Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
February 10, 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; Jim & Sharon Neighbors; 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 February 10, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the minutes for February 3 & 5, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the Veteran Affair's monthly report for claims paid January 31, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve the Recorder's monthly report ending January 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Anne Quail, County Attorney, discussed with the Board the moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems. The Board wants time for more research for preparing an ordinance.

Motion by Ron Graettinger, 2nd by Roger Faulstick to introduce and approve Resolution #2-10-2026 on February 10, 2026. Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Nays: none. Resolution Passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-10-2026

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapter 335 granted counties the ability to adopt a Zoning Ordinance to regulate the land use within its jurisdictional boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, from time to time, it is necessary and prudent to review and study said ordinances for necessary updates to ensure proper regulation; and,

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors is aware of persons and/or companies who may desire to construct Battery Energy Storage Systems in the unincorporated areas of Palo Alto County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto Board of Supervisors believes that before any such facilities are constructed in Palo Alto County, ordinances should be put in place to ensure that the Board and Assessor are aware of these projects in Palo Alto County and that the construction, operation, and deconstruction of these facilities would be subject to reasonable regulations that would ensure that said facilities are constructed and operated in a safe manner, the right of persons or property within reasonable distance of said facilities area appropriately protected, and the conditions of County roads are protected; and,

WHEREAS, Battery Energy Storage Systems store electricity to be sold to wholesale or retail markets. In addition, Battery Energy Storage Systems facilities shall be to promote public health, safety, comfort and general welfare, while facilitating economic opportunities for rural residents; and,

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in protecting the County's infrastructure, natural resources and property rights through adequate setback provisions. The Planning and Zoning Commission will require time to

gather information and coordinate with multiple agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating, or creating ordinances, policies, procedures related to Battery Energy Storage System development; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors, following review, consideration, and discussion, **RESOLVES** to establish and impose a temporary moratorium on the development and construction of Battery Energy Storage Systems, and on the application for permits relating to such development and construction of Battery Energy Storage Systems effective immediately and until to February 1, 2027; or upon passing of an ordinance in relation to Battery Energy Storage Systems development, whichever comes first, for the purpose of drafting and adopting a necessary and proper Battery Energy Storage Systems Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no Battery Energy Storage Systems facilities or appurtenances thereto shall be constructed or installed in the unincorporated areas of Palo Alto County. This shall include the renovation of any existing structures to be used as said facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the moratorium approved by this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution and that upon February 1, 2027, if a Battery Energy Storage Systems Ordinance has not been passed, the moratorium could be extended by resolution of the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors if deemed necessary.

If any section, provision, or part of this resolution shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudge invalid or unconstitutional.
/s/LJ Solberg, Chair,
Attest: /s/Carmen Moser, Auditor

No one was present for public comment.

Committee Reports: Ron—Farm Bureau meeting; Keith—Iowa Drainage District Assoc.

Aletha King, Zoning, met with the Board for the updated master matrix for Summit Farms Pork LLC, in Nevada Section 33.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the master matrix for Summit Farms Pork LLC in Nevada Township, Section 33. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the county claims and drainage claims for February 10, 2026. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Access Systems	Office & Data Processing	525.00
Amazon Capital Services	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	112.20
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Custodial Supplies	401.00
Terry Chamberlain	Bus	90.00
Christina Clausen	Employee Mileage & Meals	36.00
Dept. of Inspections, Appeals,	Buildings	135.00
Emmet Co Public Health	Salary-Regular Employees	4029.37
Emmetsburg Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	3224.76
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	129.00
Fareway	Custodial Supplies	2530.78
GALLS, LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	130.44
Graettinger Times	Board Proceedings	802.48
Harris Sanitation	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	720.00
Vincent H. Heller	Bus	53.40
LAW OFFICES OF HOPKINS & HUEBN	Consultants	485.50
Hughes Pharmacy	Acute & Emergency Treat.	195.71
IA Comm Pool Administrators Io	Consultants	2641.13
IA Law Enforcement Academy	Education/Training/Hotel	450.00
Kossuth Co Sheriff	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	37.00

Mail Services, LLC	Postage & Mailing	390.91
Martin-Mattice Fun. Home	Funeral Services	4400.00
McAllister Builders	Buildings	45.00
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	266.94
Victoria Merwald	Postage & Mailing	3.00
Midwest Technology ServicesLLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	607.77
One Office Solution	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	199.00
Palo Alto Co Fair Assn	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	375.46
Palo Alto Co Health System	Acute & Emergency Treat.	3359.60
Radiologists of North Iowa PC	Acute & Emergency Treat.	29.00
RELX Inc. DBA LexisNexis	Legal Research Service	219.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Electric Light & Power	582.35
Rouse Tire and Repair, LLC	Tires & Tubes	35.00
Ruthven Zipcode	Official Pub & Legal Noti	32.00
Richard Sample	Bus	90.00
Simmering-Cory Iowa Codificati	Misc Expense	2000.00
HOWARD SMITH	Bus	256.20
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	705.85
Spencer Office Supplies JCL So	Custodial Supplies	166.16
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	Engineering Services	188.00
Swanson Hardware	Custodial Supplies	649.07
Upper Des Moines Opp.Inc.	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	11000.00
Veenstra & Kimm Inc.	Consultants	521.50
VISA	Postage & Mailing	3041.05
VEIT, LLC	Office Equipment	546.86
Walter Curtis Company	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	96.00
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	Contract Carriers	155.52
West Bend Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	94.45
West Bend Journal	Official Pub & Legal Noti	188.00
Windstream	phone	826.59
General Supplemental Fund		
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	2330.15
Loffler Companies - 131511	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	151.51
Rural Services Basic Fund		
Emmetsburg Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	157.90
Graettinger Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	67.11
Mallard Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	55.27
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	95.90
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	56.57
Ruthven Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	55.27
City of Spencer	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	18300.12
Swanson Hardware	Misc Expense	577.28
Wessels Oil Co Inc	Fuels	312.55
West Bend Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	59.21
Co.Attorney Collections Fund		
VISA	Misc Expense	67.47
Secondary Road Fund		
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	198.03
Arnold Motor Supply ATT: Sue	Engineering Services	215.28
Bomgaars	Engineering Services	215.37
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Engineering Services	1077.00
Cintas	Engineering Services	123.24
City of Cylinder	Engineering Services	55.00
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	9269.97
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	74.18
Forge & Build	Engineering Services	520.90
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	61.59

Graettinger Mun. Utilities Gra	Engineering Services	1475.83
Harris Sanitation	Engineering Services	60.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Engineering Services	104.15
J.W. Repair	Engineering Services	449.96
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	2071.97
City of Mallard	Engineering Services	112.33
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	554.19
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	Engineering Services	157.19
New Century FS	Engineering Services	20964.38
NEW Cooperative, Inc.	Engineering Services	1312.31
Nuss Truck & Equipment	Engineering Services	60.48
Palo Alto Co Auditor	Engineering Services	33.06
Picrays Welding & Fab.	Engineering Services	1143.94
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Engineering Services	102.63
City of Ruthven	Engineering Services	173.52
Safety Flag Company	Engineering Services	1129.18
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	444.31
TMobile	Engineering Services	616.46
Jake Treybal	Engineering Services	30.03
VEIT, LLC	Engineering Services	784.65
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	408.33

E911 Surcharge Fund

IA Homeland Security & EMA ATT	E911 Surcharge	3183.48
River Valley Telecommunication	Data Processing Services	1188.97
Windstream	phone	358.05

Drainage Claims

AgriVia PLLC	DD61 Lat A eng	2300.00
AgriVia PLLC	DD61 Main Open outlet eng	1150.00
Fank Farms	DD176 repairs	349.94
Ronald Hoffman	DD176 repairs	200.00
G.W."PETE" HOWE SANITATION INC	DD69 televising	1250.00
KENT MALM	DD61 Lat H tile inspect	60.00
Wirtz Backhoe	DD61 Lat H tile repair	1200.00

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor