Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
February 17, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Linus Solberg, Chair; Keith Wirtz, Ron Graettinger, Craig Merrill; on conference call Roger Faulstick. Present: Anne Quail, County Attorney; John King, County Sheriff; Amanda Hansen, Auditor's Office.

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 February 17, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the minutes for February 10, 2026. Motion Carried.

Melissa Loehr, Iowa Primary Care Association, met with the Board. Melissa updated the Board on the new mental health districts and system navigation. Melissa discussed the merging of contracts across the state and discussed the same data collection. Melissa touched base on the Flowstate Health Services that provides behavioral health services to the Palo Alto County Jail. John King, County Sheriff, represents our county on the Advisory Board for Iowa Primary Care Association.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve hiring Morgan Armstrong at $21.97 per hour effective February 17, 2026; and after 6-month probation period and 40-hour jail certification or 40-hour dispatch certification, the wage will increase to the same amount as the other jailers/dispatchers. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Committee Reports: none.

Aletha King, Zoning, met with the Board for master matrix on several hog sites.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the master matrix for Hawkey Gold Farms LLP in Ellington Township, Section 9. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the master matrix for BCS Ag LLP, Nevada Township, Section 31. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the master matrix for Ample Farms LLP in Ellington Township, Section 29. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the master matrix for Pine Oak Farms LLP in Ellington Township, Section 33. Motion Carried.

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

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board to present the quotes for pavement markings. Quotes were received as follows: Vogel Traffic $108,979.75; Kam Line $85,034.50; Sir-Lines-A-Lot $84,997.50

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve the low bid from Sir-Lines-A-Lot for $84,997.50 for the secondary road's pavement markings. Motion Carried.

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor