Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
February 3, 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. Absent: Roger Faulstick. Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Anne Quail, County Attorney; Harold Christensen.

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

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 3, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for January 26 & 27, 2026. Motion Carried.

John King, County Sheriff, met with the Board to recommend hiring Jillian Myers as a full-time jailer. Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve hiring Jillian Myers as a full-time jailer at $21.97 per hour effective February 3, 2026; and to approve after 6 mo. of probation and 40 hours of jail certification a wage increase to the same as the other full-time jailers. Motion carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board by conference call to discuss Drainage District 5 Lateral 1 Tile. Collin updated the Board on the Drainage District 5 Lateral 1 investigation. Present: Harold Christensen. The tile is in poor condition and filled with sand. The Board consensus was to direct Collin to prepare the engineer's report and file and then set an information meeting.

No one was present for public comment.

Committee Reports: Craig—Statewide Supervisors meeting update.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter updated the Board on secondary roads and projects. Walter reviewed the budget amendment items for the secondary roads department for FY26.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a Class B liquor license for Happy Campers LLC, Ruthven. Motion Carried.

Jason Craig, Ahlers & Cooney Attorney, met with the Board by conference call for closed session.
Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to go into Closed Session Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) c regarding pipeline ordinance lawsuit at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom.
Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Absent: Faulstick. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 9:13 a.m. No action was taken.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, presented the budget amendment for FY26.
Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to set the Hearing for the Budget Amendment FY26 for March 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Carmen reviewed the department budget totals for FY27 and the fund balances. The Board reviewed the proposed tax levies for FY27.

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor