Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
January 13, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Linus Solberg, Chair; Keith Wirtz, Ron Graettinger, Craig Merrill, Roger Faulstick. Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Anne Quail, County Attorney; Amanda Hansen, Auditor's Office; Aletha King, Zoning.

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

Linus Solberg, Chair, called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve the agenda for January 13, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for January 6, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the Recorder's monthly report ending December 31, 2025. Motion carried.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board to present the Treasurer's semi-annual report ending December 31, 2025. Present: Jodi Jergens, County Assessor.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the Treasurer's semi-annual report for December 31, 2025. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the abatement of taxes for POET on parcel #165032001021 for $154,299 per the settlement agreement and release signed December 23, 2025. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve $5,000 to Cameron Baade for completion of septic grant. Motion Carried.

Mark Anderson was present for public comment regarding problems with water in basement in Section 20 of Independence Township.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve wage increase for Austin Krause, Engineer Technician to $29.40 effective January 9, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve the OHSA report for 2025. Motion Carried.

Kristina Paradise, Snyder & Assoc, met with the Board by conference call for a pipeline update.

Anne Quail, County Attorney, met with the Board for the attorney budget presentation for FY27. Bethany Brands, Attorney, was present.

Hugh Liveley, RIDES Director, met with the Board the annual update and budget request for FY27. Hugh requested $8,000 for the FY27 budget. County funds are split ½ to operating fund and ½ to capital funds.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the county claims and drainage claims for January 13, 2025. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Amazon Capital Services	Custodial Supplies	197.73
AT&T Mobility	Telecommunications Serv.-	421.49
BLUE LAKE WEBSITES ANITRA LARS	Data Processing Services	668.00

Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home	Funeral Services	1500.00
Canon	Office & Data Processing	79.64
Terry Chamberlain	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	240.00
Christina Clausen	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	186.00
CoZo Sandy Bubke	Education/Training/Hotel	100.00
Deitering Bros Inc	Miscellaneous Repair	13830.72
Des Moines Stamp Mfg. Company	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	88.00
Drain Pro of Northwest IA LLC	Buildings	230.00
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Misc Expense	823.92
Fareway	Custodial Supplies	1108.25
GALLS, LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	1098.95
Graettinger Times	Board Proceedings	875.09
Vincent H. Heller	Bus	84.00
IA County Recorder's Assoc	Dues & Memberships	300.00
IA Law Enforcement Academy	Education/Training/Hotel	375.00
IA Office of State Medical Exm	Medical & Health Services	2077.00
IA State Assn of Counties	Education/Training/Hotel	220.00
IACCBE	Education/Training/Hotel	390.00
IMWCA	Workmens' Comp Insurance	3643.85
K.C. Nielsen Ltd	Miscellaneous Repair	926.47
Karl Emergency Vehicles	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	155.42
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Minor MV Parts & Access	367.49
Mercedes Leners	Employee Mileage & Meals	271.15
Louscher Family Dentistry	Acute & Emergency Treat.	106.00
ANDY MANWARREN	Agric/Hort. Services	1538.00
McAllister Builders	Buildings	45.00
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	539.17
MOCIC ATTN: MEMBERSHIP	Contract Carriers	100.00
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	249.90
Northwest Iowa Regional Housin	Misc Expense	899.00
Palo Alto Co Comm Health Ser	Board of Health	431.90
Palo Alto Co Emergency Mgmt	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	2110.75
Palo Alto Co Fair Assn	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	623.67
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	2591.86
Quill Corporation	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	908.66
RELX Inc. DBA LexisNexis	Legal Research Service	208.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT	Postage & Mailing	500.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Electric Light & Power	852.60
Susan Ruppert	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	23.02
Richard Sample	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	150.00
HOWARD SMITH	Bus	693.60
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	1668.50
Spencer Office Supplies JCL So	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	145.86
Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	87.91
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	Safety Items	1734.61
Swanson Hardware	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	264.55
Veenstra & Kimm Inc.	Consultants	1415.50
VISA	Shop Equipment	2697.24
Visual Edge IT, Inc.	Office & Data Processing	114.51
Weekly Bulletin	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	190.00
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	Contract Carriers	155.52
Windstream	phone	672.99
General Supplemental Fund		
Loffler Companies - 131511	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	35.97

Rural Services Basic Fund

Emmetsburg Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	421.95
Graettinger Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	179.33
IMWCA	Workmens' Comp Insurance	6767.15
Mallard Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	147.68
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	95.90
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	171.67
Prairie & Plot Specialty Equip	Equipment	203.09
River Valley Telecommunication	Telecommunications Serv.-	108.12
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Equipment	667.32
Rouse Tire and Repair, LLC	Equipment	230.00
Ruthven Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	147.68
City of Spencer	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	20173.74
Swanson Hardware	Misc Expense	335.24
West Bend Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	158.23

Special Revenue-SheriffReserve

SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	Education/Training/Hotel	1156.90

Secondary Road Fund

Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	250.47
Amazon Capital Services	Engineering Services	757.85
Arnold Motor Supply ATT: Sue	Engineering Services	2.81
Bomgaars	Engineering Services	1458.16
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Engineering Services	202.00
Cintas	Engineering Services	123.24
City of Cylinder	Engineering Services	55.00
Dynamic IoT Data	Engineering Services	9126.00
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	9168.05
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Engineering Services	308.40
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	52.08
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	170.58
Graettinger Mun. Utilities Gra	Engineering Services	1323.12
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Engineering Services	123.65
Jack's OK Tire	Engineering Services	10800.00
Austin Krause	Engineering Services	114.38
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	4867.30
City of Mallard	Engineering Services	113.06
MEDIACOM LLC	Engineering Services	48.47
Menards	Engineering Services	224.85
Mid Country Machinery, Inc.	Engineering Services	72.31
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	1494.58
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	Engineering Services	446.95
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	329.93
New Century FS	Engineering Services	15419.83
Newman Traffic Signs	Engineering Services	508.00
Picrays Welding & Fab.	Engineering Services	154.38
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	110.00
Rouse Tire and Repair, LLC	Engineering Services	2566.12
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	396.08
TMobile	Engineering Services	839.90
Visual Edge IT, Inc.	Engineering Services	779.70
City of West Bend	Engineering Services	248.85
Justin Williams	Engineering Services	116.78
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	23063.11

Emergency Mgmnt Agency

Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Parts	40.15

E911 Surcharge Fund

AT&T Mobility	Engineering Services	41.77
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	158.99
Century Link	Engineering Services	33.95
Electronic Specialties	Equipment	609.65
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	158.99
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	701.77
Windstream	phone	80.44

Drainage Claims

AgriVia PLLC	DD 61 Main-Eng Exp	200.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 5 Lat 1-Eng Exp	1013.75
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 69-Eng Exp	2704.50
KENT MALM	DD 98 Lat A-Inspect	60.00
Rouse Excavation&Construction	DD 98 Lat A-Repair	1773.50

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to adjourn. Motion Carried.

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor