Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
September 8, 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;

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 Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the agenda for September 8, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the minutes for September 1, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Writz to approve the Veteran Affair's monthly report ending August 31, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the Recorder's monthly report ending August 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve Change Order No. 2 for $3,629.50 and pay estimate no. 3 for $52,020.62 to LeRoy & Son's Inc. for the Marcellus wetland project on Drainage District No. 923. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: none.
No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. The Board discussed private tile road crossing with Walter. Walter will draft a policy and present it to the Board. Keith recommended that the shouldering machine needs to be used because it is efficient and the best way to do the shouldering.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the purchase of backhoe for $155,900 from Titan Machinery. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the purchase of a 2024 wheeled excavator for $260,000 from Murphy Tractor Equipment. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to introduce and approve Resolution No. 09-08-2026.

RESOLUTION # 09-08-2026
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT OF CURRENT COUNTY BUDGET
2026/2027

The Board of Supervisors met this date for the purpose of amending the current FY27 County Budget. No objectors were present therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PALO ALTO COUNTY TO adopt the amended budget as published and change the following appropriations as listed:

Department Number	Department Title	Appropriation Prior to Resolution	Appropriation Adjustment Per Resolution	Final Appropriation Per Resolution
20	County Engineer	$9,492,593	$275,000	$9,767,593
22	Conservation Board	$837,813	$320,000	$1,157,813
52	Data Processing	$159,850	$234,047	$393,897
73	IRVM- Rural Services	$186,573	$3,600	$190,173
99	Nondepartmental	$4,528,733	$52,172	$4,580,905

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2026 by the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors, with the vote thereon being as follows:
Ayes: Wirtz, Graettinger, Merrill, Faulstick, Solberg.
Nays: none.
Resolution Carried.
/s/Linus Solberg, Chairman /s/Carmen Moser, Auditor

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the low bid to Reutzel Excavating for Sections 1 & 2 for $126,932.80 and Larson Contracting for Sections 3 &4 for $285,172.96 for drainage district repairs and FEMA repairs. Motion carried.

Motion by Kyle Smith, Pocahontas County, 2nd by Craig Merrill, Palo Alto County to approve contract with Reutzel Excavating for FEMA repairs and non-FEMA repairs on Jt 63 Main Open Ditch and to authorize Linus Solberg, Chair, to sign the Notice of Award. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve Change Order No. 1 for $1,509.94 and Pay Estimate #2 for $296,633.87 to B & B Farm Drainage on Drainage District No. 69. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed a letter prepared by Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, regarding the Fehr/Wirtz voluntary annexation to Drainage District No. 61 Main Open Ditch.
Present: Chuck Wirtz, Melvin Fehr. On conference call: Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk.
Fehr and Wirtz requested annexation of approximately 66 acres into Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch.
Jon reviewed the voluntary annexation and presented a letter for recommendations with assessment additions and changes to the Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch assessment schedule.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the voluntary annexation for the Fehr Property in Kossuth County and to adjust the acres/assessment for the Wirtz property in Palo Alto County to Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch per the engineer recommendation as shown below. Motion Carried.

Kossuth Co. Deedholder(s)	Parcel Number	S-T-R	Legal Description	Benefited Area (ac)		Assessment ($)
Fehr, Melvin	2119300001	19-95-30	NW SW	31.5	X $34.29 =	1,080.14
Fehr, Melvin	2119300002	19-95-30	NE SW	N/A	X $34.29 =	N/A
Fehr, Melvin	2119300005	19-95-30	SW SW EX PART OF TR	34.5	X $34.29 =	1,183.00
Fehr, Melvin	2119300006	19-95-30	SE SW EX PART OF TR	N/A	X $34.29 =	N/A
Fehr, Benson	2119300007	19-95-30	TR LOC IN S1/2 SW	N/A	X $34.29 =	N/A

Wirtz--Parcel No. 150024004040 – SE SE Section 24-95-31					
2022 Approved Assessment			Recommended Revised Assessment		
Ben Acres	Class (%)	Assess ($)	Ben Acres	Class (%)	Assess ($)
13.7	15.4	671.19	37.07	33.7	1,470.49

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the county claims and drainage claims for September 8, 2026. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	467.00
Black Knight Drones LLC	Agricultural & Horticult.	1000.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	Flood & Eros.Contr.Struct	27233.25
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Custodial Supplies	310.00
Clay County Sheriff	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	88.20
Copper Cottage	System Building&Sustainab	275.00
Stephanie J. Early	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	653.00
Elderbridge Agency on Aging	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	4286.50
Emmet Co Public Health	Employee Mileage & Meals	4202.68
Emmetsburg Ford	Tires & Tubes	1322.50
Emmetsburg Publishing Co.	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	59.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS AND SUPPLIES	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	40.55
Graettinger Times	Official Pub & Legal Noti	1131.19
Amanda Hansen	Employee Mileage & Meals	48.40
Harris Sanitation	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	1152.00
Josh Harris	Engineering Services	700.00
IA Comm Pool Administrators Io	Consultants	1728.30
IA County Attorneys Case Mgt	Education/Training/Hotel	250.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Water & Sewer	473.90
IMWCA	Workmens' Comp Insurance	3679.90
Robin Jamison	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	30.00
K & W Electric, Inc.	Buildings	10381.36
Michael King	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	1250.00
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	229.99
Craig Merrill	Employee Mileage & Meals	640.73
MIDWEST FENCE & GATE, INC	Other	11955.00
Midwest Technology Service	Telecommunications Serv.-	615.95
Duane Myer	Engineering Services	539.93
North Iowa Reporting	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	486.75
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	249.90
Ascensus	Misc Expense	1100.00
Palo Alto Co Emergency Mgmt	Misc Expense	1200.00
Palo Alto Co Fair Assn	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	2989.39
Palo Alto Co Sheriff	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	664.60
Palo Alto County Public Health	Other	80000.00
Palo Alto Gun Club	Dues & Memberships	100.00
Professional Office Services	Postage & Mailing	444.52
Regional Trans.Authority	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	4000.00
RELX Inc. DBA LexisNexis	Legal Research Service	219.00
Theresa A. Ritland, CSR TR Cou	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	497.25
River Valley Telecommunication	Buildings	820.90
Ruthven Zipcode	Official Pub & Legal Noti	366.23
Patty Schany	Engineering Services	5000.00
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	228.00
Spray Seal, Inc	Buildings	30710.00
Swanson Hardware	Buildings	147.07
Upper Des Moines Opp.Inc.	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	11000.00
VISA	Fuels	3724.55

West Bend Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	116.17
West Bend Journal	Official Pub & Legal Noti	299.87
Willow Tree	Buildings	100.98
Windstream	phone	833.84
Coty Zimmerman	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	385.00
General Supplemental Fund		
IA Secretary of State	Data Processing Services	1126.65
NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EMERGEN	Dues & Memberships	7376.72
Rural Services Basic Fund		
Emmetsburg Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	2430.31
Galens Pro-Mow	Equipment	29.28
Graettinger Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	1032.88
IMWCA	Workmens' Comp Insurance	6834.10
KRISTAT AUTO PARTS LLC	Equipment	157.59
Mallard Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	850.61
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	95.90
Rouse Tire and Repair, LLC	Equipment	418.00
Ruthven Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	850.61
Swanson Hardware	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	575.98
West Bend Library	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	911.37
Whittemore Truck & Trailer	Equipment	2537.70
Co.Attorney Collections Fund		
Amazon Capital Services	Misc Expense	29.41
VISA	Misc Expense	46.26
Secondary Road Fund		
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	180.08
Amazon Capital Services	Engineering Services	190.88
Carroll Construction Supply Ac	Engineering Services	1386.67
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Engineering Services	492.00
Cintas	Engineering Services	41.08
Cole Family Parts Supply LLC N	Engineering Services	1339.62
Crysteel Truck Equipment Inc	Engineering Services	205.00
Emmet County Engineer	Engineering Services	9961.47
Emmetsburg Ford	Engineering Services	1460.41
Graettinger Hardware	Engineering Services	19.30
Harris Sanitation	Engineering Services	80.00
Christopher Hurlburt	Engineering Services	464.75
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Engineering Services	104.15
Luft & Son Inc	Engineering Services	13000.00
MacQueen Equipment	Engineering Services	6166.59
MEDIACOM LLC	Engineering Services	49.28
Menards	Engineering Services	311.97
MSC	Engineering Services	931.16
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	Engineering Services	516.88
New Century FS	Engineering Services	23478.73
Northern Safety Co., Inc.	Engineering Services	61.50
Picrays Welding & Fab.	Engineering Services	471.28
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Engineering Services	322.80
Rouse Tire and Repair, LLC	Engineering Services	35.00
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	180.41
Titan Brands	Engineering Services	331.94
Titan Machinery	Engineering Services	409.84
TMobile	Engineering Services	850.14
Truck Center Companies	Engineering Services	760.00
Visual Edge IT Veit LLC	Engineering Services	633.77
West Bend Red Power	Engineering Services	753.60
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	14.35

Res Enhance & Protection

Black Knight Drones LLC	Park Maintenance & Suppli	3438.00

E911 Surcharge Fund

Alpha Wireless Communications	Equipment	570.98
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	158.99
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	158.99
River Valley Telecommunication	Engineering Services	701.77
Swanson Hardware	Addressing (Signs)	4.16
Windstream	phone	298.38

Drainage Claims

AgriVia PLLC	DD	61 Lat A-Eng Exp	12670.00
AgriVia PLLC	DD	61 Lat A4-Eng Exp	850.00
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	106 Main-24 FEMA Exp	19.44
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	132 Main-24 FEMA Exp	114.27
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	175 Main- 24 FEMA Exp	567.05
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	18 Main-24 FEMA Exp	55.88
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	180 Main- 24 FEMA Exp	330.81
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	21W Lat 1- 24 FEMA Exp	58.76
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	23 Main- 24 FEMA Exp	59.01
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	5 Lat 1-Eng Exp	757.05
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	61 Main- 24 FEMA Exp	1016.74
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	62 Main-24 FEMA Exp	24.63
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	62-Eng Exp	684.30
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	69-Eng Exp	2755.55
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	7 Main-24 FEMA Exp	69.39
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	80 Br F- Eng Exp	33.50
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	80 Br F- 24 FEMA Exp	23.84
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	80 Low- Eng Exp	440.20
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	80 Low- 24 FEMA Exp	123.66
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	80 Up Main-24 FEMA Exp	74.68
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	84 Main-24 FEMA Exp	353.66
Jacobson-Westergard&Assoc,Inc.	DD	923 Main-FEMA Exp	166.64
KENT MALM	DD	48 Main-Inspect	60.00

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor