Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
October 6, 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; Amanda Hansen, 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 Faulstick, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the agenda for October 6, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the minutes for September 29, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the Veteran Affair's monthly report and the quarterly report ending September 30, 2026. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve the Recorder's monthly report ending September 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Aletha King, Zoning, met with the Board. Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the master matrix for Hoppe Properties II, LLC, in Section 29 of Great Oak Township. Motion Carried.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to approve hiring Tom Shemon as the full-time IT Director with starting salary of $80,000 per year effective November 5, 2026. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Keith—safety/wellness; Craig—economic development.

No one was present for public comment.

Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the Board. Walter presented partial acquisition contracts for bridge projections.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the partial acquisition contract with Ronald Girres for in Section 12 of West Bend Township for $149.84 for temporary easement. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve the partial acquisition contract with David Girres in Section 11 of West Bend Township for $148.40 for temporary easement. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve the partial acquisition contract with Ronald Girres in Section 2 of West Bend Township for $149.36 for temporary easement. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Merrill to approve the partial acquisition contract with Martin Zaugg in Section 8 of West Bend Township for $1,535.71 for permanent easement. Motion Carried.

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Dave Walters, HBW Insurance, met with the Board to review the ICAP Insurance renewal. Property insurance renewal will not increase for FY27.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Merrill to increase the property deductible to $5,000 for FY27. Ayes: Merrill, Faulstick, Solberg. Nays: Graettinger, Wirtz. Motion Carried.

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

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Linus Solberg, Chairman Carmen Moser, Auditor