

Unapproved

Joint Meeting Minutes between the Emmet County Board of Supervisors and Palo Alto Board of Supervisors

January 27, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Emmet County-Present: Lisa Hansen, Tim Schumacher, John Pluth, Todd Glasnapp, Jeff Quastad. Heidi Goebel-County Auditor

Palo Alto-Present: Ronald Graettinger, Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Craig Merrill. Absent: Roger Faulstick. Carmen Moser, County Auditor

Walter Davis-Oeth, Joint County Engineer. Media: Mike Tidemann, Diane Weiland

Linus Solberg called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Motion by Merrill, second by Pluth to appoint Lisa Hansen as Chair and Heidi Goebel as Clerk of the joint meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Graettinger, second by Schumacher to approve the minutes from last year's meeting held of February 11, 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hansen opened the meeting for discussion.

Joint discussion held on:

- County weed commissioner duties and source of services.
- Shared services between counties: already sharing county engineer and environmental health technician. Planning and zoning may be an option for future sharing. Emmet County has contracted planning and zoning. Palo Alto has a part time hourly planning and zoning, 20 hours, FY27 will be \$24 hourly.
- Discussion on Early Childhood by Hansen and Wirtz about Early Childhood districts.
- Palo Alto will send Emmet a copy of the Palo Alto Solar Ordinance.
- Emmet County brought Palo Alto up to date on the status of the Amendment to the Wind Energy Ordinance between Board of Supervisors and Planning & Zoning.
- Emmet let Palo Alto know that they signed a settlement agreement with Red Rock, LLC / Invenenergy.
- Walter suggested updating the 28E Agreement between Palo Alto and Emmet about his shared position.
- Central Iowa Detention-Palo Alto left Central Iowa Detention. Palo Alto uses the YES Center in Cherokee. Palo Alto had the YES Center present to them about their

services. Emmet County was removed from Central Iowa Detention due to a 28 E Agreement lawsuit from another county.

- Hazmat Meeting in Mason City-possible sharing of EMA with other counties was discussed at the Hazmat meeting by Hancock County.
- Economic Development: EMMET: Estherville Area Partnership of Growth (Emmet FY26 \$20,000) and Iowa Great Lakes Corridor (Emmet FY26 \$35,000); Palo Alto is with their local economic group (Palo Alto FY26 \$100,000).
- Palo Alto supervisors do not get paid weekly meeting mileage
- Public Health: Palo Alto Public Health through Palo Alto County Hospital. Their county contributes \$160,000.
- Protect recorder's books-Palo Alto scanned a lot of recorders' books, auditor transfer books. Set aside money over three years to do it.
- County Attorney-Palo Alto salaried part-time. Asst. county attorney is full-time minimum 30 hours.
- Palo Alto did 3% on fiscal year raises; some positions a little more. No comp board.

Ron Graettinger left meeting 11:40 a.m.

Motion by Quastad, second Wirtz by to adjourn the joint meeting at 11:44 a.m. All ayes.
Motion carried.