Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
October 27, 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; Aletha King, Zoning. Kirby Sampson;

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 October 27, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the minutes for October 20, 2026. Motion Carried.

John King, Sheriff, met with the Board to hire a part-time jailer.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Graettinger to approve hiring Autumn Hughes as part-time jailer at $25.59 per hour effective October 28, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to introduce and approve Resolution No. 10-27-2026 for Appropriation Changes for FY26/27.

RESOLUTION No. 10-27-2026
APPROPRIATION CHANGES
FY 26/27

WHEREAS, Section 331.434 (6) Code of Iowa, authorizes the Board of Supervisors to transfer appropriated monies within a service area, without amending the budget;

WHEREAS, such a transfer is necessary to correct current budget expenditure within certain departments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors to authorize the appropriation transfers within the same service area as follows:

SECTION I: The total sum of $18,000 is ordered transferred from the Sheriff Department budget decreasing the appropriations in the dollar amounts and Department in the General Basic Fund, Service Area 1 as follows:

$18,000 Sheriff Department
(Dept. 05 From $107,000 to $89,000)
Line Item: 01000-01000-635-05

SECTION 2: The total sum of $18,000 as detailed above is ordered transferred to the JAIL Department budget, increasing the appropriations in the dollar amounts and Department in the General Basic Fund, Service Area 1 as follows:

$18,000 Jail Department
(Dept 29 from $12,000 to $30,000)
Line Item: 01000-01050-304-29

Adopted this 27th, day of October 2026, by the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors, with the vote thereon being as follows:
Ayes: Wirtz, Graettinger, Solberg, Merrill, Faulstick
Nays: None
Resolution Carried.
/s/Linus Solberg, Chair
Attest: /s/Carmen Moser, Auditor

Committee Reports: Roger—DD 69 Update; Ron—fair board meeting; Craig—economic development.

Kirby Sampson was present for public comment regarding data centers and informed the Board that they do not have to agree with data center companies, but they should have a conversation with the data center companies. Kirby suggested that the supervisors should sell county property to put a data center on. Solberg informed Kirby of the upcoming November 17 meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Shores for information regarding data centers.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a contract for temporary traffic signals. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve 28E Agreement for sharing temporary traffic signals with Pocahontas County. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to approve a pre-construction agreement NHSX-018-3(122)--3H-74, Hwy 18 Side Road Paving 510th Ave. Motion Carried.

Tracy Feathers, Family Crisis Center, met with the Board for the annual update and FY28 budget request. Tracy requested $4,500, the same as last year.

Julie Goebel, landowner, met with the Board by conference call for an update on the CO2 pipeline project and to discuss a petition to intervene in Summit's Phase 2 docket so the county and the people have a local voice at the hearing. Present on conference call: Joan Mersch.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to cancel the Board meeting for November 3, 2026, for the General Election. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the county claims and drainage claims for October 27, 2026. Motion Carried.

General Basic Fund

Amazon Capital Services	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	539.24
Bauer Plumbing & Heating Inc.	Custodial Supplies	5699.70
Black Hawk County Treasurer	Medical & Health Services	50.00
Bomgaars	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	70.38
Canon	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	245.64
Central Iowa Distributing Inc	Custodial Supplies	574.00
Cole Family Parts Supply LLC N	Minor MV Parts & Access	166.62
Discovery House	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	2000.00
Gregory Egland	Engineering Services	5000.00
Georgia Elbert	Engineering Services	593.64
Emmet Co Public Health	Postage & Mailing	95.28
E.M.U.	utilities	1150.21
Emmetsburg Veterinary Clinic	Conservation Board	360.00
Fareway	Custodial Supplies	65.89
Forge & Build	Park Maintenance & Suppli	104.20
Brittney Frericks	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	294.15
GALLS, LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	1177.60
Graettinger Times	Board Proceedings	953.75
Hughes, Brennan & Wirtz Inc	Real Property Insurance	192468.00
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	1554.00
Iowa Lakes Regional Water	Water & Sewer	6.75
Robin Jamison	Employee Mileage & Meals	199.36
Law Enforcement Targets	Safety Items	339.37
Loffler Companies - 131511	Photocopy & Dup. Serv.	99.53
Malloy Reporting Service	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	250.70

MART C/O Emmet County Sheriff	Contract Carriers	2100.00
MEDIACOM LLC	Telecommunications Serv.-	256.94
MidAmerican Energy	electricity	13.52
NACO Nat'l Assoc of Counties	Dues & Memberships	450.00
Northwest Communications	Telecommunications Serv.-	249.90
Palo Alto Co Health System	Acute & Emergency Treat.	7451.65
Parallel Ag	Minor MV Parts & Access	177.41
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	Postage & Mailing	91.29
POCAHONTAS CO SHERIFF	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	46.64
Professional Office Services	Postage & Mailing	438.41
Anne J. Quail	Employee Mileage & Meals	195.60
RESERVE ACCOUNT	Postage & Mailing	1000.00
Deb Rouse	Wages-Temp, Pt. Time Empl	125.00
Eileen Rouse Estate	Engineering Services	700.00
Eugene Ruppert	Engineering Services	700.00
Susan Ruppert	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	121.88
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	2195.47
Spencer Office Supplies JCL So	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	214.81
City of Spencer	Other	376.48
Stanard & Associates, Inc.	Education/Training/Hotel	152.50
Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	97.10
Swanson Hardware	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	499.59
Darrel Titus	Engineering Services	5000.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA INDIGE	Legal/Ct-Related Ser/Tran	3432.00
VISA	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	2500.24
Visual Edge IT Veit LLC	Equipment	804.63
West Bend Ford	Minor MV Parts & Access	102.72
Windstream	phone	429.97
General Supplemental Fund		
E.M.U.	utilities	95.39
Jail Special Revenue Fund		
MEDIACOM LLC	Protection/Security Serv.	263.10
Rural Services Basic Fund		
Cole Family Parts Supply LLC N	Equipment	65.85
Emmetsburg Ford	Motor Vehicle Equipment	112.62
Hughes, Brennan & Wirtz Inc	Equipment Insurance	3691.00
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Electric Light & Power	199.00
Northern Rolloff	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	1200.00
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Fuels	774.69
Rise Overhead Door	Buildings	372.30
Rooney's Auto & Custom Exhaust	Equipment	199.27
Shamrock Recycling, Inc	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	2340.18
Weights & Measures Bureau	Misc Expense	46.50
Secondary Road Fund		
Alliant Energy	Engineering Services	191.54
Amazon Capital Services	Engineering Services	1653.04
Ascentek, Inc	Engineering Services	4149.00
B & B FARM DRAINAGE INC	Engineering Services	17685.00
Bomgaars	Engineering Services	813.37
Cemstone Bin # 131462	Engineering Services	1280.00
Cintas	Engineering Services	127.11
Cole Family Parts Supply LLC N	Engineering Services	1370.30
E.M.U.	Engineering Services	236.96
Fank Farms Nick Fank	Engineering Services	457.00
Fort Dodge Public Works	Engineering Services	2227.50
Melissa Hall	Engineering Services	187.20
Hughes, Brennan & Wirtz Inc	Engineering Services	159745.00

Christopher Hurlburt	Engineering Services	55.00
IA Comm Pool Administrators Io	Engineering Services	868.00
IA Lakes Electric Coop	Engineering Services	8.00
Jamison Shop Equipment, Inc	Engineering Services	4600.00
City of Mallard	Engineering Services	110.08
MEDIACOM LLC	Engineering Services	59.24
MidAmerican Energy	Engineering Services	102.86
Midstates Equipment	Engineering Services	2956.33
MSC	Engineering Services	783.83
New Century FS	Engineering Services	37951.41
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	Engineering Services	1103.91
Picrays Welding & Fab.	Engineering Services	340.12
Rouse Tire and Repair, LLC	Engineering Services	264.00
City of Ruthven	Engineering Services	80.70
Sir Lines-A-Lot	Engineering Services	78027.55
Swanson Hardware	Engineering Services	171.33
Titan Brands	Engineering Services	2529.28
Titan Machinery	Engineering Services	1112.56
City of West Bend	Engineering Services	105.21
West Bend Journal	Engineering Services	83.40
Ziegler Inc	Engineering Services	611.37
Emergency Mgmnt Agency		
Kayla Hagen	Education/Training/Hotel	489.27
Palo Alto Co Sec Road	Parts	146.46
Sportsman's Corner	Parts	85.95
E911 Surcharge Fund		
Ayrshire Farmers Mut Telephone	Engineering Services	158.99
Century Link	Engineering Services	67.90
Northwest Communications	Engineering Services	158.99
Solutions Inc, Harris Local Go	services	407.66
WahlTek Mailing Center	Miscellaneous Repair	4500.00
WINDSTREAM IA Comm Inc	phone	161.51

Drainage Claims

B & B FARM DRAINAGE INC	DD 69-Improvement Pay#3	120933.90
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD Jt 1 Main 141-IDALS	1620.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD Jt 22-IDALS	1318.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 61 Br B&B11-IDALS	1222.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 83 Main-IDALS	2695.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD 95 Main-IDALS	7404.00

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor