Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
March 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; 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 Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the agenda for March 10, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the minutes for March 3, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the Veteran Affair's monthly report for March 6, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the canvass of votes for the Emmetsburg Community School District for the special election held on March 3, 2026, to approve the revenue purpose statement for the school district. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to set the date for the proposed property tax rate hearing for March 31, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to set the bid letting date for the Marcellus wetland site for April 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Committee Reports: Keith—drainage; Roger—gaming corporation.

Aletha King, Zoning, met with the Board to approve the 14-day waiver for five hog sites in Palo Alto County.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve Resolution No. 3-10-2026-A approval of waiver for Hawkeye Gold Farms LLP, Ellington Twp, Section 9. Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Nays. None. Resolution Passed.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve Resolution No. 3-10-2026-B approval of waiver for BSC Ag LLP, Nevada Twp, Section 31. Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Nays. None. Resolution Passed.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve Resolution No. 3-10-2026-C approval of waiver for Ample Farms LLP, Ellington Twp, Section 29. Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Nays. None. Resolution Passed.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve Resolution No. 3-10-2026-D approval of waiver for Pine Oak Farms LLP, Ellington Twp, Section 33. Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Nays. None. Resolution Passed.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve Resolution No. 3-10-2026-E approval of waiver for Summit Farms Pork LLC, Ellington Twp, Section 2. Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Nays. None. Resolution Passed.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to introduce & approve Resolution No. 3-10-2026 to extend data mining & Battery Storage Systems moratorium. Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Nays: none. Resolution Passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-10-2026

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON CRYPTOCURRENCY AND DATA MINING FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapter 335 grants 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 Cryptocurrency and Data Mining Facilities 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, Cryptocurrency and Data Mining Facilities include places, amenities or equipment, including software or hardware used, as a business for creating cryptocurrency on a blockchain through computational and cryptographic means in order to validate transactions and add them to a public blockchain ledger, in exchange for some form of benefit; 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 relative to Cryptocurrency and Date Mining Facility development; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors, following review, consideration, and discussion, **RESOLVES** to extend the temporary moratorium passed by resolution on June 3, 2025, (Resolution 6-3-2025) on the development and construction of Cryptocurrency and Data Mining Facilities, and on the application for permits relating to such development and construction of Cryptocurrency and Data Mining Facilities passed to now expire on April 1, 2027, or upon passing of an ordinance in relation to Cryptocurrency and Data Mining Facility development, whichever comes first, for the purpose of drafting and adopting a necessary and proper Cryptocurrency and Data Mining Facility Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no Cryptocurrency or Data Mining 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 extension of the moratorium approved by this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution and that upon April 1, 2027, if a Cryptocurrency and Data Mining Facility 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.

Adopted on 3-10-2026, by the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors.

/s/LJ Solberg, Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors - Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Carmen Moser, Palo Alto County Auditor

Aletha King, Zoning & Solid Waste, met with the Board for the annual performance review. Aletha requested a close session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i).

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to go into Closed session at 9:07 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i). Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Faulstick. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 9:20 a.m.

Kent Malm, IRVM, met with the Board for the annual performance review. Kent requested a close session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i).

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to go into Closed session at 9:22 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i). Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Faulstick. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 9:32 a.m.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve a septic grant application for Patty Schany. Motion Carried.

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

General Basic Fund

Accurate Controls, Inc.	Equipment	1894.95
Amazon Capital Services	Custodial Supplies	365.70
Cameron Baade	Engineering Services	5000.00
Biddle Electric	Radio & Related Equip	180.00
BLUE LAKE WEBSITES ANITRA LARS	Data Processing Services	597.00
Bomgaars	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	289.96
District III IACCB	Dues & Memberships	200.00
Doug Drost	Fuels	25.40
Elderbridge Agency on Aging	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	4069.00
Emmet Co Public Health	Salary-Regular Employees	2947.98
Emmetsburg Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	3414.20
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Official Pub & Legal Noti	91.32
Fareway	Food & Provisions	1408.73
Feld Security	System Building&Sustainab	1366.00
GALLS, LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	720.28
Graettinger Times	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	522.00
Vincent H. Heller	Bus	57.00
Hughes Pharmacy	Acute & Emergency Treat.	70.94
Humboldt Co. Sheriff	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	69.60
IA Law Enforcement Academy	Education/Training/Hotel	175.00
IA Office of State Medical Exm	Medical & Health Services	2047.00
The Iowa Sportsman	Official Pub & Legal Noti	325.00
IACVS Dubuque Co VA	Misc Expense	90.00
Iowa Ag News	Engineering Services	162.50
ISSDA C/O Jared Schneider	Education/Training/Hotel	125.00
Aletha King	Employee Mileage & Meals	214.20
Mainstay Systems of Iowa LLC	Contract Carriers	106.65
Timothy McCarthy	Animal Bounties & Apiaris	1650.00
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	496.93
Victoria Merwald	Postage & Mailing	2.17
Midwest Technology ServicesLLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	636.27

NACVSO	Misc Expense	400.00
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	354.85
Palo Alto Co Comm Health Ser	Board of Health	1438.10
Palo Alto Co Fair Assn	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	954.37
Palo Alto County Public Health	Other	60753.00
LENA PETERS	Education/Training/Hotel	97.44
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	Postage & Mailing	1157.25
Professional Office Servies	Postage & Mailing	7.03
Quill Corporation	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	161.97
Regional Trans.Authority	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	2500.00
RELX Inc. DBA LexisNexis	Legal Research Service	219.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Electric Light & Power	377.26
Schumacher Elevator Company	Equipment/Elevator	721.68
HOWARD SMITH	Bus	39.00
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	1322.58
Swanson Hardware	Custodial Supplies	179.08
Upper Des Moines Opp.Inc.	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	10000.00
VISA	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	1610.07
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	Contract Carriers	155.52
West Bend Journal	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	34.00
Windstream	phone	666.50
General Supplemental Fund		
Suzanne Faulstick	Election Officials	225.00
Diane Geerts	Election Officials	40.00
Barb Goodlaxson	Election Officials	225.00
Judy Hersom	Election Officials	225.00
Karen Kauffman	Election Officials	239.40
Loffler Companies - 131511	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	47.96
Kathryn Merrill	Election Officials	40.00
State Election Adm Training SE	Dues & Memberships	425.00
Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	1021.76
Lisbeth J. Zeigler	Election Officials	229.80
Opioid Settlement Special Rev		
IA NARCOTICS OFFICERS ASSOC %	Other Treatment, Prev, Ot	1500.00
Rural Services Basic Fund		
Emmetsburg Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	723.29
Graettinger Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	307.40
Aletha King	Employee Mileage & Meals	198.60
Mallard Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	253.15
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	95.90
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	290.00
River Valley Telecommunication	Telecommunications Serv.-	216.24
Ruthven Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	253.15
City of Spencer	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	20213.49
Wessels Oil Co Inc	Fuels	309.60
West Bend Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	271.23
Secondary Road Fund		
AIRGAS USA LLC	Engineering Services	768.51
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	214.34
Ascentek, Inc	Engineering Services	2112.40
Crysteel Truck Equipment Inc	Engineering Services	145.51
City of Cylinder	Engineering Services	55.00
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	9358.81
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	382.51
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	232.01
Graettinger Mun. Utilities Gra	Engineering Services	1165.89
Hotsy Equipment Co.	Engineering Services	447.14

Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Engineering Services	110.65
Interstate Batteries	Engineering Services	573.85
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	1373.35
Iowa State University Institut	Engineering Services	125.00
City of Mallard	Engineering Services	106.52
MEDIACOM LLC	Engineering Services	48.42
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	Engineering Services	398.79
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	2753.80
New Century FS	Engineering Services	9847.08
North Central International	Engineering Services	25.51
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	Engineering Services	6191.66
Palo Alto Co Auditor	Engineering Services	33.30
Parallel Ag	Engineering Services	62.74
Picrays Welding & Fab.	Engineering Services	2051.51
Rouse Tire and Repair, LLC	Engineering Services	25.00
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	267.73
TMobile	Engineering Services	616.46
Visual Edge IT Veit LLC	Engineering Services	565.90
City of West Bend	Engineering Services	496.29
Emergency Mgmnt Agency		
Emmetsburg Ford	Parts	304.45
E911 Surcharge Fund		
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	158.99
Century Link	Engineering Services	33.95
IA Prison Industries	Addressing (Signs)	45.00
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	158.99
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	701.77
Windstream	phone	358.05
Drainage Claims		
AgriVia PLLC	DD 61 Lat A-Eng Exp	1700.00
Double B Farms & Trucking	DD 23 Lat 12-Repair	1008.50
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 132 Main- 2024 FEMA	280.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 175 Main-2024 FEMA	525.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 180 Main-2024 FEMA	385.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 21W Lat1-2024 FEMA	175.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 5 Lat 1-Eng Exp	3187.25
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 61 Main-Eng Exp	350.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 61 Main-2024 FEMA	420.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 62 Main-2024 FEMA	70.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 7 Main-FEMA 2024	175.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc	DD 80 Br F-Eng Exp	70.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 80 Low-Eng Exp	245.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 80 Up Main-2024 FEMA	70.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 84 Main-2024 FEMA	385.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 923 Main-FEMA 2024	140.00
KENT MALM	DD 23 Lat 12-Inspeciation	40.00
Timothy McCarthy	DD 81-Beaver Trapping	400.00
MichaelSon, Inc	DD N15 Main-Dirt	1440.00

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor