Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
August 18, 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; John King, Sheriff; Robin Jamison, Treasurer.

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 Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for August 18, 2026; with addition of septic grant completion for Eileen Rouse Estate. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for August 11, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve a septic grant completion for $3,859.68 to Colby Byington. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve a septic grant completion for $4,500 to Joshua Kibbie. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve a septic grant completion for $5,000 to Joshua Origer. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve a septic grant completion for $5,000 for Eileen Rouse Estate. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve an alcohol license for Top of Iowa Lucky Wife LLC for a 5-day license effective September 24, 2026. Motion Carried.

Kent Malm, IRVM, met with the Board for an update on the IRVM Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant Project.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to introduce and approve Resolution No. 8-16-2026.
Ayes: Wirtz, Graettinger, Merrill, Faulstick. Nays: Solberg.
Resolution Passed.

Resolution No. 8-16-2026

A Resolution Approving an Agreement between Palo Alto County and
The Iowa Department of Transportation for a Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant
Project 90-74-LR27-217

Whereas the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors is responsible for the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Program and for managing certain roadside properties, and

Whereas the Iowa Department of Transportation provides funding assistance through the Living Roadway Trust Fund for expenses related to these responsibilities, and

Whereas the grant requires matching funds of $3,600 for Project 90-74-LR27-217 for a Heavy-Duty Dovetail Railside Landscape trailer and,

Whereas, Palo Alto County has applied for and been awarded a Living Roadway Trust Fund grant, and

Therefore, be it here resolved, that the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors approves a Living Roadway Trust Fund grant agreement between Palo Alto County and the Iowa Department of Transportation.

PALO ALTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:
/s/Linus Solberg – Chairman
/s/ATTEST: Carmen Moser – Palo Alto County Auditor

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve ad & job description for Palo Alto County Director of IT Position. Motion carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to appoint the following to the IT Committee:
Carmen Moser, Auditor, Robin Jamison, Treasurer, Anne Quail, County Attorney; Walter Davis-Oeth, Engineer, John King, Sheriff, and Linus Solberg, and Roger Faulstick. Motion Carried.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, presented the budget amendment for FY27. Additional revenues for grants were received and additional expenditures for the grants and IT position, drainage assessments for Secondary Roads, and roof repairs at Brink Building.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to set the Hearing date for the FY27 County Budget Amendment for September 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.at the Courthouse Boardroom. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: none.

No one was present for public comment.

Anne Quail, County Attorney, met with the Board for the Amendment to the Animal Ordinance.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to set the public hearing date for the Amended Ordinance Establishing Animal Control for September 1, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. at the courthouse boardroom and the 2nd public hearing for September 8. 2026, at 8:15 a.m. at the courthouse boardroom. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board for the Drainage District No. 62 Easement Agreement.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the Drainage District 62 Easement Agreement between the Trustees of Drainage District No. 62 and Palo Alto County Secondary Roads. Abstain: Merrill. Motion Carried.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board for the bid letting on Drainage District No. 5, Lateral 1 Tile. Present: Steve Aldous, Jim Nelson, Robert Nelson, Harold Christensen, Dennis Harson, Ty Harson. The following bids were received:

	Total Base Bid	Total Bid Alternate
Diamond Concrete	$425,056.09	$479,325.14
McCarty Custom Inc	$383,107.00	$427,412.00
Larlson Contracting	$433,196.09	$472,434.23
Adam Laubenthal	$387,464.70	$439,209.55
Alliance Construction	$482,321.19	$602,481.62
B & B Farm Drainage	$296,637.20	$349,672.50
Reutzel Excavating	$448,163.00	$500,118.00
Apex Companies	$339,991.50	$387,062.00

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the low bid to B & B Farm Drainage Inc. for the 1” drainage coefficient for $349,672.50 for repairs on Drainage District No. 5 Lateral 1 Tile. Motion Carried.

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor