Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
October 20, 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; Aletha King, Zoning; Jim & Sharon Neighbors, Mike Wirtz, Julie Goebel. Present on conference call: Dean Gunderson.

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 October 20, 2026, with addition of septic grants. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve the minutes for October 13, 2026. Motion Carried.

Chad Quick, City of Altoona Economic Development Director, met with the Board by conference call. The Board had questions regarding planning & zoning of data centers. Chad explained the data centers located in the City of Altoona. All companies build data centers differently and can be cooled by water or electricity. Chad recommended reading University of Iowa data centers informational tools and to include definitions in an ordinance.

No committee Reports.

Sharon Neighbors was present for public comment and stated she was contacted by a reporter from the New York Times regarding the cancer rates in Iowa.

Julie Goebel was present for public comment and requested that the Board of Supervisors intervene in Phase 2 of the docket with the IUC regarding Summit Carbon pipeline. Julie presented a map of the Exhibit H parcels that are on Phase 2. Anne Quail, County Attorney, will gather information to intervene for next week's meeting.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve pay estimate no. 3 to B&B Farm Drainage for $120,933.90 for Drainage District 69 improvement project. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to appoint Collin Klingbeil, Engineer, and Bill Brown and Allen Stangl as reclassification commissioners for Drainage District No. 69. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to appoint Collin Klingbeil, Engineer, and Bill Brown and Nick Leuer as reclassification commissioners for Drainage District No. 62. Abstain: Merrill. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve $4,403.25 for completion of septic grant to Gerald Myers. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a septic grant application for Thad & Billie Jo Louwagie. Motion Carried.

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor