Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
August 25, 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.

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 25, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the minutes for August 18, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve $5,000 to Bill Geelan for the completion of septic grant. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve letter of support & pledge for $295 for the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Craig—ISAC; Linus—ISAC; Ron—economic development; Keith—early childhood development.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter discussed with the Board the 50/50 cost share program for the railroad crossing on N60. The estimated cost is $110,140.26 for the county share. Walter delayed the discussion on the purchase of equipment.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to introduce and approve Resolution No. 8-25-2026. Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Nays: none. Resolution Carried.

Resolution for Establishing Speed Limit on Airport Rd.

Palo Alto Resolution #8-25-2026

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of the Iowa Code Section 321.255 and 321.285 of the Code of Iowa, to determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto County Engineer has performed speed limit investigation due to state law changes

WHEREAS, such an investigation has been requested and has been completed by the Palo Alto County Engineer finding justification for a reduced speed to 55 mph.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PALO ALTO COUNTY that the speed limit be established, and appropriate signs be erected at the location described as follows:

The speed limit is established at 55 miles per hour on Airport Rd (450th Ave).

Beginning at corporate boundaries of the City of Emmetsburg through to Highway 4

Resolution adopted this 25th day of August, 2026.

Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors

/s/LJ Solberg, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:/s/Carmen Moser, Palo Alto County Auditor

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to go into Closed Session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) (j) regarding right-of-way purchase of real estate at 8:48 a.m. Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 8:58 a.m. No action was taken.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the county claims and drainage claims for August 25, 2026. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Amazon Capital Services	Custodial Supplies	611.78
Bauer Plumbing & Heating Inc.	Buildings	1828.20
Canon	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	245.64
David Chaddock	Engineering Services	266.43
Clay County Sheriff	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	73.00
Creative Stitches	Conservation Board	40.00
Dell Marketing L.P.	Office & Data Processing	2406.33
Emmet Co Public Health	Postage & Mailing	34.74
Emmetsburg Ford	Miscellaneous Repair	3522.43
E.M.U.	utilities	1021.33
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Board Proceedings	1828.97
Hughes Pharmacy	Acute & Emergency Treat.	244.72
IA Counties Technology Service	Data Processing Services	4000.00
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	2217.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Water & Sewer	547.80
IA Law Enforcement Academy	Education/Training/Hotel	875.00
Robin Jamison	Employee Mileage & Meals	506.05
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Minor MV Parts & Access	228.92
Loffler Companies - 131511	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	68.26
Malloy Reporting Service	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	267.75
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	4569.40
Midwest Technology Service	Telecommunications Serv.-	220.00
NATO Corp	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	393.00
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	1119.34
Parallel Ag	Minor MV Parts & Access	75.04
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	Postage & Mailing	66.42
Polk County Sheriff's Office	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	31.52
Quill Corporation	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	95.98
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Tires & Tubes	206.87
Susan Ruppert	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	12.80
Ruthven Coop Oil Co	Fuels	2261.00
Shamrock Grinding, LLC	Permanent Landscaping	52.00
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	438.00
Spencer Office Supplies JCL So	Custodial Supplies	243.34
Swanson Hardware	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	235.73
VISA	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	365.00
Windstream	phone	491.14
Zacs Sale and Services	Minor MV Parts & Access	633.89

General Supplemental Fund

E.M.U.	utilities	94.51
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	61.66

Jail Special Revenue Fund

MEDIACOM LLC	Protection/Security Serv.	263.10

Rural Services Basic Fund

Tom Eischen Sales, Inc.	Equipment	3750.00
Hilltop Services & Repair	Equipment	283.50
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	96.00

KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Equipment	157.59
Northern Rolloff	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	1675.00
Pro Cooperative	Chemicals & Gases-Herb.	2284.60
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Equipment	2965.96
Shamrock Recycling, Inc	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	2520.87
Secondary Road Fund		
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	15.80
Amazon Capital Services	Engineering Services	358.37
Arnold Motor Supply ATT: Sue	Engineering Services	155.52
Ascentek, Inc	Engineering Services	5288.75
Seth Christensen	Engineering Services	250.00
Cintas	Engineering Services	82.16
Cole Family Parts Supply LLC N	Engineering Services	645.10
City of Cylinder	Engineering Services	55.00
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	9796.63
Fleet Pride Truck & Trailer	Engineering Services	523.18
Forge & Build	Engineering Services	85.30
City of Fort Dodge	Engineering Services	3712.50
Douglas Girres	Engineering Services	250.00
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	21.15
Housby Mack LLC	Engineering Services	4931.70
IA DOT	Engineering Services	840.00
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Engineering Services	197.98
Jack's OK Tire	Engineering Services	5288.05
K.C. Nielsen Ltd	Engineering Services	42.06
Austin Krause	Engineering Services	250.00
Lawson Products Inc	Engineering Services	96.13
BRYAN LONG	Engineering Services	250.00
Marriott	Engineering Services	622.72
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	257.26
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	Engineering Services	779.23
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Engineering Services	427.87
N & A Manufacturing Inc.	Engineering Services	159.10
New Century FS	Engineering Services	13734.75
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	Engineering Services	375.93
Palo Alto Co Auditor	Engineering Services	33.59
City of Ruthven	Engineering Services	3.45
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	79.95
Jake Treybal	Engineering Services	250.00
City of West Bend	Engineering Services	97.07
West Bend Red Power	Engineering Services	244.00
Justin Williams	Engineering Services	250.00
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	1778.60
Emergency Mgmnt Agency		
Creative Stitches	Parts	75.00
E911 Surcharge Fund		
AT&T Mobility	Engineering Services	74.73
Windstream	phone	80.44
WINDSTREAM IA Comm Inc	phone	161.51

Drainage Claims

Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD Jt 1 Main 141-IDALS	4890.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD Jt 22-IDALS	4781.25
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 61 Br B&B11-IDALS	4777.25
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 83 Main-IDALS	4798.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 923-IDALS	6856.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 95 Main-IDALS	6069.75
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	DD 175 Main-Publication	169.90

Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	DD 5 Lat 1-Publication	76.84	
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	DD 61 Main-Publication	169.90	
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	DD 62 Main-Publication		91.76
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	DD 80 Low-Publication		169.90
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	DD 84 Main-Publication		169.91
LEROY & SONS INC.	DD 923-IDALS		27185.07
KENT MALM	DD 175 Main-Inspection		100.00
Palo Alto County Treasurer	DD Jt 21 OTLT Main Lat 6		3621.70
Rouse Excavation&Construction	DD 175 Main-Repair		1862.40

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor