Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
September 29, 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; Jodi Jergens, Assessor.

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 29, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the minutes for September 22, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve $5,000 for the completion of septic grant to Darrell Titus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the septic grant application for Mitchell Hanson. Motion Carried.

Bruce Nelson and Kyle Caven, Emmetsburg School Board Members and Cory Jenness, Superintendent, met with the Board for an update on the school bond project and the proposed referendum for Emmetsburg School District to be on November 3, 2026, General Election.

Committee Reports: DD North 15 IDALS CREP Wetland.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. The Board discussed the Drainage District 62 road crossing project.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative In Section 24 of Lost Island Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve a utility permit for River Valley Telecommunications In Section 5 of Vernon Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve a utility permit for River Valley Telecommunications In Section 2 of Lost Island Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a utility permit for River Valley Telecommunications In Section 2 and 3 of Lost Island Township. Motion Carried.

Carmen Moser, Auditor, presented the Annual Urban Renewal Report for FY26.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the FY26 Annual Urban Renewal Report. Motion Carried.

John King, County Sheriff, met with the Board.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve hiring Shannon Iverson as full-time jailer at $25.59 per hour effective September 29, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to go into Closed Session at 9:16 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) (i) for hiring an Information Technology Director. Ayes: Faulstick, Merrill, Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg. Motion Carried.

The Board exited closed session at 9:44 a.m.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve a starting offer of $75,000 for the full-time IT Position with benefit package of approximately $20,000 with a 6-month review. Motion Carried. Nays: Wirtz.

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor