Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
June 23, 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; Amanda Hansen, Auditor's Office; Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, Lindsy Frambach, Treasurer's Office; Kathy Mortenson, Treasurer'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 Merrill to approve the agenda for June 23, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the minutes for June 16, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the personnel policy manual for July 1, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to introduce and approve Resolution No. 6-23-2026 (C) for appointment of Auditor Deputies. Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz Solberg.
Resolution Passed.

Appointment of Deputy Auditor
RESOLUTION # 6-23-2026 (C)

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto County Auditor, Carmen Moser, was duly elected and sworn into office on January 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code 331.903(1), the Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff, and County Attorney may each appoint, with approval of the Board of Supervisors, one or more deputies, assistants, or clerks for whose acts the principal officer is responsible; and

WHEREAS, approval of each appointment shall be adopted by a resolution recorded in the minutes of the Board of Supervisors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors that the following appointment by the Auditor is approved: Jordan Morey, Election Deputy; Amanda Hansen, Auditor Deputy.
APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

By: Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors
/s/Linus Solberg, Chairman
/s/Keith Wirtz
/s/Craig Merrill
/s/Ron Graeetinger
/s/Roger Faulstick
/s/Attest: Carmen Moser, County Auditor

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to introduce and approve Resolution No. 6-23-2026 (D) for appointment of Treasurer Deputies. Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz Solberg.
Resolution Passed.

Appointment of Deputy Treasurer
RESOLUTION # 6-23-2026 (D)

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto County Treasurer, Robin Jamison, was duly elected and sworn into office on January 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code 331.903(1), the Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff, and County Attorney may each appoint, with approval of the Board of Supervisors, one or more deputies, assistants, or clerks for whose acts the principal officer is responsible; and

WHEREAS, approval of each appointment shall be adopted by a resolution recorded in the minutes of the Board of Supervisors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors that the following appointment by the Treasurer is approved: Kathy Mortenson, Treasurer Tax Deputy; Lindsy Frambach, Treasurer MV/DL Deputy.

APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE 2026.

By: Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors

/s/Linus Solberg, Chairman
/s/Craig Merrill
/s/Roger Faulstick
/s/Keith Wirtz
/s/Ron Graettinger
/s/Attest: Carmen Moser, County Auditor

Committee Reports: Keith—IDDA meeting.
No one was present for public comment.

Dave Walters, HBW Insurance, met with the Board to review the workers' compensation insurance renewal. Dave updated the Board on bond for elected officials and deputies.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board for the Hearing on Right of Way acquisition on Drainage District No. 62. Present: Dave Kassel, Paul Herbers, Joann Herbers.

Collin presented the right of way report for Drainage District No. 62. Collin explained the compensation for right of way on DD 62.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the right of way acquisition report for Drainage District No. 62 and to direct the Auditor to issue recommended compensation to the landowners. Abstain: Merrill. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to accept the plans & specifications for Drainage District No. 62 Main Open Ditch Improvement and set the bid letting date for July 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Boardroom. Abstain: Merrill. Motion Carried.

Julie Goebel, landowner, met with the Board to give an update on the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline. Present: Mike Wirtz, Lisa Goebel, Neil Dahlquist, Julie Goebel, Joan Mersch, Michelle Markham, Jamie Moser, Marte Elbert; present on conference call: Emma Schmidt. Julie's request along with her family was to ask for a 2nd ordinance and recommended working with Paul Blackburn, attorney for Bold Nebraska.

Neil Dahlquist, landowner, met with the Board to discuss the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline. Neil expressed concerns regarding the 45Q and 45Z tax credits and informed the Board of investors to Summit. Neil discussed water wells and requested the Board contact the DNR to come talk about the water issues.
Marte Elbert expressed concerns regarding water supply and the 45Q tax credits. Jamie Moser informed the Board that the Union Pacific Railroad can ship CO2 emissions now.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the salary letters for FY27. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to introduce and approve Resolution No. 6-23-2026 (A) for Appropriations for FY27.
Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Resolution Passed.

Resolution 6-23-2026 (A)

SECTION 1

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of Palo Alto County that they hereby appropriate from the resources of each department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and in accordance with Section 331.434, Sub. 6, 2025 Code of Iowa, the amounts itemized by department or office as listed below:

Dept#	Description	Budget 2026/2027
01	Board of Supervisors	388,299
02	Auditor	491,293
03	Treasurer	535,084
04	County Attorney	496,789
05	Sheriff	1,513,846
07	Recorder	246,972
20	County Engineer	9,492,593
21	Veterans Affairs	88,009
22	Conservation Board	837,813
23	Local Health	252,000
25	Social Services (Poor)	50,000
27	Dept Human Services Adm	650
28	Medical Examiner	32,000
29	Jail	586,195
31	District Court	20,000
32	Jail Room & Board	10,000
37	Communications	490,173
51	Courthouse	115,883
52	Data Processing	159,850
55	Brink Building	13,200
56	Economic Development	110,000
60	Mental Health Administr.	9,500

61	Juvenile Justice	32,000
71	Solid Waste Disposal	677,789
73	IRVM-Rural Services	186,573
74	Zoning & Sanitation	191,471
99	Nondepartmental	4,528,733
	Report Total *******	21,556,715

SECTION 2

Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations and applicable State laws, the appropriations authorized shall constitute authorization for the department or office listed to make expenditures or incur obligations from the itemized fund effective July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3

In accordance with Section 331.437, 2025 Code of Iowa, no department or officer shall expend or contract to expend any money or incur any liability, or enter into any contract which by its terms involves the expenditures or monies for any purpose in excess of the amounts appropriated pursuant to this Resolution.

SECTION 4

If at any time during the 2026-2027 budget year the County Auditor shall ascertain that the available resources of a fund for the year will be less than said funds total appropriations, the Auditor shall immediately inform the Board of Supervisors and recommend the appropriate corrective action.

SECTION 5

The County Auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized in Section 1, each of which account shall indicate the amount of appropriations, the amounts charged thereto, and the unencumbered balance. The County Auditor shall report the status of such accounts to the applicable departments and officers monthly during the 2026-2027 budget year.

SECTION 6

The Board approves FY 2027 funding for CAASA, Discovery House, Elderbridge, Family Crisis Centers, RIDES, Upper Des Moines Opportunity, and West Bend Historical Society, Palo Alto County Council on Aging.

SECTION 7

All appropriations authorized pursuant to this Resolution lapse at the close of business on June 30, 2027. The above Resolution was passed and adopted with all Supervisors voting aye in a roll call vote.

The above Resolution adopted by the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors.

The chairperson declared the Resolution duly adopted.

/s/Linus Solberg, Chair
/s/Attest: Carmen Moser, Auditor

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Faulstick to introduce and approve the following Resolution 6-23-2026 (B). Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg.
Nays: none. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION 6-23-2026 (B)

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to periodically transfer sums from the Rural Services Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund during the 2026-2027 budget year, and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Section 331.432 and 331.429, 2025 Code of Iowa,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Palo Alto County, Iowa as follows:

SECTION 1

That the total maximum transfer from the Rural Services Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, shall not exceed the sum of $2,230,461.

SECTION 2

That within five days of being notified of the apportionment of current property taxes, delinquent tax, State replacements against levied property taxes, mobile home taxes, military services tax credit replacements to the Rural Services Basic Fund, the County Auditor shall order a transfer from said fund to the Secondary Road Fund.

SECTION 3

That the amount of the transfer required by Section 2 shall be equal to the apportionment made under Section 2 to the Rural Services Basic Fund, respectively, multiplied by the ratio of .76044 of the said funds total maximum transfer to the Secondary Road Fund, to the sum of the said funds' total current property tax levy, total delinquent tax, total mobile home taxes and total military service tax credit replacements.

SECTION 4

That not withstanding the provisions of Section 2 & 3 of this Resolution the total transfers to the Secondary Road Fund shall not exceed the amounts specified in Section 1.

SECTION 5

That not withstanding the provisions of Section 2 & 3, the amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transferring fund.

SECTION 6

That the Auditor is directed to correct the books when said operating transfers are made and to notify the County Treasurer and County Engineer of the amounts of said transfers.

The above Resolution was passed and adopted by the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors.

The Chairperson declared the Resolution duly adopted.
/s/Linus Solberg, Chair
/s/Attest: Carmen Moser, Auditor

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the joint drainage district levies with Emmet County. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve a septic grant application from Colby Byington. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the county claims for June 23, 2026. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	38.62
AT&T Mobility	Contract Carriers	673.90
Bauer Plumbing & Heating Inc.	Buildings	869.00
Biddle Electric	Buildings	4241.02
Bomgaars	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	251.97
Canon	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	245.64
Dave Chapman	Employee Mileage & Meals	12.00
Community Lumber	Buildings	7251.51
Critical Hire	Education/Training/Hotel	200.00
Des Moines Stamp Mfg. Company	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	101.30
Emmetsburg Ford	Tires & Tubes	508.55
E.M.U.	utilities	937.15
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Misc Expense	107.00
Fareway	Food & Provisions	2255.53
Forge & Build	Buildings	1051.54
GALLS, LLC	Clothing & Dry Goods	1738.78
Ronald D. Graettinger	Employee Mileage & Meals	372.00
Guardian Fleet Safety	Contract Carriers	10198.44
Guardian RFID	System Building&Sustainab	5841.00
Dean Gunderson	Employee Mileage & Meals	115.20
Hinders,Updegraff&FranklinPLC	Consultants	688.00
Duane Hoffman	Employee Mileage & Meals	18.00
Hughes Pharmacy	Acute & Emergency Treat.	24.39
Ia Dept of Veteran Affairs	Misc Expense	1786.35
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	1452.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Water & Sewer	436.30
IA Law Enforcement Academy	Education/Training/Hotel	150.00
IA Office of State Medical Exm	Medical & Health Services	2118.00
The Iowa Sportsman	Planning/Mngmnt Consultan	325.00
Aletha King	Employee Mileage & Meals	319.20
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Shop Equipment	78.35
Jim Kuecker	Employee Mileage & Meals	84.00

Lakes Marketing & Print	Official Pub & Legal Noti	47.25
Less Lethal LLC	Other	1956.00
Monty Leu	Employee Mileage & Meals	20.40
Loffler Companies - 131511	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	68.26
Samuel Lyon	Employee Mileage & Meals	100.80
Malloy Reporting Service	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	682.80
Matthew Early Law Office	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	5068.30
Anesa McGregor	Employee Mileage & Meals	129.60
Victoria Merwald	Misc Expense	69.34
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	3596.28
Ronn Naig	Employee Mileage & Meals	3.60
Jim Neighbors	Employee Mileage & Meals	102.00
NW IA Youth Emergency Services	Crisis Stab Comm Based Se	1760.60
Jacob Olberding	Engineering Services	639.80
Palo Alto Co Council on Aging	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	4000.00
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	5652.60
Palo Alto Co Sheriff	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	571.55
Parallel Ag	Minor MV Parts & Access	756.75
Anne J. Quail	Employee Mileage & Meals	141.00
Quill Corporation	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	1447.63
ReGov Solutions LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	35500.00
Rouse Tire and Repair, LLC	Tires & Tubes	1285.00
Larry Ruppert	Employee Mileage & Meals	48.00
Susan Ruppert	Office Equip & Furniture	40.44
Schumacher Elevator Company	Equipment/Elevator	746.58
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION	Contract Carriers	5525.00
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	55473.01
Spencer Office Supplies JCL So	Custodial Supplies	134.57
Jeff Stillman	Employee Mileage & Meals	6.00
Swanson Hardware	Shop Equipment	120.63
Thomson Reuters West Payment C	Legal Research Service	1152.00
Tidal Pets LLC	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	496.90
U.S. Postal Service	Postage & Mailing	78.00
ULINE ATTN: Accounts Receivab	Recreational Supplies	186.90
VISA	Fuels	5946.34
Webster County Sheriff	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	42.00
WHKS & Co	Buildings	1590.60
Windstream	phone	939.89
Fred Wirtz Jr.	Employee Mileage & Meals	20.40
Keith Wirtz	Employee Mileage & Meals	687.60
General Supplemental Fund		
E.M.U.	utilities	105.51
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	53.29
Jail Special Revenue Fund		
MEDIACOM LLC	Protection/Security Serv.	263.10
Rural Services Basic Fund		
Bomgaars	Buildings	309.97
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	232.00
Aletha King	Employee Mileage & Meals	170.40
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Misc Expense	10.99
KENT MALM	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	78.00
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	536.19
Parallel Ag	Equipment	914.32
Pro Cooperative	Fertilizer & Seed	9000.00
Shamrock Recycling, Inc	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	2424.22
U.S. Postal Service	Postage & Mailing	78.00
Co.Attorney Collections Fund		

Amazon Capital Services	Misc Expense	366.71
Secondary Road Fund		
AIRGAS USA, LLC	Engineering Services	430.63
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	15.14
Amazon Capital Services	Engineering Services	288.71
Bomgaars	Engineering Services	318.82
Carroll Construction Supply Ac	Engineering Services	404.06
Cintas	Engineering Services	82.16
E.M.U.	Engineering Services	293.83
Evora Energy	Engineering Services	253.67
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	150.46
Gordon Flesch Company Inc GFC	Engineering Services	806.87
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	21.05
Hallett Materials	Engineering Services	417.21
IA Drainage District Assn c/o	Engineering Services	250.00
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Engineering Services	1349.22
Kahn Tile Supply	Engineering Services	171.45
Kirkham Michael	Engineering Services	3780.00
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	4003.28
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	387.02
Midstates Equipment	Engineering Services	265.99
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	Engineering Services	1310.95
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	1060.39
New Century FS	Engineering Services	10059.73
Newman Traffic Signs	Engineering Services	897.65
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	Engineering Services	2618.31
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Engineering Services	901.40
City of Ruthven	Engineering Services	88.12
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	Engineering Services	3826.55
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	147.50
Visual Edge IT Veit LLC	Engineering Services	31.25
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	5846.03
Emergency Mgmnt Agency		
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Parts	200.14
E911 Surcharge Fund		
Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	113.18
AT&T Mobility	Engineering Services	59.06
Bauer Plumbing & Heating Inc.	Equipment	4870.80
Electronic Specialties	Equipment	3617.80
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	1319.80
WINDSTREAM IA Comm Inc	phone	161.51

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to cancel the Board meeting for June 30, 2026. Motion Carried. Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to adjourn. Motion Carried.

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor