

# LEGAL NOTICES

## PALO ALTO COUNTY SUPERVIORS

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors has appointed Anne Quail to fill the vacancy in the Palo Alto County Attorney's Office effective February 20, 2024. The appointment was made under Code of Iowa 69.14A, Subsection 2. The appointment by the Board of Supervisors shall be for the period until

## CITY OF EMMETSBURG

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

2024 Obstruction Removal - Trees Emmetsburg Municipal Airport Emmetsburg, Iowa

**Public Hearing on Proposed Contract Documents and Estimated Costs for Repair or Improvement.** A public hearing will be held by the City of Emmetsburg on the proposed contract documents (plans, specifications and form of contract) and estimated cost for the improvement at its meeting at 6:00 PM on March 11, 2024, at City Hall, 2021 Main Street, Emmetsburg, Iowa 50536.

## PALO ALTO COUNTY SUPERVIORS

February 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Emmetsburg, Iowa

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors were invited to meet with Farm Bureau representatives on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Office in Emmetsburg. Members present: Ron Graettinger, Keith Wirtz, Craig Merrill, Linus Solberg, Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, Jordan Morey, Clerk. Absent: Roger Faustick.

## PROBATE: JAMES L. UNFERTH

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR PALO ALTO COUNTY

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES L. UNFERTH, Deceased**

## PROBATE: ANNETTE PETERSON

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## PROBATE: KAREN J. KESLER

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN J. KESLER, Deceased**

## EMMETSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Regular Meeting Board of Education February 20, 2024

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# Assessor's Budget Determined at Public Hearing

A public hearing was held late Tuesday morning in the Supervisors Board room with Board members present for the adoption of the 2024-2025 Assessor's Office Budget. This meeting took place after the Palo Alto County Conference Board held a meeting to discuss with Assessor Jodi Jergens her proposed budget and annual report.

At that meeting the 2024-2025 budget was reviewed. After some discussion Pat Ager made a motion to approve the budget of \$367,329 with Ron Graettinger seconding the motion. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

The next step for the Assessor's budget was the hearing on Tuesday. Jergens supplied those in attendance a copy of the proposed budget and the minutes from the Conference Board meeting.

Jergens went through the various budget categories and the comparisons with the Actual 2022-23, Budgeted 2023-24 and the Used amount at the end of 12/31/2023. She answered questions about salaries, data processing and plectrometry. She stated that she increased data processing by \$5000 because she did not budget enough the

previous year. She explained that the officer salaries are the same as the elected officials throughout the courthouse. One individual in her office will now go to 90% of the officer. That is how the raises are figured.

She also explained how important plectrometry is when it comes time to assess properties and having the ability to view new structures that have not been reported.

There was a discussion about appraisals for POET and WILDO ROSE CASINO. It would be beneficial for the assessor and the companies to have routine appraisals. Following the questions, Supervisor Merrill who was conducting the hearing asked for a motion.

Kevin Jensen moved to approve the Assessor's 2024-25 Budget. Katrina Williams seconded the motion. Both were members of the Palo Alto County Conference Board. All voted in favor.

Supervisor Solberg then introduced the newly appointed county attorney Anne Quail. Anne provided information about her position and the backlog of cases that she is tackling.

# Farm Credit Services of America Cash-Back

Farmers and ranchers in Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Humboldt, Kossuth and Palo Alto counties will be receiving an estimated \$6.9 million in cash-back dividends returned by Farm Credit Services of America (FCSAmerica) as part of the financial cooperative's patronage program. Eligible customer-owners will be issued cash-back dividend checks the last week of January.

"No other lender can say it has shared its financial success with customers in such a tangible and meaningful way," says Jim Knuth, FCSAmerica senior vice president of business development in Iowa. "Cash-back dividends effectively reduce our cost of borrowing. But there also is an exponential impact to putting money into the pockets of farmers and ranchers to invest in their operations, families and rural communities."

**2024 County-Level Cash-Back Dividends Distribution**

This year's cash-back dividend is equal to 100 basis points — or a return of 1% of a customer's eligible average daily loan balance with FCSAmerica. The 2024 payout equates to the following county-level distributions:\*

- \$722,000 in Clay County.
- \$607,000 in Emmet County.
- \$549,000 in Dickinson County.
- \$703,000 in Humboldt County.
- \$2.6 million in Kossuth County.
- \$1.7 million in Palo Alto County

\*Amounts are rounded.

Payout data for every county in Iowa is available on the interactive 2024 Cash-Back Dividends Distribution Map.

The Board of Directors for FCSAmerica has also approved a cash-back dividend to be paid from the cooperative's 2024 net earnings, the amount of which will be determined in December. Since 2004, FCSAmerica has offered a patronage program and shared its success in the form of cash-back dividends. The cooperative has now returned more than \$1.3 billion to farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in Iowa.

# Luther College's Dean List

Gabrielle Janssen, a graduate of Emmetsburg High School, has been named to Luther College's Fall 2023 Dean's List.

Luther College's Fall 2023 Dean's List includes 571 students; 107 first-years, 106 sophomores, 144 juniors and 214 seniors. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and must complete at least 12 credit hours with 10 hours of conventional grades (A, B, C, D).

# Iowa DNR to Begin Spring Burning

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be conducting prescribed burns this spring on wildlife management areas managed by the Iowa DNR's Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit in Clay, Palo Alto, Emmet and Kossuth counties.

Areas scheduled for prescribed burns are Dewey's Pasture, Hawk Valley, Tom Tuttle Marsh, Little Sioux, Fen Valley, Elk Lake, Barringer Slough, Dan Green Slough and Ocheyedan in Clay County; Blue Wings Marsh, Dewey's Pasture, West Fork and Fallow Marsh in Palo Alto County; Ingham-High, Bur Oak, Anderson Prairie, Birge Lake, Tuttle Lake, West Swan Lake, Eagle Lake, 4 Mile Lake and Twelve Mile Lake in Emmet County; Goose Lake, Burt Lake, Seneca and Iowa Lake Marsh in Kossuth County; and Pickeler Lake in Buena Vista County.

Prescribed burns are used to improve wildlife habitat, control invasive plant species, restore and maintain native plant communities and reduce wildfire potential and vary in size from a few acres to several hundred acres. Burn units are typically on a 4-5 year rotation.

Prescribed burns typically begin mid to late morning and are completed by late afternoon or early evening between mid-March and mid-May. Burns will be conducted on a day that meets the objectives and weather conditions defined in the burn plan. Any prescribed burns that are not able to be completed this spring will be considered for the burn schedule next fall.

Contact Iowa DNR wildlife biologist Rob Patterson at 712-330-2563 with any questions or concerns.

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## PALO ALTO COUNTY SUPERVIORS

Courthouse Emmetsburg, Iowa February 20, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Craig Merrill, Chair; Roger Faustick, Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Ronald Graettinger. Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Delray & Jan Brodehoff, Jim & Sharon Neighbors; Ed & Sue Kelly; John King, Sheriff; Aletha King; Carla Larson, Laura Winter.

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

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**NANCES IN PALO ALTO COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the County has identified the need to retain a law firm to provide legal services regarding its wind and solar ordinance matters and believes it is in the best interests of the County to engage outside legal counsel to advise in these and related matters;

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors has received the proposed fee agreement from the Hanigan Law Group, P.L.C., dated February 7, 2024, and feels that it is in the best interest of the County to engage this law firm to advise in these and related matter;

AND WHEREAS, Attorney Bill Hanigan participated in the board's meeting on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, to discuss the prospective engagement of the Hanigan Law Group, P.L.C. and the terms outlined therein, during which Board members asked their related questions, which Mr. Hanigan answered.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2-20-2024**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ENGAGEMENT OF ATTORNEYS TO ADVISE THE COUNTY REGARDING WIND ENERGY CONSERVATION SYSTEM ORDINANCES AND SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT ORDINANCES.

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Mark Sheridan, Attorney, was present by conference call and explained the process of appointment for the County Attorney. Notice of Appointment was published to give the proper notice under Iowa Code Section 331.305.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to introduce and approve Resolution No. 2-20-2024 approving the engagement of attorneys to advise the county regarding wind energy conservation system ordinances and solar energy project ordinances in Palo Alto County. Ayes: Faustick, Wirtz, Solberg, Graettinger, Merrill. Nays: none.

Resolution Passed.

Ed Kelly was present for public comment. Ed advised the Board he is filing a personal lawsuit against the Board of Supervisors, Carmen Moser, and John King.

Delray Brodehoff asked when Vesta's will make an application. Carla Larson asked if the Board would get a map of the proposed turbines. Carla stated that our attorney has filed against the FAA. Laura Winter asked the Board to consider who lives in the county.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter presented the 4 quotes for pavement markings.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the pavement marking quote with Vogel Traffic Services for \$87,402. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Rogers: NW Iowa Planning & Development; RIDES: Palo Alto Co. Connections Coalition.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Wirtz to adjourn at 9:05 a.m. Motion Carried.

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