelines in the two counties. Discussion.

Discussion moved to county attorney positions full-time versus part-time.

Graettinger left meeting at 11:30.

Solar ordinance discussion.

Motion to adjourn joint meeting at 11:34 a.m. by Hansen, second by Merrill. All ayes. Motion carried.