Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
March 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, Roger Faulstick. Present: Anne Quail, County Attorney; Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Jim & Sharon Neighbors; Jim Kuecker.

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 Faulstick to approve the agenda for March 3, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for February 24, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the Recorder's Report ending February 28, 2026. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil was present on conference call for discussion on Drainage District 132. Collin informed the Board of the IDOT bridge replacement with a triple box culvert over Drainage District No. 132.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to appoint Collin Klingbeil, PE with Jacobson-Westergard as drainage engineer to review the IDOT bridge replacement on 440th Ave for Drainage District 132. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to set the date for the Information meeting on Drainage District 5 Lateral 1 for March 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

The Board held a discussion on setting a date to conduct landowner meetings for the wetland locator project. Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, on conference call.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to set the date for Landowner meeting on Palo Alto County Wetland Locator sites for March 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Election Center. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Committee Reports: Craig—economic development; Ron—DD N 15 trees; Upper Des Moines mtg. Keith—drainage.

Anne Quail, County Attorney held discussion with the Board regarding House File 2580 & discussion on extension of temporary moratorium on cryptocurrency and data mining facilities. Present on conference call: Jennifer & Justin with Simmering-Cory.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the amended Iowa DOT Fiscal Year 2026 Secondary Roads Budget Version 1.0. Motion Carried.

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor