Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
January 6, 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.

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

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

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the Veteran Affair's monthly report for December 31, 2025; and quarterly report ending December 31, 2025. Motion Carried.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board to present the wellness agreement with ISAC. The health insurance discount for wellness is $67,359.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the ISAC wellness agreement for 2026. Motion Carried.

Larry Besch was present for the discussion on the Drainage Petition filed on DD 61 Lateral A & A4 tile. The location is Fern Valley Section 9. Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to recognize the Drainage Petition filed on December 23, 2025, and appoint Jacob Hagan, AgriVia, as Engineer to investigate and prepare preliminary report. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Carmen Moser, County Auditor, reviewed the 2025 taxable valuations with the Board of Supervisors. Carmen reviewed the proposed levy rates. The Board discussed the budget request amounts for FY27. Present: Amanda Hansen, Auditor's Office.

Diana Elbert, Senior Center, met with the Board for an annual update. Diana presented the income & expenses for the past 6 months for the Senior Center. Diana requested funds for FY27.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to appoint Marte Geelan as Highland Township Trustee to fill the unexpired term till December 31, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve a septic grant application for Cameron Baade. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a Class B retail alcohol license for Dollar General, Ruthven, Motion Carried.

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor