Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
July 14, 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; John King, Sheriff.

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 Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the agenda for July 14, 2026, with the addition of septic grant application. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the minutes for July 7, 2026. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board by telephone conference to file the plans & specifications for Drainage District 5 Lateral 1 tile for the option 3 improvement.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to accept the plans & specifications for Drainage District 5, Lateral 1 Tile and set the bid letting date for August 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Dave Walters, HBW Insurance, met with the Board to give an update on the worker's compensation insurance premium for FY27.

Committee Reports: Craig—drainage; economic development.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter updated the Board on mid-summer work including mowing, gravel hauling, road patching, and pavement markings.

Robin Jamison, County Treasurer, met with the Board to present the semi-annual report for June 30, 2026. Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the Treasurer's semi-annual report for June 30, 2026. Motion Carried.

Rob Allen, Conservation Director, met with the Board to recommend hiring a Park Technician.
Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve hiring Dylan Ohelnkamp at $45,000 per year effective August 3, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the change order #1 and the pay estimate #1 for the IDALS Marcellus project on Drainage District No. 923. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve a septic grant application for Justin Kibbie. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the county claims and drainage claims for July 14, 2026. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	645.89
AT&T Mobility	Telecommunications Serv.-	656.48
Bauer Plumbing & Heating Inc.	Buildings	2810.50
Christina Clausen	Employee Mileage & Meals	36.00
Cost Advisory Services, Inc.	Acct/Audit/Clerical Servi	4450.00

Creative Stitches	Conservation Board	130.00
Custom Creations	Engineering Services	1017.00
Deitering Bros Inc	Miscellaneous Repair	105.07
Minyon Rittgers-Easton	Engineering Services	473.15
Robert Edwards	Food & Provisions	7.18
Emmet Co Public Health	Postage & Mailing	3630.50
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Board Proceedings	979.49
Family Crisis Center, Inc.	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	4500.00
Fareway	Custodial Supplies	450.84
Graettinger Times	Board Proceedings	1363.36
Harris Sanitation	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	864.00
Vincent H. Heller	Bus	106.80
IA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSN	Education/Training/Hotel	270.00
IA Drainage District Assn c/o	Flood & Eros.Contr.Struct	3495.00
IA Secretary of State	Dues & Memberships	30.00
IA State Assn of Counties	Dues & Memberships	6800.00
IMWCA	Workmens' Comp Insurance	12266.45
DON JOYCE	Food & Provisions	7.18
K & W Electric, Inc.	Electrical Supp.& Parts	200.00
K.C. Nielsen Ltd	Minor MV Parts & Access	30.16
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Minor MV Parts & Access	58.84
Lost Island Sanitary District	Water & Sewer	2250.00
Malloy Reporting Service	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	80.50
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	486.93
Victoria Merwald	Postage & Mailing	1.90
Midwest Pest	Contract Carriers	150.00
Midwest Technology Service	Telecommunications Serv.-	777.36
Carmen Moser	Employee Mileage & Meals	108.00
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	550.64
Ascensus	Misc Expense	1100.00
MAX ORSBORN	Engineering Services	680.09
Palo Alto Co Comm Health Ser	Board of Health	161.96
Palo Alto Co Council on Aging	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	5000.00
Palo Alto Co Emergency Mgmt	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	2110.75
Palo Alto Co Fair Assn	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	498.07
Palo Alto Co Health System	Acute & Emergency Treat.	417.00
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	4806.12
Palo Alto County Treasurer	Misc Expense	5.00
Parallel Ag	Miscellaneous Repair	1214.85
Piper Sandler	Misc Expense	1500.00
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	Postage & Mailing	91.29
Professional Office Services	Postage & Mailing	428.22
Quill Corporation	Equipment	38.99
River Valley Telecommunication	Electric Light & Power	325.08
Jean L. Sassman NicOls Court R	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	420.75
HOWARD SMITH	Bus	342.00
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	16824.53
Spencer Office Supplies JCL So	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	401.13
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	Engineering Services	62.50
Susan Frye Court Reporting	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	89.00
Swanson Hardware	Custodial Supplies	374.78
VISA	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	24.01
Webster County Sheriff	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	38.00
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	Contract Carriers	155.52
West Bend Historical Society	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	1100.00
Western Iowa Tourism Region	Misc Expense	500.00
Wickman Auto Salvage	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	320.00

Windstream	phone	166.24
Youth Shelter Care of	Crisis Stab Comm Based Se	1071.11
Coty Zimmerman	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	433.40
General Supplemental Fund		
Fareway	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	11.87
Graettinger Times	Official Pub & Legal Noti	129.39
IA PRECINCT ATLAS CONSORTIUM	Other	4743.76
Loffler Companies - 131511	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	114.66
Ruthven Zipcode	Official Pub & Legal Noti	129.39
West Bend Journal	Official Pub & Legal Noti	192.38
Rural Services Basic Fund		
Amazon Capital Services	Official Pub & Legal Noti	32.79
Emmetsburg Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	278.61
Graettinger Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	118.41
IMWCA	Workmens' Comp Insurance	22780.55
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Equipment	119.24
Mallard Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	97.51
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	Equipment	212.13
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	95.90
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	727.80
Ruthven Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	97.51
Shamrock Recycling, Inc	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	2617.52
City of Spencer	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	24214.16
Swanson Hardware	Equipment	314.14
West Bend Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	104.48
Wilkens Industries, Inc.	Equipment	11235.40
Co.Attorney Collections Fund		
VISA	Misc Expense	32.08
Secondary Road Fund		
Algona Glass Company	Engineering Services	429.99
Algona Machine & Supply, Inc.	Engineering Services	633.00
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	153.82
Ascentek, Inc	Engineering Services	2467.30
BLACKSTRAP, INC.	Engineering Services	9280.47
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Engineering Services	421.00
Cintas	Engineering Services	82.16
City of Cylinder	Engineering Services	55.00
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	9330.50
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	179.82
Graettinger Mun. Utilities Gra	Engineering Services	297.84
IA Div of Criminal Inv. Suppor	Engineering Services	15.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Engineering Services	110.65
Jack's OK Tire	Engineering Services	896.88
Kirkham Michael	Engineering Services	4200.00
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Engineering Services	1877.63
Lawson Products Inc	Engineering Services	1709.00
City of Mallard	Engineering Services	113.19
Martin Marietta Agg	Engineering Services	4789.11
MEDIACOM LLC	Engineering Services	49.72
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	498.81
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	2156.15
N & A Manufacturing Inc.	Engineering Services	49.00
New Century FS	Engineering Services	27803.87
North Central International	Engineering Services	1151.92
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	Engineering Services	379.53
Palo Alto Co Treasurer	Engineering Services	2700.00
Parallel Ag	Engineering Services	40.23

Rinker Materials	Engineering Services	13423.54
Road Groom Manufacturing	Engineering Services	40146.00
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Engineering Services	495.56
City of Ruthven	Engineering Services	189.31
State Chemical Solutions State	Engineering Services	686.71
Stratford Gravel, Inc.	Engineering Services	284404.74
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	110.91
TMobile	Engineering Services	789.02
Truck Center Companies	Engineering Services	1267.15
Unity Point -ST Lukes	Engineering Services	210.00
Vander Haags Inc.	Engineering Services	656.64
Visual Edge IT Veit LLC	Engineering Services	589.11
City of West Bend	Engineering Services	114.22
Emergency Mgmnt Agency		
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Parts	140.44
Sportsman's Corner	Parts	2187.80
E911 Surcharge Fund		
AT&T Mobility	Engineering Services	74.69
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	158.99
Century Link	Engineering Services	33.95
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	158.99
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	701.77
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION	Miscellaneous Repair	4825.00
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	407.66
Windstream	phone	358.05

Drainage Claims

James T. & Diane Darr	DD 62-ROW	7810.00
E.L.P. & Company	DD 62- ROW	8910.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 132 Main-FEMA Eng	35.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 175 Main-FEMA Eng	70.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 180 Main-FEMA Eng	35.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 5 Lat 1-Eng Exp	2251.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 61 Main-FEMA Eng	385.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 62-Eng Exp	6330.03
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 69-Eng Exp	789.75
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 80 Br F Open-Eng Exp	35.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 80 Low-Eng Exp	175.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 80 Low-FEMA Eng	70.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD 84 Main- FEMA Eng	245.00
David Kassel	DD 62- ROW	7810.00
K&J Kassel Farms, Inc	DD 62- ROW	4620.00
Steve & Tracy Licht	DD 62- ROW	1650.00
Ronald & Suzanne Rouse	DD 62- ROW	10560.00
Star Valley Investments, LLLP	DD 62- ROW	50820.00

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor