Election Center
Emmetsburg, Iowa
March 24, 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; Jordan Morey, 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. 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 March 24, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for March 17, 2026. Motion Carried.

Duane Hoffman met with the Board to request permission for installation of private tile and to cross watershed boundaries. Gary Armstong, Attorney, was present on conference call. Brian Casey and Jack Fehr were present. Duane requested to drain the NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 2 Nevada Township into DD 21 East drainage district and outlet into Drainage District No. 80.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board.
Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the 28E Agreement with Clay County for the county line paving project. Motion carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve Traffic Safety Improvement project funding agreement. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the PCC patching quote for $107,373 with Cedar Falls Construction. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve an underground utility permit application for Black Hills Iowa Gas Utility Company in Section 30 of Walnut Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve an underground utility permit application for Windstream Iowa Communications in Section 31 of Freedom Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve an underground utility permit application for Windstream Iowa Communications in Section 25 of Freedom Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve an underground utility permit application for Windstream Communications in Section 24 of Rush Lake Township along several streets in Mallard. Motion Carried.

Jacob Hagen, AgriVia, and Tyler Buman, met with the Board of Supervisors for the informational meeting on Drainage District 61 Latera A & A4. Present: Jay Bargman, Tom Kuecker, Dean Gunderson, Aletha King, Wayne Fuerstenau, Jerry Fuerstenau, Chuck Wirtz, Carson Wirtz, Lisa Willging, Nathan Grimm.

Tyler presented a power point presentation on the history of Drainage District 61 Lateral A & A4 tile. Tyler presented 4 options to address the petition and drainage concerns. Jacob & Tyler gathered information from the landowners and answered questions.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve B & W Control Specialists for tree & brush control for spraying drainage districts in Palo Alto County. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to appoint Collin Klingbeil, PE, Jacobson-Westergard, to prepare the pre-classification report for Drainage District 5 Lateral 1 tile. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a septic grant application from Michael & Tracey Carlson. Motion carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve a septic grant application from Darrell Titus. Motion carried.

Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, met for an informational meeting with landowners regarding the multiple county wetland locator program funded by IDALS. Jon explained the options & wetland easement options.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the county claims and drainage claims for March 24, 2026. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	50.94
AT&T Mobility	Telecommunications Serv.-	421.48
Canon	Office & Data Processing	245.64
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Custodial Supplies	460.00
E.M.U.	utilities	3616.17
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Board Proceedings	647.10
Geelan Funeral Home	Funeral Services	2200.00
Graettinger Times	Board Proceedings	702.12
LAW OFFICES OF HOPKINS & HUEBN	Consultants	9327.89
IA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSN	Education/Training/Hotel	1113.00
IA County Recorder's Assoc	Education/Training/Hotel	200.00
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	1007.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Water & Sewer	320.80
IA Office of State Medical Exm	Medical & Health Services	3250.00
IA State Assn of Counties	Dues & Memberships	510.00
IA STATE COUNTY TREAS ASSOC %	Education/Training/Hotel	175.00
Robin Jamison	Employee Mileage & Meals	631.11
MARIE JENSEN	Other	30.00
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Minor MV Parts & Access	82.00
Loffler Companies - 131511	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	64.45
ANDY MANWARREN	Agric/Hort. Services	366.00
McAllister Builders	Buildings	45.00
Timothy McCarthy	Animal Bounties & Apiaris	1900.00
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	2359.38
Northwest Fire, LLC	Buildings	419.70
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	2796.66
Parallel Ag	Minor MV Parts & Access	162.42
Personalized Painting	Office Equip & Furniture	148.00
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Tires & Tubes	1220.94
Melanie Rouse	Official Pub & Legal Noti	48.12
Susan Ruppert	Employee Mileage & Meals	213.37
Ruthven Zipcode	Official Pub & Legal Noti	99.43
Spencer Office Supplies JCL So	Office Equip & Furniture	996.00
Swanson Hardware	Shop Equipment	153.89
U.S. Postal Service	Postage & Mailing	162.00
VISA	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	1795.75
West Bend Journal	Official Pub & Legal Noti	100.11
Michael Westfall	Animal Bounties & Apiaris	650.00
Windstream	phone	940.50
Wolfe Ridge MFG	Operating/Construction Eq	1103.00

General Supplemental Fund

ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	Other	7473.49
E.M.U.	utilities	587.59

Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Official Pub & Legal Noti	101.38
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	43.03
Jail Special Revenue Fund		
MEDIACOM LLC	Protection/Security Serv.	266.63
Rural Services Basic Fund		
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	551.00
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Misc Expense	10.36
Northern Rolloff	Other	869.00
Rouse Tire and Repair, LLC	Equipment	783.00
Shamrock Recycling, Inc	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	2391.54
Rec. Records Mgnt Fund		
Electronic Services System	Office Equip & Furniture	1962.02
Secondary Road Fund		
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	14.76
Amazon Capital Services	Engineering Services	947.84
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Engineering Services	654.00
Cintas	Engineering Services	164.32
Coleman Moore Company	Engineering Services	2688.19
E.M.U.	Engineering Services	1391.12
Gehrt's Garage	Engineering Services	175.00
Gordon Flesch Company Inc GFC	Engineering Services	972.68
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	195.30
Heartland Tire	Engineering Services	709.48
IA Dept of Transportation	Engineering Services	502.80
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Engineering Services	294.56
Interstate Batteries	Engineering Services	589.23
K.C. Nielsen Ltd	Engineering Services	263.59
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	1418.06
Matheson Tri Gas Inc	Engineering Services	830.14
Menards	Engineering Services	119.91
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	1347.48
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	646.96
N & A Manufacturing Inc.	Engineering Services	469.60
New Century FS	Engineering Services	18806.77
NEW Cooperative, Inc.	Engineering Services	1188.45
Palo Alto Co Health System	Engineering Services	832.00
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	27.38
Unity Point -ST Lukes	Engineering Services	210.00
City of West Bend	Engineering Services	401.95
Wheeler	Engineering Services	1472.48
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	977.90
Emergency Mgmnt Agency		
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Parts	42.55
E911 Surcharge Fund		
Alpha Wireless Communications	Equipment	10000.00
AT&T Mobility	Engineering Services	41.77
IA APCO c/o Eric Nevins, Treas	Education/Training/Hotel	300.00
IA NENA ATTN: Amanda Pyle	Education/Training/Hotel	300.00
Windstream	phone	80.44
WINDSTREAM IA Comm Inc	phone	161.51
Drainage Claim		
Michael Westfall	DD 81 Beaver Trapping	2400.00

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor