Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
September 1, 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; 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 Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for September 1, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the minutes for August 25, 2026. Motion Carried.

The Board held a public hearing on the Amended Ordinance Establishing Animal Control.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve Amended Ordinance No. 9-1-2026 Establishing Animal Control in Palo Alto County.
Ayes: Solberg, Wirtz, Graettinger, Merrill, Faulstick
Nays:None
Motion Carried.

The Ordinance was published as required before the public hearing. Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading of the Amened Ordinance Establishing Animal Control. Motion Carried.

Jonathan Moe Palo Alto Economic Development, met with the Board for an update and discussed the interim Economic Development activities. Kayla Hagen, EMA will serve as interim Palo Alto County Economic Development for a trial period of 3-6 months.

Committee Reports: Faulstick- RIDES; Graettinger- UDMO

Bert Naig was present for public comment to discuss shouldering.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson-Westergard, met with the Board for the bid letting on drainage district repairs and FEMA repairs. The following bids were received and bids will be awarded at the meeting on September 8th, 2026:

BIDDER NAME	Section 1 Bid total	Section 2 Bid total	Section 3 Bid total	Section 4 Bid total
Southeast Constructors, Inc	$43,996.60	$122,956.50	$144,970.00	$275,360.00
Reutzel Excavating	$34,019.05	$92,913.75	$100,753.50	$186,369.50
King Excavation	$38,413.15	$96,041.45	$107,048.25	$207,676.20
Larson Contracting	$34,142.13	$92,996.78	$100,278.23	$184,894.73
Diamond Concrete & Construction	$58,330.57	$148,249.40	$146,807.90	$318,193.29
Adam Laubenthal	$39,533.57	$101,588.87	$108,230.08	$237,627.68
Luft & Sons	$40,458.46	$104,270.80	$111,979.65	$210,634.44
LA Carlson Contracting	$49,291.00	$125,615.00	$134,414.00	$225,548.00

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman	Jordan Morey, Deputy Auditor