Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
May 5, 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; Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office; Present: Matt Reding.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of 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 Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for May 5, 2026, with the addition of reappointment to the Veteran Affairs Commission. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for April 28, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the Veteran Affair's monthly report for May 1, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to reappoint Terry Chamberlain to Commission of Veteran Affairs with term to expire on May 31, 2029. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve $5,000 to Ronald Barber for completion of the septic grant Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the Lakeland EZ Stop, Ruthven, Cigarette Permit from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Motion Carried.

Anne Quail, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss the Resolution establishing the hourly compensation rate for the court appointed attorney under Iowa Code Section 915.37. The Resolution was tabled till next week.

Committee Reports: Ron—Upper Des Moines; Keith—drainage.

No one was present for public comment.

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

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the preconstruction agreement with Iowa DOT for BRF-004-5(051)—38.74 (Hwy 4 Bridge). Motion carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric in Section 17 and 20 of Walnut Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve a utility permit for Windstream/Kinetic in Section 13 of Emmetsburg Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a utility permit for Windstream/Kinetic in Section 8 and 17 of Emmetsburg Township. Motion Carried.

The Board held a conference call with Kossuth County Board of Supervisors and Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard for Drainage District Jt.1 PAK. Collin presented the change order #3 and pay estimate #2 for repairs to the main open ditch on Jt. 1 PAK.

Motion by Kyle Stecker, Kossuth Co. Supervisor, 2nd by Ron Graettinger, Palo Alto County Supervisors to approve the change order #3 for Reutzel Excavating Inc for repairs on Jt. 1 PAK. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kyle Stecker, Kossuth Co. Supervisor, 2nd by Ron Graettinger, Palo Alto County Supervisors to approve pay estimate #2 for $76,971.52 to Reutzel Excavating Inc for repairs on Jt. 1 PAK. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board by conference call to discuss the DD 69 televising on the existing lower main tile. Collin filed the DD 69 existing lower main tile televising report.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to have an informational meeting on June 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom with landowners on the existing lower main tile of Drainage District 69. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board by conference call to discuss Amendment #1 to Drainage District 5 Lateral 1.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to accept the Amendment #1 to Engineer's Report on Drainage District No. 5 Lateral 1 Tile. Motion Carried.

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor