Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
June 16, 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; 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. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

Linus Solberg, Chair, called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the agenda for June 16, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for June 9, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve the septic grant application for Joshua Origer. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Keith—racoon watershed meeting, drainage.

Seth Nelson, Sheriff Deputy, was present for public comment and provided an update on the school resource officer agreement with Ruthven-Ayrshire school. Charles Henningsen was present for public comments and explained a drainage concern regarding a development area inside the city limits of Ruthven.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve hiring Jared Lowry as the Engineering Technician at $27.00 per hour effective July 6, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve quote from MacQueen for $107,603.64 for purchase of culvert jetter trailer. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board for the Hearing on Repairs for Drainage District No.5, Lateral 1 tile. Present: Phil Andreasen, Dennis Christensen, Harold Christensen, Dennis Harson, Ty Harson, Jim Rothermich, Jim Nelson, Robert Nelson, Kirby Sampson, Steve Aldous, Steve Dobbins.

Collin Klingbeil, Engineer, presented the engineer's report for tile repairs/improvements. Five project alternatives were reviewed and presented. The district has held 3 informational meetings prior to the public hearing. Majority of the landowners were in favor of option #3.

Objections were filed by Jim Rothermich and Kirby Sampson. Objections on file did not meet remonstrance.

Motion by Graettinger, and 2nd by Wirtz to approve 20-year waivers and 5% interest for the project. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to direct the engineer to prepare plans and specifications to bid option #3 for the 18" tile and the 24" tile. Motion Carried. Landowners will be notified of the bid letting date.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board for an informational meeting on Drainage District 69 Lower Main tile. Present: Max Orsborn, Bob Thorbogger, Rich Stillman.

Collin filed the existing lower main tile televising report and presented it at the informational meeting. As part of the improvement project, the request to televise the lower main tile was requested by the landowners to determine the current condition of the tile. The report is now on file, and the video is in the Auditor's Office. No action was taken.

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor