

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
FORTY-FIFTH MEETING, 2023 SESSION (45)  
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: None.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, and Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve today's **agenda**. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report:** They have been cutting trees and brush, working on cross pipe ends, tile repairs, and mowing; Engineer Wilkinson is looking into getting a salt/sand shed at Sioux Rapids; Wilkinson stated that Alex DeRoos started yesterday, and so they are back to 30 in the department; Wilkinson is still working on obtaining the last signature for the phase 1 of the paving project by Platinum Crush; the 19 miles of discharge pipe for Platinum Crush is still going. There are five crews working on installing the discharge pipe. Wilkinson stated that Platinum Crush has an update meeting every two weeks, and so there will be an update next Tuesday; Wilkinson informed the Board that they are still waiting on the railings for the bridge in Linn Grove, he is hoping it arrives in two weeks. The seeding and erosion control has been placed around the Linn Grove bridge construction area.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 11/8/2023, as presented, and accept the following **reports**: July & August VA Commissioner Meeting minutes, October Conservation Board minutes, and the August Rolling Hills Community Services Region Governance Board Meeting minutes. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #320767 dated 6/6/2023 to Dr. Garrett Feddersen for \$300.00, as the check has been lost. Carried.

Chairman Snyder asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response.

Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the supervisors to all sign **Resolution #2023-11-14-A** Operation Green Light. Carried.

**Resolution #2023-11-14-A  
Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Buena Vista County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Buena Vista County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

**WHEREAS**, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states

to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

**WHEREAS**, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buena Vista County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Buena Vista County hereby declares from November 1 through Veterans Day, November 11, 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; therefore, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Buena Vista County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6th through the 12th, 2023.

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Kelly Snyder, Chair; /s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Vice-Chair; /s/ Kathy Croker, Supervisor; /s/ Paul Merten, Supervisor; /s/ Dan Hartman, Supervisor

Env Health/Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg requested that the Board allow him to obtain a credit card for his department, to be used when they are attending meetings and need to stay overnight, along with their meals. Mueggenberg stated that both of his new employees will be attending training in Des Moines, and he would rather not have them charge their rooms and meals on their personal credit cards. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve Environmental Health & Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg to obtain a **credit card** for his department, with a limit of \$1,500. Carried.

Payroll Specialist Yvonne Sandhoff informed the Board that when they switch from EBS to Auxiant, there is a run out of 3-months on claims that were incurred during the previous year. Sandhoff has a form to complete for EBS telling them how the county wants to manage the carryover of claims through December. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to go with a 3-month carryover of **claims for EBS**. Carried.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen was present for the canvass of the City/School Election. Ahrendsen stated that there was a 13.26% turnout for this election. Ahrendsen stated that the new voting equipment worked well, but there were a few issues with Precinct Atlas, the E-Pollbook used to check in voters. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to declare the results of the **canvass** of the 2023 Regular City-School Election held November 7, as follows:

City of Albert City:

MAYOR (2 YR)

Dale Skog 50 elected  
Scattering

COUNCIL MEMBERS (3 - 4 YR.)

James J. Nagengast 49 elected  
Norman Hanson 47 elected  
Christy Ehlers 46 elected  
Scattering 3

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City of Alta -

MAYOR (2 YR)

Kevin Walsh 245 elected  
Scattering 10

COUNCIL MEMBERS (3 - 4 YR)

Bruce McGowan 210 elected  
Lee Meyer 196 elected  
Pam Henderson 159 elected  
Tom Lane 124  
Scattering 20

PARK BOARD (1 – 6 YR)

Lori Anderson 188 elected  
Reagan Launderville 23  
Scattering 24

PARK BOARD TO FILL A VACANCY (1 – 4 YR)

Reagan Launderville 27 elected  
Laurie Millard 12  
Peg Hinkeldey 12  
Scattering 12

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City of Lakeside -

MAYOR (2 YR)

Troy Mayland 38 elected

COUNCIL MEMBERS (2 - 4 YR)

Douglas White 34 elected  
Jared Eggers 36 elected  
Scattering 1

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City of Linn Grove -

MAYOR (2 YR)

Aaron Anderson 45 elected  
Scattering 6

COUNCIL MEMBERS (5 – 2)

Denny Graesing 33 elected  
Jud Graesing 34 elected  
Wade Withers 28 elected  
Steven Jessen 40 elected  
Eugene Johnson 40 elected  
Kevin Weier 22  
Bobby White 21  
Scattering 30

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City of Marathon -

MAYOR (2 YR)

Jayme Burgess 27 elected  
Scattering 17

COUNCIL MEMBERS (3 - 4 YR)

Dustin Klatt 32 elected  
Larry Robinson 27 elected  
Cassandra Yartz 28 elected  
Jon Carlson 22  
Scott Simpson 24  
Scattering 2

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City of Newell -

MAYOR TO FILL VACANCY (2 YR)

Wayne Westergaard 124 elected  
Brian E. Purhmann 67  
Scattering 1

COUNCIL MEMBERS (2 - 4 YR)

Dennis Zeigler 90 elected  
William Henrich, Jr. 124 elected  
Stanley C. Henrich 58  
Larry Nielsen 85  
Scattering 3

COUNCIL MEMBER TO FILL A VACANCY (1-2 YR)

Anastasia Johnson 151 elected  
Scattering 21

City of Rembrandt -  
MAYOR (4 YR)

Doyle Engebretson 19 elected

COUNCIL MEMBERS (2 - 4 YR)

Edward Witt 17 elected  
Brent Smith 15 elected  
Scattering 1

City of Sioux Rapids -

COUNCIL MEMBERS (3 - 4 YR)

Todd Reiling 120 elected  
Michael Gunderson 114 elected  
Lacy Garberding 114 elected  
Jennifer Prior 86  
Scattering 7

City of Storm Lake -

COUNCIL MEMBERS (3 - 4 YR)

Margaret J. McKeon 312 elected  
Kevin E. McKinney 378 elected  
Maria Clarivel Ramos 345 elected  
Tyson Rice 227  
Scattering 7

City of Truesdale -

MAYOR (2 YR)

Mike Paulsen 7 elected

COUNCIL MEMBERS (5 - 2 YR)

Kevin King 5 elected  
Connie Lewis 5 elected  
Darla R. Weiland 6 elected  
Needra Ripke 7 elected  
Chris Barrickman 1 elected

***All school results will not be final until November 20<sup>th</sup>, after the second-tier canvas-***

Albert City-Truesdale School District:

For School Board Director - elect 2

Jake Heuton 79  
Luke Peterson 77  
Scattering 3

Alta- Aurelia Community School District:

For School Board Director - elect 3

Nicole Weathers 92  
Jennifer Kaskey 147  
Paul Nahnsen 119  
Curtis Caboth 207  
Katie Meyer 207  
Jodie Theisen 131  
Scattering 6

Galva Holstein School District:

For School Board Director, At-Large - elect 1

Tara Ruble 0

For School Board Director, District 3 - elect 1  
 Grant Aschinger 0  
 Jeff Witzke 0  
 For School Board Director, District 4 - elect 1  
 Beth Schossow 0

Laurens/Marathon School District:  
 For School Board Director - elect 3  
 Collin L. Lind 40  
 Jason Gustafson 30  
 Matthew Hertz 18  
 Dylan Leuer 29

Newell-Fonda School District:  
 For School Board Director, District 1 - elect 2  
 Gary Morenz 155  
 Robyn Hogrefe 150  
 Pat Brabec 68  
 Scattering 3  
 For School Board Director, District 2 - elect 1  
 Cory Walker 185

Schaller Crestland School District:  
 For School Board Director, At-Large - elect 1  
 Blake Woodke 3  
 For School Board Director, District 1 - elect 1  
 Kory Blum 2  
 For School Board Director, District 2 – elect 1  
 Cory Tiefenthaler 3

For Public Measure SS – (G.O Bond not to exceed \$15,750,000)  
 Yes 3  
 No 0

For Public Measure ST – (Levy a tax exceeding \$2.70/thousand but not exceeding \$4.05/thousand of the assessed value of the taxable property within said school corporation to pay principal and interest on bonded indebtedness of said school corporation)  
 Yes 3  
 No 0

Sioux Central School District:  
 For School Board Director, District 1 - elect 1  
 Michelle Patten 288  
 Scattering 5  
 For School Board Director, District 4 – elect 1  
 Amanda Waldstein 165  
 Kale D. Glover 163  
 Scattering 2  
 For School Board Director, District 5 - elect 1  
 Jennifer Thompsen 23  
 Scattering 22

For Public Measure CI – (PPEL)  
 Yes 264  
 No 63

Storm Lake School District:

For School Board Director - elect 3

David Skibsted 450

Melea Raveling 457

Emilia Marroquin 419

Scattering 4 Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. until Monday, November 20 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier canvass of the school portion of the City/School Election.