Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
April 7, 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;

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 Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the agenda for April 7, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for March 24 & 31, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the Veteran Affair's monthly report for April 2, 2026; and the quarterly report ending March 31, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the Recorder's monthly report ending March 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Collin Kingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board by conference call. Present: Brian Casey, Jack Fehr, Duane Hoffman, Dean Gunderson. Collin presented the information regarding the private tile connection/crossing proposal on Drainage District 21 East in Sections 1 & 2 of Nevada Township. Collin recommended approval of the tile connection/crossing.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the private tile crossings and connections in Section 1 & 2 of Nevada Township in Drainage District 21 East. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board by conference call. The Board recognized the voluntary annexation petition signed by the Sikora Trust on Drainage District 80 Lower Main. Collin presented the report of voluntary annexation report for the NE ¼ of Section 2, Nevada Township.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to accept the voluntary annexation petition and to approve the report of voluntary annexation for 178.22 acres in Section 2, of Nevada Township, into Drainage District 80 Lower Main. Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Nays: Faulstick. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to set the date for the Public Hearing for the Proposed County Budget for April 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board for an update on secondary roads and informed the Board of the upcoming right-of-way meeting with landowners on N40.

Aletha King, Zoning, met with the Board. Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the master matrix for Chris Kollasch site in Vernon Township, Section 26. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve the master matrix for Schmidt Site in Fern Valley Township, Section 3. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the cigarette permit for Dollar General, Ruthven, effective July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve the liquor license for Lakeland EZ Stop in Ruthven effective April 9, 2026. Motion Carried.

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor