

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIRST MEETING, 2024 SESSION (1)
JANUARY 2, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met for the first meeting of the 2024 session on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Snyder presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten and Ringgenberg, and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen as clerk for the meeting.

Prior to the start of today's meeting, Supervisors Merten and Hartman completed the **count of cash in the Treasurer's** office.

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 Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve today's agenda as printed. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of the 12/19/2023 meeting as corrected and to adjourn the **2023 session**. Carried.

The first order of business for the 2024 session was the election of the Chairperson of the Board and Vice-chairperson. Chairperson Snyder called for nominations for **Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors**. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to nominate Rhonda Ringgenberg as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. Motion by Hartman, second by Merten to cease nominations. Carried. Ringgenberg was then elected Chairperson of the Board by the following vote. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, and Snyder. Nays: None. Abstention: Ringgenberg. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg to nominate Merten as Vice Chairperson. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder to cease nominations. Carried. Merten was elected as Vice Chairperson by the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, and Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: Merten.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, that **Robert's Rule of Order Revised** (2011) shall govern the proceedings of the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, including the use of a second for all motions. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Wilkinson started by reporting that we received well over 1.5 inches of rain at Christmas. Work continues as normal. They are working on equipment, buildings and cutting brush as the ditches are not full of snow. They have finished hauling limestone as the query shutdown but will finish hauling gravel to build up stockpiles. The handrail is installed in Linn Grove all but one post that cannot be located. It is unfortunately a structural post so the sidewalk continues to be closed until that can be installed. They continue to work on design and plans for the Platinum Crush project. Croker did question the traffic flow with current plans. Ringgenberg requested Wilkinson to bring some drawn designs next time as she is having trouble envisioning it.

Depository Resolutions 2024-01-02-A

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, that the updated Depository Banks by the Treasurer, Recorder, & Sheriff will be used during 2024 in the amounts stated below, and, that the appropriate elected official be and is hereby authorized to deposit the designated office funds in amounts, not to exceed in the aggregate, named for said bank:

Treasurer:	Citizen's First National Bank, Storm Lake	\$1,500,000.00
	Central Bank, Storm Lake	\$2,500,000.00
	Security Trust & Savings Bank, Storm Lake	\$36,000,000.00
Recorder:	Security Trust & Savings Bank, Storm Lake	\$100,000.00
Sheriff:	Central Bank, Storm Lake	\$250,000.00
	Citizen's First National Bank, Storm Lake	\$50,000.00
Attorney:	Central Bank, Storm Lake	600.00

and, that the 2024 Federal Depository Bank shall be Security Trust and Savings Bank, Storm Lake, with the payroll deposits to be made by wire transfer.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors..... /s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Haberman presented the current county investment policy but did tell the Board that after County Attorney Paul Allen reviewed it that the amounts listed for bond do not match our blanket bond. After discussion on finding out more information on this. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to table **the investment policy** as presented by Treasurer Haberman. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to **abate taxes** on 1977 Homette mobile home (parcel #03560264K) for \$75. Carried.

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

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve today's **claims approval list**, and accept the following **reports**: 911 meeting minutes, Yes Center meeting minutes, Emergency Management meeting minutes, CIJDC minutes. Carried

Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of Robert D. Jensen Jr.in NENW of 26-91-37. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-01-02-C**. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-01-02-C

WHEREAS Robert D. Jensen Jr. has presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

DESCRIPTION LOT C

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NE 1/4 NW 1/4) OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Northeast Corner (NE) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 26; Thence North 90° 00' 00" West, along the North line of said Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4), 538.00 feet to the Northwest (NW) corner of Lot B in said Section 26, being also the Point of Beginning; Thence continuing North 90° 00' 00" West, along said North line, 393.27 feet; Thence South 00° 13' 53" East, 345.82 feet; Thence South 90° 00' 00" East, 701.64 feet to the western line of said Lot B; Thence along said western line the following four (4) courses: North 38° 35' 40" West, 56.16 feet; Thence North 59° 48' 16" West, 210.54 feet; Thence North 38° 34' 24" West, 116.32 feet; Thence North 10° 53' 57" West, 107.03 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot C in Section 26, Township 91 North, Range 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 4.00 acres and is subject to all easements or record.

WHEREAS, the final plats meet with the approval of the Board subject only to the following if any: **None**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County, Iowa Board of Supervisors that:

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is hereby accepted subject to the following if any: **None**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be affixed to the final plat of:

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A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NE 1/4 NW 1/4) OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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Hereafter known as Lot C in Section 26, Township 91 North, Range 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

and copies of said final plats shall be of record in the appropriate County offices.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of January 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors..... /s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Matrix Construction Evaluation

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution 2024-01-02D** adopting the matrix construction evaluation process. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2024-01-02D
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2024, and January 31, 2025, and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Environmental Health Department is hereby designated as the contact persons for the county for DNR site investigations for animal confinement building construction applications.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors..... /s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Newell Historical Society Maratha Olsen was present to update the Board on the past year and to ask for continued support in the future year. She told the group that they have several people through the mansion every year. They had a few fund raisers this year, but she highlighted the reprinting and selling of their 1977 cookbook and the tour of homes that they held at Christmas this year. They are hoping to be able to replace the roof of the mansion soon with the funds they can raise. The Board thanked her for coming and will get back to her on the funds request.

Sheriff Elston was next with several requests for the Board. He started by explaining that he lost one of his servers in December and had to emergency route everything through the remaining server. He explained that a new server would be around \$80,000 and that E911 would be able to put about \$30,000 into the new purchase and then the Security Fund would be able to pay for the remaining. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman to allow the Sheriff to **purchase a new server**. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston explained to the Board that the key fob system at the LEC was becoming very outdated and when meetings were held out there the door was being held open to allow people into the facility. He received a quote from Alpha Wireless on a new system that would work with cell phones for \$10,000. This would be paid out of the Security Fund. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker to approve **moving forward with the key fob project**. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston presented the group **Resolution 2024-01-02-B** approving the appointment of three Chaplains. Elston explained that they would begin by riding along on certain calls and be available when needed. The issue of making sure they are covered on the County's work comp insurance was brought up. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten to **table the approval of Resolution #2024-01-02-B** until the insurance issue could be researched. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston presented a request to carry over 69 hours of vacation for Captain Rob Danielson. Danielson plans to have the carryover used up by the end of February as a previously planned trip was delayed. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to allow Captain Danielson to **carry over 69 hours of vacation**. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to go into **closed session** (at 10:44 A.M.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2023 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to go out of **closed session** at 11:50 A.M. Carried.

Official Newspapers

Having received a request for official newspaper designation from each newspaper, motion by Croker, second by Merten, to designate the following as official newspapers for legal publications for 2024: The Storm Lake Times Pilot and Buena Vista County Journal, and to direct the Auditor to publish all motions of the Board, any actions resulting in a consensus of the Board, on a quarterly basis - the list of claims paid from the minutes of the Board meetings, and annually - the list of salaries paid. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, that Buena Vista County is the **Employer of Record** for the Rolling Hills CEO Dawn Mentzer, Office Administrator Kelsey Allen, & Coordinator of Disability Services Caylyn Bishop thru June 30, 2024. Carried.

Board Appointments

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to appoint the following persons as delegates and representative to the committees, commissions and boards as noted for 2024, with changes, and pending any changes that may need to be made later. and to designate all the remaining Supervisors as alternates:

Snyder- representative on the **Third Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Advisory Board**.

Snyder–delegate, all the remaining Supervisors as alternates, to the **Local Emergency Management Commission** (Chapter 29C.9).

Snyder-representative, all the remaining Supervisors as alternates, to the **Region III Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC)**.

Snyder-representative, all the remaining Supervisors as alternates, to the **Buena Vista E-911 Service Board**.

Hartman–delegate all the remaining Supervisors as alternates, to the **Buena Vista Solid Waste Commission**.

Croker and Merten-representatives, to the **Lake Improvements Commission**.

Merten to the **Friends of Little Lake Discovery Center Board**.

Ringgenberg–representative, to the **3-County Early Childhood Iowa Board**,

Ringgenberg–representative, to the **Buena Vista Local De-Cat Board**.

Ringgenberg-representative, to the Board of Directors of the **Storm Lake United Development Board**.

Ringgenberg and Merten as ex-officio members of the board of **Storm Lake United Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund**.

Croker -delegate, to the **Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation**.

Bret Wilkinson, technical representative, Justin Anderson-alternate, to the **Region 3 RPA Transportation Technical Committee**, Snyder–Board’s representative, all other board members as alternates, to the **Region 3 RPA Transportation Alternatives Committee**.

Snyder--representative, all the remaining Supervisors as alternates, to the **NW IA Juvenile Detention Center (YES)**.

Merten-representative, to the **Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center**.

Becki Drahota, Don Diehl, and Sara Monroy Huddleston, to the **Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission** for 6-yr terms expiring 12/31/2026.

Tom Ryherd (12/31/25), Don Diehl (12/31/29), and Dave Patton-appointed by the County Attorney (12/31/25) to the **BV County Civil Service Commission**. (341A.2)

Donnie Skou-representative, to the **Regional Housing Authority** until 12/31/2024.

Croker and Steve Jimmerson to the **Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund**.

Merten-as the Board representative on the **BV County Coop/COG Planning Committee** (Continuity of Operations).

Hartman-delegate, to the **Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. Board.**

Snyder-delegate, to the **NW Iowa Planning and Development Commission.**

Dale Arends-citizen representative to the **NW Iowa Planning and Development Commission.**

Snyder-representative, to the **S.H.I.E.L.D. Board (12 County).**

Merten-as a non-voting member of the **Plains Area Mental Health Board.**

Merten-representative, to the **Rolling Hills Community Services Region Governance Board.**

To the County **Safety Committee** (including the Right-to-Know program): Hartman, Kory Elston, Dan Bailey (as Bret Wilkinson's designee), Nathan Rubendall, Justin Anderson, Stephanie Anderson, Joe Keller, Hunter Knudtson, Yvonne Sandhoff, Greg Johnson, Aimee Barritt, Tyler Van Houten, Louie DeRoos, Stacey Blee, Connie Jesse, and Brian Blomme, with Mike Raner as Safety Coordinator.

Snyder-delegate to the **Regional Transit Board (RIDES).**

Croker and Breanna Horsey-delegates to the **Western Iowa Tourism Council.**

Gary Armstrong as the Buena Vista County **Drainage Attorney.**

Snyder-delegate, to the **Drainage District #181, #274, #14-42, #22, & #150 Interim Boards.**

Merten as Buena Vista County **Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.**

Chairman-representative, for all county **labor negotiations.**

Danelle Haberman, Dan Hartman, and Susan Lloyd to the Buena Vista County **Deferred Compensation Board.**

Bret Wilkinson, Kory Elston, Joe Keller, Aimee Barritt, Paul Merten, and Kelly Snyder to the **Weather Committee.**

Board of Supervisor's Chair, Bret Wilkinson, Kory Elston, Danelle Haberman, Susan Lloyd, and Yvonne Sandhoff as members of the **Personnel Committee** (includes employee handbook updates).

Sheriff, Bldg./Grounds Supt., County Auditor, County Attorney, Clerk of Court, Member of the Board of Supervisors (Snyder), and Associate District Judge Andy Smith to the **Courthouse/Judicial Security Committee.**

Curt Reis, Susan Lloyd, Joe Keller, Bret Wilkinson, Tyler Van Houten and Merten, to the **Buena Vista County Facilities Committee.**

Merten—Board’s representative for **Whitney Pit Farm and South Hayes Pit Farm** for leases and Merten and Bret Wilkinson for grain sales at the South Hayes Pit.

Susan Lloyd-**ADA Coordinator**.

Public Health Administrator Julie Sather, Sheriff Kory Elston, County Attorney Paul Allen, Supervisor Kelly Snyder, and EMA Director Aimee Barritt to the **Opioid Abatement Committee**

Joe Keller as the **Lock-out/Tag-out Program** Coordinator for the Courthouse, DHS Annex, E. Richland Annex, Geneseo Annex. E5th/Seneca Annex and Cayuga St. Annex.

Karen Crilly as the primary contact person, and Bret Wilkinson as the secondary contact person for **Drug and Alcohol Testing Alliance**.

Ben Mueggenberg as Buena Vista County **Zoning Administrator** and **Buena Vista County Floodplain Coordinator**).

Planning & Zoning Commission members: Kyle Hansen, Richard Marshall, Gary Sundblad, Marvin Engel, Melanie Anderson

Zoning Board of Adjustment members with 5-year terms as follows: Richard Langner-12/31/26, Mitch Sievers-12/31/24, Greg Sundblad-12/31/27, Steve Lind-12/31/28, and Jason Meyer-12/31/25.

Dawn Mentzer to the **Cherokee MHI Advisory Council**.

Dr. Garrett Feddersen, **County Medical Examiner**, and Tim Speers-Chief Deputy Medical Examiner, and independent MEs Greg Ebersole, Doug Simons, Jennifer Hustedt, John Dahl, & Dave Patton, as **Deputy Medical Examiners** (Chapter 331.801). Terms expire 12/31/2024.

Hartman as representative to the **BV County Trails Advisory Council**.

Rich Haldin (6-30-24), Pam Jacobsen (6-30-25), Paul Sennert (6-30-26), (Nicole Diischer (6-30-26), and Gar Otto (6-30-24) to the **Veterans Affairs Commission** for the 2024 year, and until their terms expire (Chapter 35B).

Bret Wilkinson--**Title VI Coordinator**

Bret Wilkinson as **County Engineer** and authorized to close roads as necessary.

Greg Johnson as **Weed Commissioner**.

Brian Jones as **Deputy Weed Commissioner**.

Local Board of Health-members with 3-yr. terms as follows Dr. Robert Whitmore 12/31/2025, Julie Sievers-12/31/24, Shelly Rock-12/31/26, Rhonda Ringgenberg-12/31/26 and Jon McKenna-12/31/2024.

BV Co Conservation Board-Jeff Kestel-12/31/24 Erica Larson -12/31/25, Rick Meyer-12/31/26, Sarah Vanderhoff-12/31/27 Jim Wischmeyer-12/31/28.

BV County Wellness Committee: Lacey Anderson, Jen Fulcher, Angie Wilkinson, Kathy Croker, Sharon Henkel, Eric Chase, Kay Evans, Angela Lai, Isabel Andrade.

BV County Insurance Committee: Ashley Herrig, Kim Briley, Jon Buss, Josh Nielsen, Rob Danielson, Greg Johnson, Ben Mueggenberg, Yvonne Sandhoff, Lacey Anderson, Curt Reis, Rhonda Ringgenberg, Mark Van Hooser, Karen Crilly, and Tyler Van Houten.

EMS Board: Kelly Snyder, all the remaining Supervisors as alternates

Mike Raner as Buena Vista County **Safety Coordinator.**

Greg Johnson to the **B.V. Co. REAP Committee.**

Merten-representative to the **North Raccoon River Watershed Management Coalition Board.**

Croker and Snyder as Board of Supervisor representatives to the **Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.**

James R. Nelsen with a term expiring 6/30/2025 Tim Heuton with a term expiring 6/30/2026, and Mark Herrig with a term expiring 6/30/2024 to the **Lincoln Benefited Fire District Board of Trustees.**

Kathy Croker to the **SRFBC Committee** held Spring and fall at the ISAC meetings.

Croker and Merten with Hartman as alternate for the **Marina subcommittee.**

County Auditor, and in her absence the Deputy Auditor, as **Custodian of Supervisors' records** (including Supervisors Minutes, annual reports of County Departments and other organizations required to file their reports with the Board of Supervisors, Drainage District Minutes, Ordinances, Warrant Book, Claims Registers, Precinct Maps.)

The vote on the above appointments was carried.

Pursuant to Chapter 22.1.2 of the 2023 Code of Iowa, the Auditor informed the Board that she has named herself and her Deputies, Sharon Henkel and Karla Ahrendsen, as the lawful custodian of the records which are considered 'open records' in the Buena Vista County Auditor's office. (Records and Code of Iowa references: Bonds of Public Officers (62.6), Election records (62.3 and others), Budgets adopted by local taxing jurisdictions (331.502.3) Township records (331.502.30), Drainage Minutes & Assessment Schedules (331.502.33), record of Election results (50.39 & 50.40), Lost Property Record (556F), Mental Health Accounts prior to 1994 (230.26), assistance to Veterans (34B.10, Claims against the Board 331.504.4), Assessment Rolls (441.26), Tax Rate Book (444.6), Real Estate Transfer Books-Index-Plat Books (558.60-67), Survey Plats (354.25), Treasurer's report of Receipts & Disbursements (335.504.4), Valuation Report (331.510), Annual County Financial Report.

Holiday, Vacation, and Sick Leave Policy

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, that the Buena Vista County Employee Handbook with the effective date of January 1, 2020 and amended 04-18-2023, along with the various Departmental Rules, Job Descriptions, and any amendments be declared the governing policy for all Buena Vista County employees under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors for Buena Vista County, and that the Medical

History, Physical Examination, and County Work Release forms be used in conjunction with the Handbook. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, that **election workers** for 2024 be paid \$14.00/hr. and chairpersons \$15/hr., effective this date. Carried.

Meal and Mileage Rate Reimbursements

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the following reimbursement:

meal cost reimbursement to employees, and to others serving on boards and in other appointive positions, shall be meals eaten out of county during approved schools or meetings may be reimbursed at their actual cost to a maximum of \$50.00 per diem following handbook policy. (Reimbursements for meals, when no overnight stay is involved, will show on the employee’s W-2). No reimbursement will be made for tips or alcoholic beverages. To receive reimbursement, detailed receipts must be submitted. If the per diem is exceeded due to a meal/meeting, that fact shall be noted on the reimbursement claim. Carried.

Motion by Crocker, second by Hartman, to approve the following reimbursement and the Lodging Expense policy:

mileage reimbursement rate for sheriff’s service fees at the current IRS rate \$.67/mile on 1/1/2024.

mileage to employees (including deputy medical examiners, township elected officials, and election workers) at the rate of \$.04 cents under the current IRS standard mileage rate (.63), for each mile traveled by private vehicle (not for county owned vehicles) for county business in 2024.

The **Hotel Reimbursement & Human Trafficking Policy** which applies to county employees wanting reimbursement for hotels they stay in while under County employment for meetings and training went into effect January 1 of 2022 and remains in effect indefinitely. Carried.

Drainage Resolutions and Assessments

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, that the County Drainage Attorney is hereby directed to research drainage and other assessments due and payable on parcels of Buena Vista County property prior to putting them on the list of properties for scavenger auction; to establish 5% as the rate of interest to be paid during 2024 on all stamped warrants, and charged on Improvement Certificates and Drainage District waivers, effective this date (for Buena Vista County drainage districts only); that the beaver control policy in 2024 shall be payment of \$50 per beaver tail for beavers trapped in drainage districts as adopted January 1, 1986, and, the beaver control program shall be \$50/beaver tail for the non-drainage district areas of the county; these programs require that the claimant possess a fur-bearer’s license as required by law, and with a payout limit of \$1,500 in non-drainage districts areas in each fiscal year. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 p.m. until Thursday, January 4 at 8:30 a.m. for a special meeting and departmental budget reviews.

Karla Ahrendsen, Elections Deputy

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SECOND MEETING, 2024 SESSION (2)
JANUARY 4, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, and Snyder and with Election Deputy, Karla Ahrendsen as clerk for the meeting.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten to approve the agenda as written. Carried.

FY'24 budget requests were received from the following departments Greg Johnson- Conservation, Weed Dept., and Bait Shop, Paul Allen- County Attorney, Danelle Haberman- Treasurer, Curt Reis- Recorder, Veterans Affairs- Louie Deroos and Jerry Weiland, Ben Mueggenberg- Environmental Health and Zoning, Brian Blomme- Drainage, and Karla Ahrendsen- Insurance.

The board broke for lunch at 12:00 p.m. The Board reconvened at 12:30 pm to hear the remainder of the FY'24 budgets.

Buena Vista County Historical & Genealogy Association- Lucille Fitzsenry and Kristin Watts reviewed the past year and presented the group with their request for FY25. The main highlight was on the Book Nook and how they hoped to expand on that. They told the group that they continue to sell books outside of the Spring and Fall book sales. They also told the group they are working on better cataloging items in their inventory. The Board thanked them for their time and told them they would get back to them on the funding.

There being no further business, motion by, Snyder second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. until Friday, January 5 at 8:30 a.m. for departmental budget reviews.

Karla Ahrendsen, Elections Deputy

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRD MEETING, 2024 SESSION (3)
JANUARY 5, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Friday, January 5, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, and Snyder and with Election Deputy, Karla Ahrendsen as clerk for the meeting.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker to approve the agenda as written. Carried.

FY'24 budget requests were received from the following departments Julie Sather and Lacey Anderson- Public Health, Homemakers, General Relief, and Community Service, Tyler Van Houten- Data Processing, Melissa Nation (virtually)- DHS, Joe Keller- Buildings and Grounds, Kory Elston- Sheriff, Jail, and LEC, Aimee Barritt and Kirk Reetz- EMA, Supervisors- County Farm and Department 01, Bret Wilkinson- Engineer

Board broke for lunch at 12:15 p.m. The Board reconvened at 12:50 pm to hear the remainder of the FY'24 budgets.

There being no further business, motion by, Snyder second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. until Tuesday, January 9 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Karla Ahrendsen, Elections Deputy

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FOURTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (4)
JANUARY 09, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 10:30 A.M. (due to weather delay) in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen as clerk for the meeting.

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

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

Secondary Road Report: Out plowing and checking gravel. The weather will slow down the outside work but will move crew in the New Alta building as weather allows. Wilkinson will be sitting down with Platinum Crush to discuss intersections, timing, traffic flow, and other plans for moving forward. He mentioned that he had a verbal request from Pocahontas on assisting them on the C49 paving project. He also brought a potential utility permit from Leafgreen Energy for burying lines for existing and new sites. The Board requested that he set up a sit-down meeting with them to go over their future plans.

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

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** from 1-2-2024, 1-4-2024, and 1-5-2024 and accept the following **reports**: December 2023 Sheriff's Report, December 2023 Federal Inmates Billings, and December 2023 Rolling Hills Governance Board Minutes.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to remove from tabling **Resolution #2024-01-2-B**, Sheriff's Chaplain Appointment, and to approve the chairperson to sign it. Carried.

RESOLUTION # 2024-01-02-B

WHEREAS, it would be in the best public interest for the Buena Vista County Sheriff to appoint a Chaplain to offer friendship, support, and spiritual guidance to those within the organization including the Sheriff, command staff, deputies, civilian employees, and citizens with whom the Sheriff's Office encounter through their daily activities, and in some cases inmates, if desired.

The Sheriff's Office Chaplain is a clergy person with special interest and training for providing pastoral care in the unique and sometimes dangerous world of law enforcement. The Sheriff's Office Chaplain recognizes the unique needs and challenges of the law enforcement community and is trained to meet those special needs. The pastoral care provided by the Sheriff's Office Chaplain is offered to all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, creed, or religion.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisor's that this date met in lawful session, that the Sheriff is hereby authorized to appoint Pastor Doug Corlew, Pastor Renato Jimenez and Pastor Joe Rock as Chaplains for the Buena Vista County Sheriff's Office.

Dated at Buena Vista County, Iowa the 9th day of January, 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors..... /s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the Chairperson to sign the **HUB Actuarial Services Agreement**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to appoint Tim Heuton as **trustee of Lincoln Benefitted Fire District** until 06/30/2026. Carried.

Drainage Engineer: Brian Blomme was present to discuss cell phone reimbursement for his department. He started by presenting both his and Eric Yunginger's cell phone bills and explained to the group that they have certain times that they need to use their personal hot spots on their phones to get equipment to work when they are unable to reach satellite connections. He requested that the Board pay 50% of each plan. Blomme explained that Yunginger's had unlimited 5G hot spot connection making his a little higher. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman to approve **\$40.00/month reimbursement for Eric Yunginger and \$35/month for Brian Blomme** until the Board was able to write a county wide cell phone reimbursement policy. Carried.

Albert City Thresherman- Gary Sundblad was here to request the annual funding request. He stated that the money would be used for advertising in local and national publications. He told the group that this year they are hosting John Deere and highlighting the New Generation tractors. The board said how proud they are for the national spotlight this event brings to the county. They thanked him for coming and told him they would get back to him on the allocation for the coming year.

FY25 Budget Review- Treasurer Danelle Haberman was back to continue presenting her budget for FY25 after running out of time on Thursday, January 4, 2024. Auditor Susan Lloyd presented her budget.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m. until Tuesday, January 16 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

Karla Ahrendsen, Elections Deputy

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (5)
JANUARY 16, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to **amend today's agenda**, adding an action item, signing off on the BV Blizzard Busters request to use county right-of-way for the snowmobile route. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a gravel crushing contract for Stratford Gravel, Inc., to crush at the Goldsmith/Marathon Pit, for approximately 200,000 tons for an estimated cost of \$1,104,528. Merten asked whether Wilkinson took bids, and the response was that this did not go to bids since it is considered maintenance. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **gravel crushing contract** with Stratford Gravel, Inc., to crush approximately 200,000 ton from the Goldsmith/Marathon Pit, with an estimated cost of \$1,104,528, with 70% to be paid in FY'25 (\$773,169.60), 15% paid in FY'26 (August 1, 2025 \$165,679.20), and the remaining 15% in FY'27 (August 1, 2026 \$165,679.20). Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten. Motion carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been busy plowing snow, fighting the winds. They have been out every morning since Friday; motor graders have a lot of work to do in order to widen their roads and push snow back. The hard surface roads look good, as they have a wider roadway and the snow is moved back; they have not worked on the Alta Shed, maybe next week when the weather warms up; during the blizzard, they had a lot of communication with farmers with livestock and the feed mill during the blizzard. There were several stalled cars on the roadway. Croker asked if the public is notified when the county pulls the plows off of the roads. Wilkinson stated that in the future, he will contact the radio station and ask the Sheriff and Emergency Management to put information out on their social media sights; the cold has been hard on the equipment. They have had lots of breakdowns and repairs.

Chairperson Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public:** **Juvenile Probation Officer Robert Fritz** informed the Board that he was promoted to a different position two weeks ago, and now will be supervising all of the probation officers in the rural counties. Fritz has been the Probation Officer for Buena Vista County for 30 years. The Board congratulated him on his promotion and stated that they appreciate all that he has done; **Recorder Curt Reis** informed the Board that he will not need to have the Treasurer transfer funds to his Recorder's checking account, as they have the problem resolved with the State, that he reported previously..

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** from 1/9/2024, today's **claims approval list**, and accept the following **reports:** December Conservation Board minutes, December Landfill minutes, and Quarterly Recorder's Report of Fees Collected (Oct-Dec). Carried.

Julie Edwards came to discuss the **FY25 Budget Request for Upper Des Moines Opportunity.** Edwards highlighted how many people they had helped and stated that the outreach always runs in the "red" and this year is at -\$130,000. Edwards informed the Board that they have reduced the number of

days their outreach is open in the small counties to 3-4 days/week, but Storm Lake will continue to be open five days/week. The request for FY'25 is \$19,000.

Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign off on the DOT form to allow **Buena Vista Blizzard Busters** to use county right-of-way for their snowmobile trails. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to go into **closed session** (at 9:15 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to go out of **closed session** at 10:35 a.m. Carried.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen presented the FY'23 Annual Urban Renewal Report for the Board to approve. Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to accept the County's **FY'23 Annual Urban Renewal Report** and authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

FY25 Budget work session- The Board reviewed ARPA spending and capital projects.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. until Friday, January 19 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SIXTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (6)
JANUARY 19, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Friday, January 19, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to **approve today's agenda**. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to go into **closed session** (at 8:30 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to go out of **closed session** at 9:30 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 a.m. until Tuesday, January 23 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEVENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (7)
JANUARY 23, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Hartman, Merten, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker.

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

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

Veterans Affairs Commissioners Rich Haldin and Pam Jacobsen came to review the **Veterans budget** with the supervisors. The amount of the budget for FY'25 will be \$182,757. Haldin stated the Louie and Jerry are doing a great job, reaching out to a lot of veterans. The Board thanked them for coming to review the budget and also thanked them for their service.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board of a **request** he received from Scotty Robbins to use the County's roller prior to a tractor pull event he wants to have June 15 and August 9. Wilkinson will have this on next week's agenda, as an action item. The Board reminded Wilkinson that the August 9th date is during the Albert City Threshermen Days.

Secondary Road Report: They have been busy plowing snow and moving the snow piles back; graders put the v-pick on to help with the gravel roads with ice; they have been filling the bunkers back up this week; they were putting some material down on the roads today; it has been a challenge, with long days, long hours, and a lot of overtime.

Chairperson Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public:** Treasurer Danelle Haberman introduced her two new staff members: Siamphay Zavala and Karyn Waites.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 1/16/2024 and 1/19/2024, as presented, and accept the following **reports:** December Board of Health minutes. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-01-23-A**. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2024-01-23-A

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Sections 64.2, 64.8, and 64.10 require certain public officers of the county to obtain and give bond; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 64.8 requires the county auditor, recorder, sheriff, assessor, and attorney to obtain and post a bond in the penal sum of not less than twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) each; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 64.8 requires the county treasurer to obtain and post a bond in the penal sum of not less than fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000); and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Sections 64.19, 331.322, subsection 1, and 64.11 require the Board of Supervisors to approve the bonds obtained by and on behalf of the county auditor, recorder, sheriff, assessor, attorney, and treasurer, and to pay the reasonable cost of the bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has previously obtained a blanket surety bond from Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company of American on behalf of all county officers and employees in satisfaction of the requirements under Iowa Code Sections 331.322, subsection 1, 331.324, section 6, 64.2, 64.8, and 64.10; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 64.5 states that all bonds required by law shall be construed as impliedly containing the conditions required by statute, anything in the terms of said bonds to the contrary notwithstanding; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the County Attorney that the previous blanket surety bond obtained by the Board of Supervisors on behalf of all county officers and employees should be supplemented to more properly satisfy the provisions of Iowa Code Sections 64.2, 64.8, and 64.10, section 64.5 notwithstanding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has before it surety bonds obtained by and on behalf of the county auditor, recorder, sheriff, assessor, and attorney in the penal sum of twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) each, and by and on behalf of the treasurer in the amount of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000).

NOW IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors does now and hereby approve the surety bonds obtained by and on behalf of the county auditor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, assessor, and attorney pursuant to the board's duty and authority under Iowa Code Sections 331.322, subsection 1, and 64.19; and

IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bonds obtained by and on behalf of the county treasurer, recorder, sheriff, assessor, and attorney shall hereafter be filed with the county auditor, and the bond of the county auditor be filed with the county treasurer in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Section 64.23; and

IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bonds obtained by and on behalf of the county treasurer, auditor, recorder, sheriff, assessor, and attorney shall hereafter be recorded by the auditor in the Record of Official Bonds in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Section 64.24; and

IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expense of the bonds obtained by and on behalf of the county treasurer, auditor recorder, sheriff, assessor, and attorney shall be paid by the County in accordance with Iowa Code Section 64.11; and

IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that as the Board of Supervisors continues to maintain a blanket surety bond from Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company of American, insuring the fidelity of all county officers and county employees, the Board determines that no further bond by and on behalf of the deputy officers and clerks of the county shall be required as permitted under Iowa Code Section 64.15.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of January, 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Sue Lloyd, County Auditor

Auditor Susan Lloyd presented a contract with Mail Services, Urbandale, IA, for the required HF718 Taxpayer Statement Notification Processing, and asked the Board to allow the Chair to sign. Merten asked if this would relieve our postage, and Lloyd stated that this was a new requirement, was not included in the current year budget, so it wouldn't relieve anything in the current budget. Lloyd commented that the cities, schools, and the county have to have their initial information prepared and entered into the Department of Management software by March 15, and then the Auditor has until March 20th to mail the notices out to the taxpayers. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **contract with Mail Services**, Urbandale, IA, for the required HF718 Taxpayer Statement Notification Processing. Carried.

FY25 Budget work session- The Board reviewed the allocation portion of the budget and discussed making some changes.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. until Tuesday, January 30 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
EIGHTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (8)
JANUARY 30, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Vice-Chair Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Ringgenberg.

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

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson brought the **request** back from Scotty Robbins to use the County's rubber-tired roller during a tractor pull event he wants to have June 15 and August 9. Wilkinson stated that these events bring in people from all over, which is good for the county. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the request of Scotty Robbins, to use the county's rubber-tired roller during his scheduled tractor pull events planned for June 15 and August 9. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The crew was busy clearing roads last week; they have been mixing salt and sand and filling up the bunkers; the gravels are getting soft by the afternoon, and mud is being tracked onto the roads, so they are trying to clean the roads up; they have been putting sheet steel in the Alta building; they are hauling from the stockpile to Newell; brush cutting has stopped for now; Engineer Wilkinson is working on modifying plans for the Platinum Crush road project to include the left turn lane for IDOT, and to see how much right-of-way needs to be purchased. Supervisor Croker asked who buys the right-of-way, as she commented that the State should purchase it, since it is their highway. Wilkinson stated that he will be discussing this with the Iowa DOT District Engineer and will ask the State to negotiate the right-of-way purchase; Wilkinson said that the survey on Business 71 and N14 was back, and he will see if the design and plan will work with elevations.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** from 1/23/2024, today's **claims approval list, and stamped warrant register**, and accept the following **reports**: December Central Iowa Detention Commission minutes, December NW IA YES Center minutes, November NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, and June 20, 2023 and 2022 Audit Report for Regional Transit Authority (Region III). Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented an updated Investment Policy for the Board to consider. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **Investment Policy** for the County Treasurer. Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman asked the Board if she could have a key to the Boardroom in order to unlock the door for groups that have a meeting scheduled there. The consensus of the Board was to allow the Auditor's Office to issue a **key for the Boardroom** to Treasurer Danelle Haberman.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson met with the Board to discuss the transfer agreement with the DNR regarding the marina. Johnson stated that at the meeting he attended, some questions were answered, and some were not. Johnson anticipated having the Board approve the transfer agreement at today's meeting, however, in the last 24 hours, the DNR made changes to the property boundaries, so he recommends tabling any action until another meeting is held with DNR. Johnson also informed the supervisors that at the last subcommittee meeting last week, there were approximately 83 people in attendance, and not many questions were asked. Johnson would like to have a link on their website to the Engineers Report and another link to the meeting. Supervisor Croker asked to also have a link on the County website that would direct people to the County Parks website. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to table any action on the **transfer agreement** with the DNR today. Carried.

Vice-Chair Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response.

Maintenance Supt. Joe Keller presented a contract for new shingles on the Community Services Annex building. Keller had received two bids on the project, with the lowest being from Brentwood Roofing & Construction for \$9,970. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **roofing contract** with Brentwood Roofing & Construction for shingling the Community Services Annex building for a total of \$9,970. Carried.

Maintenance Supt. Joe Keller presented a contract for new shingles on the East Richland Annex (Public Health) building. Keller had received two bids on the project, with the lowest being from Brentwood Roofing & Construction for \$21,900. Keller stated that he has asked for bids on this project five times in the past, and the price has come down. Keller informed the Board that this project would be done after July 1, out of next year's budget. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the

Vice-Chair to sign the roofing contract with Brentwood Roofing & Construction for shingling the East Richland Annex (Public Health) building for a total of \$21,900. Carried.

Maintenance Supt. Joe Keller informed the Board that the Auditor's Office has all moved to their new building and Drivers License has moved into the former Auditor's Office. Keller stated that he will be moving some offices around on the 2nd floor for the Courts, and the new sound system in the courtroom should be done in two weeks. Keller also stated that the Courtroom will be carpeted in April, and he is also looking at carpeting DHS.

Tony Pertzborn, Barb Wetherell, and Christian Grote, Stille Pierce & Pertzborn Agency, along with Karla Voboril, Wellmark, and John Holt, Auxiant (online) presented information to the Board regarding the county health insurance rate increases for 2024. Leaving everything as is, the Wellmark increase would be 26.96%. Using the Safety Fund for the partial self-funding would bring the increase down to approximately 23%. Pertzborn presented two other alternate plans, both with only a slight decrease in rates. The Board asked that the insurance committee schedule a meeting to review the information and plans and come back to the Board with a recommendation.

FY25 Budget work session- The Board reviewed the allocation portion of the budget and discussed making some changes, along with looking at the possible tax levies.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m. until Tuesday, February 6 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Vice Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
NINTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (9)
FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Vice-Chair Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Ringgenberg.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve today's agenda. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented information to the Board regarding the purchase of a telehandler. Wilkinson stated that it has more versatility than a forklift, it has an 8,000 lb. capacity and will raise 42' high. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman to approve the purchase of a 2021 Sky Trak 8042 telehandler, trading in a forklift for \$6,500, for a net cost of \$98,600. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The crew has been working on the Alta building, started insulating and putting up some steel; they have been hauling to the stockpile in Newell, moving out of Goldsmith so they can do crushing in April or May. Engineer Wilkinson stated that they hope to have 200,000 tons crushed; the sidewalk is done in Linn Grove and the bridge is open. Seeding is the only thing left to be completed along the Linn Grove bridge project; Engineer Wilkinson stated that he is working on plans with Platinum Crush and IDOT; Wilkinson stated that they still have motor graders in the older county shed in Alta. Wilkinson stated that he would like to eventually build a salt/sand shed on the north side of the new Alta shed; Wilkinson stated that he has 3 dump trucks in the FY'25 budget, but he will not place the order until the budget has been approved.

Vice-Chair Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 1/30/2024, as corrected, and accept the following **reports:** December Board of Health minutes, January Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-02-06-A** GASB 96 – Right-To-Use Subscription Asset Policy. Carried.

Resolution 2024-02-06-A

Buena Vista County Right-To-Use Subscription Asset Policy

GASB Statement No. 96, "Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements", is effective beginning July 1, 2022 (FY2023). GASB 96 requires a government end user (government) to recognize a subscription liability and an intangible right-to-use subscription asset.

For counties reporting on the accrual basis of accounting, the cumulative effect, if any, may require a restatement of beginning net position, fund balance, or fund net position (as applicable). This means subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITA or subscription) in existence on June 30, 2022 will need to be reported as the beginning balance (July 1, 2022) for leases of FY2023.

A right-to-use subscription asset is an intangible capital asset. The asset represents the right to use an underlying asset identified in a subscription contract, as specified for a period of time. The County will recognize the intangible right-to-use subscription asset when:

- a) The contract conveys control of the right to use another entity's nonfinancial asset (the underlying asset) as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction.
- b) The minimum noncancelable contract term is greater than twelve months.
- c) The contract does not transfer ownership of the underlying asset.
- d) The underlying asset is used to conduct county business (This will not apply to custodial funds.)

Threshold for Capitalization of Right-To-Use SBITA Assets

The establishment of a right-to-use subscription asset capitalization threshold policy has been recommended. The policy should be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The threshold is to be consistently applied by all departments and offices of the County for financial reporting purposes and should overall capture most right-to-use subscription contracts. All right-to-use subscription assets at or above \$50,000.00 must be reported.

As a general rule, the threshold should be applied to individual subscription contracts.

Right-to-use lease asset classifications:

The government is required to disclose the amount of subscription assets (and the related amortization) separately from other capital assets.

Measurement and amortization:

Measurement: A government should initially measure the subscription asset as the sum of the following:

- a) The amount of the initial measurement of the subscription right-to-use asset. (A lessee should measure the subscription liability and right-to-use asset at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term.) (For the year of implementation, the subscription liability and right-to-use asset should be measured as of July 1, 2022.)
- b) Subscription payments made to the vendor at or before the commencement of the subscription term, less any subscription incentives received from the vendor at or before the commencement of the subscription term.
- c) Initial direct costs that are ancillary charges necessary to place the subscription asset into service.

Amortization: A subscription asset should be amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of the subscription term or the useful life of the underlying asset. The amortization of the lease asset should be reported as amortization expense. At a minimum, amortization should be calculated on a monthly basis.

The above foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, on the 6th day of February, 2024 the vote thereon being as follows:

Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder. Nays: None.

/s/ Paul Merten, Vice-Chairman...../s/ Susan K. Lloyd, Auditor

Mark Van Hooser (E911), Greg Johnson (Conservation), Tyler Van Houten (I.T.) Yvonne Sandhoff (Payroll Specialist), Joey Speers, (Deputy Sheriff), and Bret Wilkinson (Engineer), presented the Insurance Committee's recommendation for health insurance. Members of the Insurance Committee met last Thursday to discuss the health insurance information that was presented last week from Stille, Pierce, & Pertzborn Agency. The Insurance Committee recommends leaving the health insurance policy, as is, which, with the Safety Fund factored in, the increase would be 23.42%. The committee does not want to increase the deductibles or co-pays and would like the county to continue paying 70% of the family premium. Vice-Chair Merten commented that the county does not have control over the costs of prescriptions, and according to the information presented last week, employees are in-network and use generics when possible. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to accept the recommendation of the Insurance Committee to keep the **health insurance** policy as it is currently, with the rates presented by Stille Pierce & Pertzborn Agency last week, and not using alternative A or B. Carried. Sandhoff told the Board that she appreciates what the county pays for insurance. Speers told the Board that the health insurance is great and a huge benefit.

Lacey Anderson, Fiscal Manager for Public Health, informed the Board that their Home Care Aide Supervisor has exceeded her maximum amount of comp time. Anderson stated that they had a Home Care Aide leave, and the Supervisor was filling in for this person and working on a grant for the past two weeks. Anderson stated that they are in the process of hiring a new aide, so the extra comp time should stop. The Board asked that the Home Care Aide Supervisor use the excess 20 hours by 6/30/24. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve Home Care Aide Supervisor Carolyn Armstrong to carryover an additional 20 hours of **comp time** over the 80-hour maximum allowed, and asked that she use it up by 6/30/24. Carried.

Auditor Susan Lloyd asked the Board for permission to advertise for an additional employee in the Auditor's Office. Lloyd stated that her staff is kept so busy with their regular responsibilities that it is hard for them to take off their vacation and comp time, and with this being a big election year, they will have more comp time coming. Lloyd would like to have someone that can learn various duties, to have more cross-training amongst the employees. Lloyd would like to advertise and have someone hired by the end of March in order to start learning some things before the election activity starts for the June Primary Election. Croker agrees that there needs to be more cross-training for the Auditor's staff and is in favor of advertising for an additional employee. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to allow the Auditor to advertise for a **full-time employee** for her office. Carried.

FY25 Budget work session- The Board reviewed the budget so far, and discussed adding revenue and expenditures for the Marina, and checking on insurance for the Marina.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m. until Tuesday, February 13 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Vice Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (10)
FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder 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 Snyder, second by Croker, to amend **today's agenda**, adding Wellmark renewal documents and a Jt. DD #22 Lat 19-9 claim. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson asked the Board to allow him to advertise for an additional full-time administrative assistant, in order to cross train with accounts payable and payroll, and then assist with other duties in the office. Merten stated that he would like to see the Engineer's Office open on Fridays during their summer hours. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, for the Engineer to move forward with advertising for an additional **full-time administrative assistant** in the Engineer's Office. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The crew has been working on the Alta building, hoping to have tin on the ceiling and insulate this week, then they can move equipment in permanently; they have been hauling to the stockpile in Newell; they have been working on the gravel roads; design work continues on the Platinum Crush road project, with two additional right-of-way purchases needed.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he wanted to go into closed session to discuss his contract. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to go into **closed session** (at 8:48 A.M.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(i)

of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to go out of **closed session** at 9:35 A.M. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to set the **County Engineer's salary** for his 3-year contract at \$140,000 for FY'25, \$146,300 for FY'26, and \$152,600 for FY'27. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen recommended a change in the County Engineer's contract, to simplify paragraph 4, regarding defending and indemnification of the engineer. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to change paragraph 4 of the **County Engineer's contract** to state that the Board shall defend and indemnify the engineer in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 670. Carried.

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

The time arrived for the discussion on **salaries**. The Compensation Board had recommended a 7.5% increase in wages for the Attorney, a 6% increase for the Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer, a 5% increase for the Supervisors, an additional \$1,500 stipend for the Board Chair, a \$1,500 stipend for the Board Secretary, and reaffirmed the longevity schedule for all elected officials. Shop Superintendent Nathan Rubendall handed out information to the supervisors, showing that employees with family health insurance would be going backwards in pay, depending on what the raises are set at. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to accept the Compensation Board salary recommendations, setting the **FY'25 salary** increase for the Attorney at 7.5%, Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff, Treasurer at 6%, Supervisors at 5%, an additional \$1,500 stipend for the Board Chair, and an additional \$1,500 stipend for the Auditor, as Board Secretary, and reaffirmed the longevity schedule for all elected officials. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve **wage increases** for FY'25, for the non-elected officials and their employees that are not under another Board as: Drainage Department-Brian Blomme and Eric Yunginger (which were both approved by the shared 3-County Drainage Board); Bldg/Grounds-Joe Keller, Vance Cords, Jon Buss, Craig Boyd; I.T. Tyler Van Houten, Eric Chase; and Zoning Administrator, as they were presented in their respective budgets. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve a 6% **wage increase** for FY'25, for all Secondary Road employees, except the County Engineer who is on a contract, based on their current base rate. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** from 2/6/2024, as presented, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: January Central Iowa Detention Commission minutes and December Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22 Lat 19-9** claim payable to Terry Gunnarson, in the amount of \$1,275.50 for tile repair. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to approve a \$300 payment to Todd Kay for beavers trapped in areas that are not part of a drainage district and are being approved separately since the original allocation for **non-drainage district trapping** was exceeded. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Wellmark renewal document**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue** check #323497 dated 12/19/23, to Julius Cleaners (now Kasperbauer Cleaners, Inc.) for \$325.95, pending receipt of the original paperwork requesting the replacement check. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair and Auditor to sign the **Management Representation letter**, for Winther Stave, regarding the ARPA compliance examination they performed. Carried.

FY25 Budget work session- the Board reviewed the levies and ending fund balances.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. until Tuesday, February 20 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
ELEVENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (11)
FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder 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 Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to approve the **Engineer's contract** for FY'25, FY'26 and FY'27, as presented. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They were out plowing some of the roads last week; they are working on placing sheet steel on the ceiling at the new Alta shed and insulating. They may be able to get the heaters hung in the next two weeks; they have advertised for the second administrative assistant position; Engineer Wilkinson informed the Board that he has a quote pinned down for the salt/sand shed in Sioux Rapids, estimated at \$100,000. Wilkinson would like to salvage the hoop from the current Sioux Rapids salt/sand shed to use in Alta, at the new shop building; Engineer Wilkinson has an updated drawing on the Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. right and left turning lanes, so now he can talk with the DOT about it.

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

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** from 2/13/2024, as presented, and accept the following **reports:** January Central Iowa Detention Commission minutes and December Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected. Carried.

Auditor Susan Lloyd asked the Board to declare some old voting booths, and canvass covers as excess materials, so that she can ask other county auditors if they could use them, before destroying them, Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to declare 40 old suitcase style voting booths, 15 canvass covers for the former OVO voting machine and ballot box, and 10 canvass covers for the plexiglass shields, as **excess materials**, and authorize the Auditor to post on the Auditor's basecamp to see if other counties could use them, otherwise authorize their disposal. Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented the Semi-Annual report for the Board to approve before she publishes in the papers. Merten asked Haberman if she could provide reports to them, every other month, to see what the balances are in the various funds, look at a semi-annual report, as they are wanting to be more conscious of what is included in the various reports. Haberman will begin sending them reports in April. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the **Semi-Annual report** as presented and for the Chair to sign the report. Carried.

The Board discussed two properties in Albert City that the county owns, and what they intend to do with them. Parcel #0814328006, also known as 118 Main Street, the city of Albert City is interested in. Parcel #0814328004, also known as 130 Main Street, Jamie Wood and Jessica Wood are interested in. County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that they could dispose of the property at 118 Main Street by quitclaim deed and gifting to the City of Albert City, which intends to use said property for a public purpose. Allen informed the Board that they would need to arrive at a sale price for Parcel #0814328004, 130 Main Street, in order to dispose of said property by selling it to Jamie Wood and Jessica Wood and conveying it by quitclaim deed. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the two **Proposals by Resolution** to vacate 118 Main Street and 130 Main Street, in Albert City, with 118 Main Street going to the City of Albert City for a public purpose and will be exempt, and 130 Main Street would go to Jamie Wood and Jessica Wood for \$500, and would go on the tax rolls. Carried.

PROPOSAL BY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 569, Buena Vista County holds title to Buena Vista County Parcel # 0814328006, also known as 118 Main Street, Albert City, Iowa, and legally described as:

LOT NINE (9), TEN (10), ELEVEN (11), AND TWELVE (12) EXCEPT THE EAST ONE (1) FOOT OF LOT TWELVE (12), BLOCK SIX (6), IN THE CITY OF ALBERT CITY, IOWA

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.361, subsection 2, considers disposal of said property to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albert City has indicated to the Board of Supervisors that the city seeks the conveyance of the property so that the property can be used for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, proposes disposing of said property by quitclaim deed and gifting to the City of Albert City, which intends to use said property for a public purpose in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.361, subsection 4.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, a public hearing on the proposal by resolution to dispose of the above stated property by gifting the property to the City of Albert City by quitclaim deed shall be held on the 19th day of March, 2024, after which time, the Board of Supervisors will make a final determination on the proposal by resolution.

PROPOSAL BY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 569, Buena Vista County holds title to Buena Vista County Parcel # 0814328004, also known as 130 Main Street, Albert City, Iowa, and legally described as:

THE SOUTH NINETY-TWO FEET (S. 92') OF LOT SIX (6), IN BLOCK SIX (6), IN THE CITY OF ALBERT CITY, IOWA

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.361, subsection 2, considers disposal of said property to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Wood and Jessica Wood, who own adjoining property, have indicated to the Board of Supervisors that they seek conveyance of the property so that they can expand a business or otherwise utilize the property; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, proposes disposing of said property by quitclaim deed for sale price of \$500 to Jamie Wood and Jessica Wood.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, a public hearing on the proposal by resolution to dispose of the above stated property by selling the property in the amount of \$500 to Jamie Wood and Jessica Wood and conveying by quitclaim deed shall be held on the 19th day of March, 2024, after which time, the Board of Supervisors will make a final determination on the proposal by resolution.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to set a **public hearing** for the proposals by resolution for Parcel #0814328006, 118 Main Street, and Parcel #0814328004, 130 Main Street, both in the City of Albert City, for Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Supervisor Kelly Snyder informed the Board that he had a conversation with Ginny Smith, Sioux Rapids Historical Society, about giving them the two Abner Bell prints that were donated to the County and are hanging in the Boardroom. Snyder said that Smith was extremely interested in the prints, as they have Abner Bell's cabin preserved in a building, Abner Bell is buried in Sioux Rapids, and the original courthouse was in Sioux Rapids. County Attorney Paul Allen stated that they need to consider what the "donors" intent was. Allen stated that the letter that was received with the prints was pretty vague. Allen suggested that the Board loan the prints to the SR Historical Society, rather than donate, for a period of 10 years. At the end of the 10 years, it could be revisited. Allen stated that by loaning it to the historical society, the possession still remains with the county. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to loan the two **Abner Bell prints** to the Sioux Rapids Historical Society for a period of ten years, as more people will be able to view them, they currently have Abner Bell's cabin, he was an original settler in Buena Vista County, Sioux Rapids was the first county seat, and Abner Bell is buried in Sioux Rapids. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to authorize the Chair to Docu-Sign the following **Auxiant** forms: Buy Down Claims Administration Agreement, Fee & Commission Disclosure Statement, Cobra Claims Administration, and Flexible Spending Claims Administration. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue** check #322328 dated 9/26/23, to Schulte Law Firm, LC, for \$168.00, pending receipt of the original paperwork requesting the replacement check. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Supervisors to sign the **Management Representation letter** for the FY'23 Audit performed by Winther Stave. Carried.

FY25 Budget work session- the Board reviewed the levies and ending fund balances after changes were made.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to set the **public hearing** on the proposed property tax levies, for March 26, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Boardroom. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. until Tuesday, February 27 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWELVTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (12)
FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker (virtual), Hartman, Merten, Snyder 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC, Little Rock, AR, to replace a damaged pole near 991 480th Street. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a quote from Greenfield Contractors, LLC, Clerment, IA, to build a salt shed in Sioux Rapids, 52' x 60', in the amount of \$44,404.51. They would also install 12' tall concrete panels around the outside, for a total of \$56,584.00, for a grand total for the project of \$100,988.51. Wilkinson stated that Secondary Roads would prepare the pad and would have Blacktop Services placing 6" of blacktop on it, which would be an additional \$30,450. Wilkinson stated that they intend to take the old shed down, move the material to the new shed in Alta, saving the hoop to also use in Alta. Wilkinson stated that they are looking at end of May/early June as a time frame for building the salt shed. Motion by Snyder,

second by Hartman, to approve the quote from Greenfield Contractors, LLC, Clement, IA, to build a **salt shed** in Sioux Rapids, for a total of \$100,988.51. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have finished the ceiling panels in the Alta building and have started the wall panels; they started on a box culvert replacement yesterday, placing pipe and back filling today, hope to have it open tomorrow; M36 closure is a City of Linn Grove project, raising manholes to the surface; there is a one lane closure on West Highway in Alta for a city project; blade guys are busy blading the gravel roads.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** from 2/20/2024, as presented, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports:** January NW IA YES Center minutes, November NWIPDC Transportation Commission minutes, January NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, January NW Regional Transit Authority (RIDES) minutes, FY'23 Audit Report for NW IA YES Center, January Central IA Detention Commission minutes. Carried.

Public Health Administrator Julie Sather asked the Board to declare their 2016 Chevy Equinox as excess and allowed sealed bids to be taken. Sather stated that the vehicle only has 60,000 miles on it, but the motor went out. Sather asked the Edwards dealership about a trade-in and was told they would allow \$250. Snyder stated that there is a 2004 Impala in the I.T. Department that is not being used and suggested Public Health use that car. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to declare a **2016 Chevy Equinox**, in the Public Health Department as excess and allow sealed bids to be taken, and to also transfer the **2004 Impala** from the I.T. Department to Public Health. Carried.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt informed the Board that she is working on the Sam.gov renewal for the Board, and asked that the Chair sign a letter stating that Buena Vista County is a county government, located in Storm Lake, IA. Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the letter to renew **Sam.gov**. Carried.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt informed the Board of a grant for the county fire departments that she was applying for, which requires matching funds. The funds would be used to purchase three dry hydrants in the south part of the county. The dry hydrants are a non-pressurized system used to pull water out of ponds to fight large fires, without draining a water tower. Barritt stated that currently there are five dry hydrants in the northern part of the county, which were used in fighting the Rembrandt fire. Barritt will apply for a Community Foundation Grant in the amount of \$3,750 and asking the county to match the \$3,750. The total cost of the project is \$7,500, which covers the cost of the installation by Secondary Roads of \$3,000 and the cost of piping and fittings per site for \$4,500. Barritt stated that sight assessments need to be done before the locations are decided upon. Merten asked if water could be pulled out of Storm Lake, and Barritt was not sure, stating that Kirk Reetz has been looking for sites and will have a meeting in March to discuss. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve EMA Director Aimee Barritt to apply for a **Community Foundation Grant for three dry hydrants**, with \$3,750 coming from the Grant and the remaining \$3,750 coming from Buena Vista County for the match funding. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 a.m. until Tuesday, March 12 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. (no meeting is planned for March 5)

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MARCH 5, 2024**

NO BOARD MEETING HELD

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTEENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (13)
MARCH 12, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Vice-Chairperson Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Ringgenberg.

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

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

Scott Haldin and Luke Zalaznik, members of the **trap shooting** club, came in to talk with the Board about the shooting area that they have been using for the high school students, as they heard that the area might be closed while crushing is being done. Haldin stated that the Goldsmith Pit crushing project will interfere with their shooting since the rock will be piled in the direction of where they shoot. The DNR does not want them to drop any lead into the Raccoon River, they want them to shoot over the river. There is also a landowner north of the area that does not want any lead on his property. Haldin informed the Board that the season goes to June 3 for the youth shooting trap. Zalaznik stated that he also coaches and works with the BVU trap students, and they also have a fall season. Zalaznik stated that they would like to find a permanent location, so that they could host events. The Board suggested that the Engineer could see if the company could shut down at 5:00 p.m. or even delay the crushing until after the high school season is over June 3. Merten commented that it is important to keep the kids involved, and stated that they could start their practicing today, and Engineer Wilkinson would check with the contractor to see if they could hold off on crushing until June. Haldin commented that for some kids, this is the only sport they do, and they appreciate being able to shoot there at the Goldsmith Pit.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for accommodation of a water pipe boring under 460th St. between Sections 20 & 29 Barnes Township, from south to north, approximately 30' east of the driveway at 855 460th Street to serve Richard Jennings. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for accommodation of a water pipe boring under 80th Ave., between Sections 19 & 20 Washington Township, from east to west, approximately 94' south of the driveway at 5731 80th Ave., to serve Jacob and Lisa Funk at 5733 80th Ave. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented information to the Board about purchasing a Townmaster Trailer. Wilkinson stated that it would allow them to haul backhoe and put a large water tank on with the sprayer, to spray and water down the gravel roads. Wilkinson stated that they could also put the tile jetter on the trailer. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the engineer to purchase a **Townmaster T-40T Deck-Over Tilt Tag Trailer**, from Ziegler, Inc., in the amount of \$47,534.16. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have finished the steel on the Alta building, and now getting the heat and lights ready and building a small bathroom; they are working on a crossroad culvert, and they have 20-30 driveways to do; they have been clearing out the garbage along the creek and roadway (140th Ave.) Kevin Jesse was present for this discussion and informed the Board that this problem needs to be addressed, as someone is throwing trash in the river, which is a hazard.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman requested that the Board allow her to hire a full-time employee for Drivers License, to be trained by Kim Briley prior to her retirement 6/30. Haberman stated that there is 3-4 months of testing with the DOT and stated that Matt is also training to do motorcycle testing. Haberman stated that there are extra funds in the Tax portion of her budget that could be moved to the Drivers License portion, for a total of \$13,270.80 budgeted for the new person. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Treasurer to advertise for a **full-time Drivers License employee**, to be trained before Kim Briley retires. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented a Temporary Management Agreement between the State of Iowa, acting through the Iowa DNR and Buena Vista County, acting through the Buena Vista County Conservation Board, for the Storm Lake Marina. The agreement is effective on the date it is last signed and continues in force and effect to and including December 31, 2024, or upon completion of the transfer of portions of the included property from the DNR to the County, whichever occurs first. Todd Coffelt, of the DNR, and their attorney were online to answer questions. Coffelt stated that they understand that the county is going to charge rental on dock slips, and that is a permitted use. Johnson stated that priority #1 is having this done for open water season, having the restrooms maintained, trash pickup, and administering the dock slips. Johnson stated that a transfer agreement would take months. This agreement needs to be signed by the Board of Supervisors, not the Conservation Board. County Attorney Paul Allen stated that Iowa Code Chapter 461A allows contracts with DNR and the County Board of Supervisors to sign off on them. Johnson stated that the Conservation Board is meeting today at 1:30 and will agree to the agreement. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **Temporary Management Agreement** between the State of Iowa, acting through the Iowa DNR and Buena Vista County, acting through the Buena Vista County Conservation Board, for the Storm Lake Marina. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented the spray contracts that he had received from the DOT stating that they are the same as last year with a \$22,500 Spring payment and a \$22,500 Fall payment. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **DOT Spray Contract**. Carried. Kevin Jesse asked about the purple loosestrife, to which Johnson responded to say that he encourages landowners to monitor purple loosestrife and stated that you cannot plant it. Johnson stated that the local level is working to control it.

Vice-Chairperson Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response.

Sheriff Kory Elston and Jail Administrator Alyson Sievers requested that the Board allow them to advertise and hire an additional jailer. Elston stated that one of the current jailers is being activated in April and will be gone for a year, which is a bad time to be short a jailer. Elston informed the Board that the job must remain open for the employee deployed as his job is guaranteed to him when he comes back. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder to approve the request of Sheriff Kory Elston and Jail Administrator Alyson Sievers to advertise and hire an additional **jailer**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the Class C **Liquor License**, Outdoor Service & Sunday Sales, for The Little Sioux Golf and Country Club. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve the Class C **Liquor License** and Outdoor Service for LCCC, Inc, DBA Lake Creek Golf. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to set a public hearing for a FY'24 BV County **budget amendment**, for April 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 2/27/2024, as presented, today's **claims approval list (with the exception of deducting \$28,100 for Rolling Hills stipend reimbursements to Cherokee, Pocahontas, and BV Counties, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements,** and accept the following **reports**: February Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, February Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, January Central IA Detention Commission minutes, and FY'23 Audit Report for Buena Vista County. Carried.

Vice-Chair Merten informed the Board of an employee of **Rolling Hills Region** that left (from another county) and the remaining four employees would be receiving \$6,000 stipends, since they will be absorbing the work of the person that left.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. until Tuesday, March 19 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Vice Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FOURTEENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (14)
MARCH 19, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder 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 Croker, second by Hartman, to approve today's agenda. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Engineer Wilkinson reported normal operations for the Secondary Road Department; they have been blading gravel roads, working on driveways, finishing the bathroom at the Alta building, hanging heat and installing lights at the Alta building; snow is predicted for this weekend, which makes plowing tricky as the frost is out on the gravel roads; DOT is still reviewing Phase 1 and Phase 2 on the road project by Platinum Crush. Engineer Wilkinson stated that he would like to let both Phases of the project at the same time. Engineer Wilkinson stated that he sent information to the DOT and the railroad regarding the Hwy 7 intersection. The DOT is waiting to hear the railroad's comments, otherwise they are reluctant to agree to the Hwy 7 intersection; Engineer Wilkinson attended the ISAC meetings last week, discussing HF 2574 and a SF 2385 that would affect the SRFBC Committee; Engineer Wilkinson stated that the Engineers also discussed HF718 and how it could affect the 75% local effort to Secondary Roads.

Supervisor Merten asked Engineer Bret Wilkinson about the summer hours for his department and whether he had polled his employees. Wilkinson stated that a vote was taken from his employees, all in favor of working four 10-hour days from April 8-October 4. Wilkinson stated that the weeks that have a holiday, they will work five 8-hour days. The consensus of the Board was to leave this decision up to Wilkinson to set every year, but to notify the Board each year as to when the summer hours will be.

The Chair opened the **Public Hearing** on the proposals by resolution for Parcel #0814328006, 118 Main Street, and Parcel #0814328004, 130 Main Street, both in the City of Albert City, with Jessica Wood present virtually. Chairperson Ringgenberg asked Wood if her and her husband were interested in purchasing the property at 130 Main Street, and Wood said they were interested in purchasing the property for the proposed \$500. Woods asked to be sure that there would not be any back taxes, that it would be free and clear, and the Board's response was there would not be any back taxes and it would be free and clear. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-03-19-A** disposing of Parcel #0814328006 also known as 118 Main Street, gifting it to the City of Albert City. Carried.

RESOLUTION # 2024-03-19-A

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 569, Buena Vista County holds title to the following property:

Buena Vista County Parcel # 0814328006, also known as 118 Main Street, Albert City, Iowa, and legally described as:

LOT NINE (9), TEN (10), ELEVEN (11), AND TWELVE (12) EXCEPT THE EAST ONE (1) FOOT OF LOT TWELVE (12), BLOCK SIX (6), IN THE CITY OF ALBERT CITY, IOWA

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.361, subsection 2, considers disposal of said property to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albert City has indicated to the Board of Supervisors that the City seeks the conveyance of said property so that the property can be used for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, on the 20th day of February, 2024, approved a proposal by resolution to dispose of said property by quitclaim deed and gifting to the City of Albert City, which intends to use said property for a public purpose in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.361, subsection 4; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, on this 19th day of March, 2024, following proper notice of the time and place as required by Iowa Code Section 331.305, held a public hearing on the proposal as required by Iowa Code Section 331.361, subsection 2; and

WHEREAS, upon conclusion of the public hearing, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors considers disposal of said property by gifting to the City of Albert City the aforementioned property by quitclaim deed to be in the County and the public's interest.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 569 and Section 331.361, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors finds that it has the authority to dispose of the following property:

Buena Vista County Parcel # 0814328006, also known as 118 Main Street, Albert City, Iowa, and legally described as:

LOT NINE (9), TEN (10), ELEVEN (11), AND TWELVE (12) EXCEPT THE EAST ONE (1) FOOT OF LOT TWELVE (12), BLOCK SIX (6), IN THE CITY OF ALBERT CITY, IOWA

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors finds that proper notice of the time and place of the public hearing on the Board's proposal to dispose of said property was published in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.305; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors will convey said property to the City of Albert City by quitclaim deed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conveyance of said property shall be without further consideration as the City of Albert City intends to use said property for a public purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any further expenses associated with the conveyance of said property shall be paid by the grantee, the City of Albert City, unless said expenses are required by law to be paid the by the grantor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Attorney is authorized to have the appropriate documents prepared to facilitate the conveyance of said property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chair is authorized to sign any necessary documents to facilitate the conveyance once presented to the Chair without further action by the Board.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Board of Supervisors Chair.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-03-19-B** disposing of Parcel #0814328004 also known as 130 Main Street, by quitclaim deed to Jamie Wood and Jessica Wood. Carried.

RESOLUTION # 2024-03-19-B

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 569, Buena Vista County holds title to the following property:

Buena Vista County Parcel # 0814328004, also known as 130 Main Street, Albert City, Iowa, and legally described as:
THE SOUTH NINETY-TWO FEET (S. 92') OF LOT SIX (6), IN BLOCK SIX (6), IN THE CITY OF ALBERT CITY, IOWA

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.361, subsection 2, considers disposal of said property to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Wood and Jessica Wood, who own adjoining property, have indicated to the Board of Supervisors that they seek conveyance of the property so that they can expand a business or otherwise utilize the property; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, on the 20th day of February, 2024, approved a proposal by resolution to dispose of said property by quitclaim deed for the sale price of \$500 to Jamie Wood and Jessica Wood; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, on this 19th day of March, 2024, following proper notice of the time and place as required by Iowa Code Section 331.305, held a public hearing on the proposal as required by Iowa Code Section 331.361, subsection 2; and

WHEREAS, upon conclusion of the public hearing, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors considers disposal of said property by sale to Jamie Wood and Jessica Wood for the sale price of \$500 to be in the County and the public's interest.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 569 and Section 331.361, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors finds that it has the authority to dispose of the following property:

Buena Vista County Parcel # 0814328004, also known as 130 Main Street, Albert City, Iowa, and legally described as:

THE SOUTH NINETY-TWO FEET (S. 92') OF LOT SIX (6), IN BLOCK SIX (6), IN THE CITY OF ALBERT CITY, IOWA

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors finds that proper notice of the time and place of the public hearing on the Board's proposal to dispose of said property was published in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.305; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors will convey said property to Jamie Wood and Jessica Wood by quitclaim deed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conveyance of said property shall be for the sale price of \$500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any further expenses associated with the conveyance of said property shall be paid by the grantee, Jamie Wood and Jessica Wood, unless said expenses are required by law to be paid the by the grantor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Attorney is authorized to have the appropriate documents prepared to facilitate the conveyance of said property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chair is authorized to sign any necessary documents to facilitate the conveyance once presented to the Chair without further action by the Board.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Board of Supervisors Chair.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

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

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the minutes from 3/12/2024, as presented, and accept the following reports: Solid Waste Commission March 2024 agenda, February BV County Landfill minutes, February Conservation Board minutes, and 2024 February landfill SCS Engineers report. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to authorize the Auditor to void and reissue check #322183, dated 9/12/23 to GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, in the amount of \$4,120.15, as it has been lost. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Jt. DD #22 claim for \$1,250 for twenty-five beaver tails, trapped by Julian Johnsen, Laurens, IA, and forward to Clay County for payment. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Hartman attended the BV County Landfill meeting, asking for a reduced rate in cleaning up garbage from the river, which the answer was no. Hartman stated that each town is going to have a cleanup day; Merten attended the E911 and EMA meetings for Snyder. Merten stated that Platinum Crush will be giving tours next week to first responders; Ringgenberg attended the Department Head meeting; Snyder attended the ISAC meeting last week.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. until Tuesday, March 26 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session, and 8:45 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTEENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (15)
MARCH 26, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Hartman, Merten, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker.

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

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy for the FY'25 Buena Vista County budget, with four gentlemen present and seven people online. The gentlemen that were present all wanted to know how this was going to affect their taxes. It was explained that even though the HF718 letter that was mailed to property owners shows a decrease in the proposed tax for \$100,000 Residential property and a \$100,000 Commercial Property, taxes would be the same amount had everything stayed the same, but valuations increased. The gentlemen asked if there was any chance of lowering the levies, to which Merten stated that there isn't much room to make changes, as the State tells the county what the max levy can be for General Basic and Rural Basic, and if the county reduces those levies, then the Supplemental Rate would go away, and there are too many things paid out of the Supplemental Fund, that couldn't be moved to General Basic to pay for. Merten stated that the State handcuffed the county, the county still must provide services, and expenses keep rising. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to close the public hearing. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m. until Tuesday, March 26 at 8:45 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SIXTEENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (16)
MARCH 26, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 8:45 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Hartman, Merten, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker.

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

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

Secondary Road Report: Trucks were out on Sunday and today, the wind is the problem causing slick roads; Hazmat training is tomorrow for Secondary Roads; Engineer Wilkinson informed the Board that the HF and SF on the Serve Dat Committee haven't moved in the legislative session; Wilkinson stated that he had 28 applications for the full-time office position he has available, and will begin interviews in the near future; the crew has been working on tile repairs and driveways; Wilkinson stated that he was waiting for more conversation on the roads around Platinum Crush; Wilkinson will attend the Allethe Clean Energy meeting on Thursday, and get an update on the wind turbine project; Wilkinson will be bringing his DOT budget and 5-year plan to the Board for approval on 4/9 as he has to submit it to the DOT by 4/15; the survey data is in on Business 71, which is a large project, so Wilkinson is double checking things.

Steve Tate asked Engineer Wilkinson if the **bean plant** was going to haul beans on the soft gravel roads, as there were two trucks out yesterday. Engineer Wilkinson stated that he can embargo roads and signage, but doing one at a time is difficult. Tate also asked if the county had a plan when they pave the road by Platinum Crush, as to how he could get in and out of his property. Wilkinson stated that there will be days when vehicles will not be able to get out of driveways. Merten commented that something should be said to Platinum Crush so that everyone works together on this.

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

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen presented the property and casualty insurance application to the Board for the Chair's signature. Ahrendsen has reviewed the application and updated the list. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **property and casualty insurance application** for ICAP. Carried.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen updated the Board on the **CFNP voting precinct** that has been at the Albert City-Truesdale school in Albert City. The school board members and the superintendent asked

that voting be moved out of the school, due to safety of their students. Auditor Lloyd, Arendsen, and Yvonne Sandhoff made a trip to Albert City to view rooms at two of the churches who offered their locations for voting, along with City Hall. After looking at all three locations, it was decided to move the CFNP voting precinct to the Albert City-City Hall, effective immediately.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the minutes from 3/19/2024, as presented, claims approval list, and Auxiant disbursements, and accept the following reports: February Central Iowa Detention Commission Meeting minutes, February & March Central IA Juvenile Detention Center Executive Committee Meeting minutes, August Secondary Road Fund Distribution Committee minutes, December E911 Service Board minutes, January E911 Service Board Public Hearing minutes, and February Storm Lake United Board Meeting minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to set the date and time for the FY'25 County Budget Public Hearing for April 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme and Treasurer Danelle Haberman informed the Board of a letter that Haberman had received from the U.S. Small Business Administration, which owns land that is part of the drainage district that goes through Albert City, stating that they will not be paying the drainage assessment, because they are a Federal Agency. County Attorney Paul Allen was contacted and sent Blomme a Code Section that states that all Federal land is exempt from taxes and special assessments. Blomme stated that the State has viewed drainage assessments as a fee, but the Iowa Drainage Code says that it is an assessment. Blomme would like to pass this information along to Drainage Attorney Gary Armstrong, for his opinion. Blomme stated that if the Federal Agencies do not have to pay the drainage assessments, then they should be informed of their rights to the drainage district if they do not pay the assessments. Blomme mentioned that Monona County has Federal Fish & Wildlife that do pay drainage assessments, so not sure why some Federal agencies would pay, and others will not. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to pass along the information and letter from the U.S. Small Business Administration, regarding their nonpayment of drainage assessments to Drainage Attorney Gary Armstrong, for his opinion on whether we can issue a statement to them to pay their drainage assessment. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Merten attended the Central IA Juvenile Detention Center meeting last week, will attend the Plains Area Mental Health meeting tonight, and the Rolling Hills Region meeting tomorrow.

J. D. Myers, Summit Carbon Manager of Agriculture & Stakeholder Relations, and Grant Terry, Sr. Pipeline Project Manager, presented a power point with information about the Summit Pipeline proposed project, which includes 10 miles going through BV County. Also present for the discussion was EMA Aimee Barritt, Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen, Real Estate & Drainage Deputy Kristina Konradi, Attorney John Murray, Tom Cullen of the Storm Lake Times Pilot, and two other gentlemen, with Sheriff Kory Elston and three others present online. Myers stated that they are currently partnered with 57 ethanol plants across the Midwest. Terry stated that they capture carbon dioxide from the fermentation process of biorefineries, such as ethanol plants, compress the captured CO2, and channel it to North Dakota where it will be permanently and safely stored underground in deep geologic storage locations. Public meetings may start in June, and until that time, they cannot talk to landowners. Myers stated that in Buena Vista County, Summit would bring in \$979,000 in property taxes. Murray asked whether the county would have to go through condemnation hearings on a pipeline that may not go anywhere, and if it does go through, what the reasonable amount of inspection fees would be and if the county would be reimbursed. Myers stated that there is no cap on what they will reimburse, but it will only be for construction related activities.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. until Tuesday, April 2 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

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BUENA VISTA COUNTY

JANUARY-MARCH 2024

CLAIMS LISTING

360 CUSTOM DESIGNS 2,593.00; 4 SEASONS PLUMBING, HEATING, & COOLING 682.89; A & M SERVICES INC. 63.30; ACCESS SYSTEMS 680.12; ACCESS SYSTEMS 5.37; ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING 597.30; ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS 82,415.48; AFLAC 8,311.14; AGSTATE 6,061.51; AHLERS & COONEY, P.C. 1,334.00; AIMEE BARRITT 150.00; ALAN T HASUIKE 25,450.00; ALEX DEROOS 192.55; ALLIANT ENERGY /IPL 31,547.94; ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CO. 22,867.41; ALTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4,752.50; ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 1,050.30; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 17,375.07; ANGELA LAI 60.75; ANGIE WILKINSON 88.43; ANNETTE KOSTER 816.63; ARCSEARCH LLC 78,334.26; ARMINDA MOLINA 150.00; ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 481.25; ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 12.68; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IPERS 13,979.43; ASSOCIATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES, PC 3,705.00; AUGUSTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 700.00; AURELIA LUMBER COMPANY 1,015.49; AUXIANT 78,230.64; B V CO SECONDARY ROAD 36,374.66; B V COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION 195.00; B V SOLID WASTE COMMISSION 20.00; BAXTER & WILD LAW OFFICES, PC 4,709.90; BEN MUEGGENBERG 135.00; BEN NESHEIM 300.00; BERNY SCHLEUSENER 300.00; BLOOM HAROLD D REV TRUST 453.24; BOB BARKER COMPANY INC 528.12; BOMGAARS 2,276.65; BREES REST HOME INC 9,348.00; BREMER COUNTY SHERIFF 142.80; BRENDA JEAN NICKOLISEN 40,032.00; BRET WILKINSON 68.05; BRIAN DRZYCIMSKI 15.12; BRIAN JONES 81.20; BRUCE KIRSCH 200.00; BUENA VISTA CO ENV HEALTH / ZONING 150.00; BUENA VISTA CO TREASURER 537.81; BUENA VISTA CO. CONSERVATION 258.24; BUENA VISTA CO. SHERIFF 3,713.90; BUENA VISTA COUNTY 80,815.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY 5,068.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY JOURNAL 2,261.02; BUENA VISTA CO PUBLIC HEALTH & HOMECARE 21,567.21; BUENA VISTA REG MEDICAL CENTER 6,395.25; BUTCH ENGEL 117.64; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 595,286.92; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 21,622.80; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 6,151.20; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 40,648.56; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 8,776.68; BV GLASS AND PAINT 742.20; BV-CALHOUN-SAC DRAINAGE ENGINEER FUND C/O BV COUNTY TREASURER 6,250.00; BVRMC PHARMACY 981.62; C & B OPERATIONS, LLC 1,505.95; CALHOUN COUNTY 18,114.00; CALHOUN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH 248.49; CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT 299.98; CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC 12,744.07; CALIBRE PRESS 1,434.00; CAMPBELL SUPPLY COMPANY 19,348.97; CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES 149.76; CAPITAL ONE 14.52; CARD SERVICE CENTER 92.00; CAROLYN ARMSTRONG 841.95; CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF 1,618.07; CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE 1,897.41; CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES, INC 146.47; CASSIE CRUM 231.03; CAYLYN BISHOP 978.14; CDW GOVERNMENT INC 781.50; CELLEBRITE, INC 6,100.00; CENTER FOR SIOUXLAND 6,250.00; CENTRAL BANK 12,706.02; CENTRAL IOWA DETENTION 3,145.65; CENTRAL SQUARE 24,261.52; CENTRAL U.S. COATINGS INC. 4,550.00; CENTURY LINK 1,099.44; CERTIFIED POWER, INC 191.10; CHAMPION ELECTRIC 33,145.39; CHEROKEE COUNTY 28,403.00; CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF 914.90; CHEROKEE COUNTY TREASURER 4,124.35; CINDY WIEMOLD 129.72; CINTAS FIRST AID AND SAFETY 1,207.62; CITY OF ALBERT CITY 133.50; CITY OF LINN GROVE 541.24; CITY OF MARATHON 553.27; CITY OF NEWELL 188.97; CITY OF REMBRANDT 2,131.15; CITY OF SIOUX CITY 92.46; CITY OF SIOUX RAPIDS 581.58; CITY OF STORM LAKE 6,837.93; CLAEYS BROTHERS MOVING AND STORAGE 2,310.00; CLAUSEN HARDWARE & SERVICE 21.95; COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER 1,260.56; COMMERCIAL APPRAISER'S OF IOWA 1,900.00; COMMERCIAL SIGN & DESIGN 30.00; COMMUNITY BROADCASTING INC 875.16; COMMUNITY CARE OF KNOXVILLE, LLC 4,746.60; COPPER COTTAGE 202.50; CORY DEAN MEINERTS 603.08; COUNCIL AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE 1,222.50; COUNTRY CARE CENTER CORP 6,552.00; COURT REPORTERS OF IOWA 318.50; COZO 75.00; CRAWFORD COUNTY HOME HEALTH & 36,585.72; CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF 602.08; CRIMMINS LAW FIRM 60.00; CRITTENTON CENTER 4,228.53; CULLIGAN 299.78; CURTIS REIS 633.14; CYPRESS SOLUTIONS 4,598.12; DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS, INC. 101.12; DALLAS COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5

80.00; DAN BAILEY 200.00; DANELLE HABERMAN 140.22; DANIEL MALOY 200.00; DAVID SUNBLAD 500.00; DEAN K ELLINGSON 229.40; DES MOINES STAMP MFG CO 53.15; DICKINSON COUNTY SHERIFF 56.13; DICKINSON, BRADSHAW, FOWLER, & HAGEN, P.C. 1,942.00; DISTRICT 3 RECORDERS ASSOCIATION 100.00; DISTRICT A HOMECARE DIRECTORS 15.00; DISTRICT III ICCS 250.00; DOREEN PEDERSEN 111.32; DR. GARRETT FEDDERSEN 2,100.00; DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE CO 33.95; DUBUQUE COUNTY SHERIFF 52.00; EDWARDS 52,512.70; EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION, LLC 14,545.96; EJS SUPPLY 2,289.54; ELECTION SOURCE 149.43; EMMA AHRENSEN 210.00; ERIC YUNGINGER 150.00; EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC 57,775.94; EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY MHS 5,475.19; FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER 1,055.04; FAREWAY STORE 3,078.12; FILTERCARE OF NEBRASKA LLC 1,895.85; FIRST CHILDREN'S FINANCE 10,000.00; FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LABORATORY, INC 834.50; FRATZKE & JENSEN FUNERAL HOMES 500.00; GARY SUNDBLAD 145.36; GEO-COMM, INC. 5,506.20; GILL HAULING INC 373.11; GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICAL 496.86; GOLDSTAR PRODUCTS, INC. 619.62; GRAFFIX INC. WALL OF FAME 466.57; GRAHAM TIRE CO 8,543.29; GRAINGER 971.96; GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS 607.38; GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY 350.00; GREGORY JOHNSON 111.09; GROWS GARBAGE SERVICE 600.00; GRP & ASSOCIATES INC. 100.00; GUARANTEE GUTTER 3,955.00; HAROLD ROWLEY RECYCLE CENTER 64,005.00; HEALTHCAREFIRST %WELLS FARGO 300.00; HEIDI HANSEN 150.00; HISEY LAW OFFICE 1,875.00; HOBART SALES AND SERVICES 12,210.54; HOLIDAY INN DES MOINES AIRPORT 2,187.36; HONDO'S SALES & SERVICE 86.00; HOPE HAVEN INC 810.62; HUMBOLDT COUNTY 23,380.00; HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF 704.04; HUNDERTMARK CLEANING SYSTEMS 110.63; HUNTER KNUDTSON 127.08; HUNZELMAN PUTZIER & CO 1,462.50; HY-VEE INC 383.35; IAAO-INTERNATIONAL ASS'N OF ASSESSING OFFICERS 240.00; IACCVSO 60.00; IDA COUNTY SHERIFF 790.27; IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY USA LLC 2,575.00; IGL TELECONNECT 537.00; ILEA IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY 625.00; IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITES INC 12,847.98; IMAGING SPECTRUM, INC. 286.84; IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PRE SCHOOL 2,087.00; IMWCA 8,996.00; INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF SIOUX CITY 2,859.15; INTOXIMETERS 415.00; IOWA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSN (ICAA) 600.00; IOWA COUNTY RECORDERS ASSOCIATION 250.00; IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 233.64; IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 563.60; IOWA DEPT PUBLIC SAFETY 6,726.00; IOWA DOT 600.00; IOWA EMERGENCY MGMT ASSOC 225.00; IOWA HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION 875.00; IOWA LAKES CORRIDOR DEV CORP 17,500.00; IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP 4,129.17; IOWA LAKES REGIONAL WATER 1,033.09; IOWA PARKS & RECREATION ASSOCIATION 360.00; IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES 17,292.70; IOWA SPORTSMAN 100.00; IOWA STATE ASSOC OF COUNTIES 420.00; IOWA STATE COMPTROLLER TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA 93,624.01; IOWA STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER 6,141.00; IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY 550.00; IOWA WEED COMMISSIONERS ASSN 227.00; IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 1,831.93; IPERS 404,869.40; ISAA- IOWA STATE ASS'N OF ASSESSORS 1,005.00; ISAC 2,033.15; ISCTA DISTRICT III TREASURERS 225.00; ISSDA - IOWA STATE SHERIFFS & DEPUTIES ASS'N 1,725.00; ISU EXTENSION-BV COUNTY 405.00; ITSAVVY LLC 3,394.75; J3RED MARKETING LLC 5,842.25; JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT 1,387.00; JACQUELYN MC COY 150.00; JAMES C EATON 3,800.00; JAMES DOUGLAS OATMAN ESTATE 6,128.00; JAMIE CLARK 246.62; JANITORS CLOSET LTD- JCL 830.15; JASON FASTENOW 86.43; JEAN L SASSMAN 18.00; JENNIFER GOEBEL 150.00; JENNIFER MORSE 150.00; JIM FRANZMEIER 25.20; JIM TEMPLE 150.00; JODI K GILLESPIE 157.50; JOHN SCHMIT 18.25; JOHNSTON AUTOSTORES 5,044.08; JON BUSS 30.00; JOSEPH CRONIN 55.57; JOSEPH KELLER 90.00; JUD GRAESING 70.94; JULIE SATHER 93.63; JULIUS CLEANERS 131.50; JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY 1,375.00; JUSTIN ANDERSON 13.85; KARL LAURSEN 10.08; KARLA AHRENSEN 285.86; KARLEY KONRADI 154.00; KASPERBAUER CLEANERS, INC. 756.49; KATHRYN CROKER 733.80; KATHRYN STRUSS 102.14; KATHY ERICKSON 93.75; KAY EVANS 84.26; KEITH REETZ 5,609.00; KELLE BARNETT 150.00; KELLY SNYDER 1,167.69; KENDRA M OLSON ATTORNEY AT LAW 237.60; KENT PATTERSON 17.64; KEVIN CONE 42,195.00; KIMBALL MIDWEST 2,208.99; KnowBe4, INC. 3,588.84; KORY DEMEY 200.00; KRISTIN TEEL, CSR 144.00; KRISTINA KONRADI 150.00; KYLE HORNOR 36.54; KYLE V HANSEN 135.28; KYLEA LEDESMA 60.00; L.N. CURTIS AND SONS 1,639.36; LACEY

ANDERSON 61.88; LARSON OIL & DISTRIBUTING 12,290.52; LEISA MAYER 641.06; LEMMENES & DODGEN 474.50; LEO'S KITCHENS, INC 524.00; LEXIS NEXIS RISK DATA MANAGEMENT, LLC 487.75; LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INS CO 9,329.14; LISA BRINGLE 1,372.68; LOFFLER COMPANIES 2,715.14; LONG LINES BROADBAND 9,731.27; LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM 1,500.00; MAGNET FORENSICS LLC 10,995.00; MAIL SERVICES LLC 2,843.85; MAIN STREET SPECIALTIES, LLC 5,716.73; MARCO 746.00; MARCUS LUMBER 30,261.88; MARLIN FRIEDRICH 17,100.00; MARLOWE WILLIAM POLLER 26,430.00; MASTER BURN 88.23; MATT MC CARTHY 6.30; MCCLURE ENGINEERING CO. 5,837.50; MELANIE ANDERSON 150.40; MENARDS - SPENCER 391.07; MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP 1,743.23; MGX EQUIPMENT SERVICES LLC 1,179.10; MID AMERICAN ENERGY 22,658.35; MID COUNTRY MACHINERY 101,700.00; MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY INC 5,420.81; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY 15.25; MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFORMATION CENTER 250.00; MIDWEST COMPLIANCE ASSOCIATES 1,500.00; MIDWESTERN MECHANICAL, INC 695.00; MIKE'S LAWN SERVICE INC 1,401.97; MILDRED J. MORROW 426.28; MILLER, MILLER, MILLER P.C. 138.70; MODERN SOUND ENGINEERING INC. 773.30; MORROW CONSTRUCTION INC 34,150.00; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. 4,844.33; MPH INDUSTRIES INC 98.45; MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO 11,073.92; NACVSO 800.00; NATHAN SCHUMANN 123.04; NATIONAL ASSOC OF COUNTIES 450.00; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS 995.00; NATIONWIDE 1,115.00; NETSMART TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 9,039.40; NETWORKS, INC. 129.00; NEW CENTURY FS 128,073.06; NEW HOPE VILLAGE 2,596.88; NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR 4,597.10; NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRIBUTING, INC. 15,553.09; NORTHWEST IOWA ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION 550.00; NW IA PLANNING & DEV COM 3,500.00; NW IA REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST 1,694.00; NW IA YES CENTER 22,004.62; NYEMASTER GOODE, P.C. 12,973.50; O'BRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF 5.50; ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC 760.08; OFFICE ELEMENTS 3,142.25; OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE 850.00; OLSEN WELDING & MACHINE 2,380.05; PATC -IOWA ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE 110.00; PAUL DIEHL 4,475.00; PAUL JESSE 24,412.00; PAUL MERTEN 188.73; PHOENIX SUPPLY 595.04; PINGEL FAMIL LIVING TRUST 1,000.00; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT 1,200.00; PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC 1,731.06; PITNEY BOWES INC 361.00; PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH, INC 214,516.64; PLUMBING & HEATING 1,951.52; POCAHONTAS COUNTY 24,499.55; POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 74.22; POSTMASTER 100.00; POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY SHERIFF 439.31; POWER SOLUTIONS, INC. 22,909.43; PRAIRIE FABRICATION, LLC 426.94; PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 49,075.54; PRISCILLA A. JACKSON 620.20; QUILL CORPORATION 885.10; R & D INDUSTRIES INC 16,475.16; RANAE OVERTON 52,440.00; RANDY CATES 600.00; RANDY REDIG 150.00; RANDY RICHTER 56.70; RANDY ROBBINS 150.00; REBECCA KERN 150.00; REBNORD TECHNOLOGIES INC 68,934.15; REHAB SYSTEMS LLC 1,045.00; REIMER, LOHMAN, & REITZ 1,795.10; RELIANCE TELEPHONE INC 5,052.75; RENT - ALL, INC. 1,298.64; RICHARD MARSHALL 115.12; RICOH USA, INC 138.76; ROBERT DANIELSON 150.00; ROGER E PETERSON 7,304.00; ROWLAND RACING LLC 1,770.84; RR ELECTRIC LLC 1,534.86; SAC COUNTY ENGINEER 273.48; SAC COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES 19,066.14; SANDRA J. SEXTRO 10,636.00; SANDRA K HOYT 110.55; SANDRA K. SWEENEY 777.03; SANDY LAW FIRM PC 107.50; SANFORD CENTER 32,591.25; SANOFI PASTEUR INC 228.15; SAVINGS BANK SECURITY TRUST & 315,691.12; SAVINGS BANK SECURITY TRUST & 224,392.28; SCHAEFFER MFG.CO. 6,365.69; SCHULTE LAW FIRM, LC 841.20; SCOTT MACK 150.00; SEAT-STATE ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS TRAINING 180.00; SECURITY TRUST 73,833.50; SHARON KOCH 180.36; SIOUX CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL 5,082.50; SIOUX RIVERS REGION 290.00; SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC. 445,943.70; SMART VENDING SERVICES 2,508.19; SMITH CONCRETE SERVICE INC 564.06; SMS POWERTRAIN AND HARDWARE, LLC 8,109.28; SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL 849.39; SONNY'S LAWN CARE AND TREE SERVICE 6,000.00; SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES 3,908.76; SPORTS REHAB & PROFESSIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATES, INC. 13,842.88; ST ANTHONY REGIONAL HOSPITAL 374.90; ST. MARYS PRESCHOOL 6,222.50; ST. ROSE OF LIMA PRESCHOOL 6,097.50; STACY BLEE 84.26; STA-MEL ENTERPRISES INC 42,650.93; STANLEY LAW FIRM, LLC 1,131.65; STANTON ELECTRIC INC 1,093.07; STELLAR INDUSTRIES INC. 444.01; STEPHANIE ANDERSON 34.75; STERICYCLE, INC. / SHRED-IT 342.83; STEVE POLLER 57,110.00; STEVEN J TATE 7,700.00;

STOCKTON TROUT FARM, LLC 1,362.50; STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT 849.34; STORM CITY AUTO PARTS 13.76; STORM LAKE ACE HARDWARE 1,213.20; STORM LAKE GARAGE DOOR SERVICE 17,735.40; STORM LAKE HONDA 569.41; STORM LAKE HYDRAULICS 823.65; STORM LAKE TIMES PILOT 3,391.35; STORM LAKE UNITED 22,500.00; STORY COUNTY SHERIFF 43.40; STRATEGIC HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS, LLC 74.25; STRATFORD GRAVEL INC 34,699.12; STREET COP TRAINING 598.00; STREICHER'S 3,716.10; SUSAN LLOYD 358.92; TAYLOR NORLAND 200.00; TESSIER'S INC 10,403.07; THE FIRE GROUP, INC 660.00; THE LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT 1,549.44; THE PRIDE GROUP, INC 75,727.82; THERESA JOCHUM 570.42; TIMOTHY A ALKIRE 12,765.00; TODD ANDERSON 200.00; TODD KAY 900.00; TRACY GOTTO 219.24; TREASURER STATE OF IOWA 3,056.55; TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA 10.00; TRI-STATE EMERG MGMT ASSN 20.00; TRIVIUM LIFE SERVICES 10,368.00; TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES 4,066.14; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 17,073.88; ULTEIG ENGINEERS LLC 133,764.88; UNITY LAW + MEDIATION PLC 210.00; UNITY RIDGE LUTHERAN SCHOOL 5,890.00; UNITYPOINT CLINIC OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE 126.00; UNITYPOINT HEALTH -FORT DODGE 1,525.00; UNITYPOINT HEALTH-CHICAGO 2,370.00; UPPER DES MOINES 3,750.00; US CELLULAR 5,779.70; US CELLULAR 570.00; VAKULSKAS LAW FIRM PC 2,920.50; VANCE CORDS 30.00; VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC 48,896.70; VERIZON 180.00; VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC. 2,622.78; VERIZON WIRELESS 5,863.97; VERNON COMPANY 162.73; VETTER EQUIPMENT CO 326.92; VICKY HOSKIN 12,765.00; VISA 14,183.48; VISA 3,228.83; VISION CARE ASSOCIATES P.C. 459.00; VISTA PAINTS 362.40; VISUAL EDGE IT, INC. 1,375.68; VON BOKERN ASSOCIATES, INC. 3,100.00; WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO 3,967.38; WEBSTER COUNTY SHERIFF 33.00; WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHI 506,044.95; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING, INC. 453.00; WESCO INDUSTRIES INC 98,226.50; WEST CENTRAL CONSTRUCTION, INC 5,783.50; WEST PAYMENT CENTER 7,033.70; WEX BANK 1,566.93; WEX BANK 742.04; WILLIAM HILSABECK 77.78; WINDSTREAM 658.68; WINDSTREAM CABS 205.14; WINTHER STAVE & CO LLP 38,753.77; WOODBURY CO SHERIFF 13,185.00; WOODBURY COUNTY 74,464.00; YMCA 80.00; YVONNE SANDHOFF 209.82; ZIEGLER INC 43,398.84

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEVENTEENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (17)
APRIL 2, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he would like to advertise to hire 1-2 seasonal mowers. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Engineer to advertise to hire 1-2 **seasonal mowers**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board of a newer employee in his department that had an unexpected medical issue and would be off work for a couple of weeks. Wilkinson stated that this employee has not received any sick leave yet, and so Wilkinson was asking for permission to allow other employees in his department to donate some of their vacation time to help this employee. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve allowing employees to **donate vacation time** to the employee in the Secondary Road Department (A.D.) who does not have any sick leave, as he is a new employee. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been hauling gravel and limestone to gravel roads, blading and shaping them up; the department will begin their 10-hour days next Monday; they will be working on shouldering/edge rutting and driveways in April. Engineer Wilkinson informed the Board of an informational meeting with Allete Energy on April 12, if a couple of them wanted to attend.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme and Asst. Drainage Engineer Eric Yunginger were present to request a carryover of vacation hours for Yunginger, in the amount of 17 hours over the 40 hours allowed. Yunginger stated that he intends to use the 17 hours within the next two pay periods. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the request of Eric Yunginger to **carry over an additional 17 hours of vacation** over the 40 hours currently allowed, to be used within the next two pay periods. Carried.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve both sets of **minutes** from 3/26/2024, as presented, and accept the following **reports:** FY'23 Central Service Cost Allocation Plan, September VA Commission minutes, February NW IA YES Center minutes, February NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, December SHIELD Board meeting minutes, February & March Central IA Detention Commission minutes, and February & March Central IA Juvenile Detention Center Executive Committee minutes. Carried.

Nine third and fourth graders from Storm Lake Elementary School were present to read the Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month**. Carried. The Board thanked the students for coming and reading the proclamation.

Joanne Follon, Business Retention & Workforce Partnership Coordinator with Iowa Lakes Corridor stopped in to update the Board on their activities.

Early Childhood Iowa Director Annette Koster brought in pinwheels to the Board, to display in April for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller brought a purchase agreement to the Board for a John Deere tractor mower, trading in the 2016 model which has 835 hours on it. The price of the John Deere mower also includes some parts for the mower used at the Sheriff's Department. Keller received quotes from C & B Operations, Storm Lake, and from K. C. Nielsen, Ltd., Laurens. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the purchase agreement with C & B Operations, Storm Lake, IA, to purchase a John Deere tractor mower, in the amount of \$13,148.98. Carried.

Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller informed the Board that he will have another contract for the Board to approve next week, for the concrete work on the steps and railings at the Courthouse. Keller stated that this is included in the current budget, and the work should be done by the end of May. Keller is also checking into tuck pointing of the Courthouse.

Department Update: Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller informed the Board that he has had the boiler inspected, participated in the tornado drill, and had fire inspections done. Keller stated that carpeting will be placed in Courtrooms B & C and DHS, and that he will be waxing floors this month.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen requested that the Board allow the Auditor's Office to shred the 2022 Primary Election records after April 7, which is allowed by Code, 22 months after a Federal Election. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve disposing of the 2022 Primary Election materials, after April 7, 2024, which is allowed by Code 22 months after a Federal Election, and to notify both political party chairs. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Ringgenberg will attend the Department Head meeting on Thursday and reported that there would be a safety meeting on Wednesday. Merten attended the Rolling Hills Region meeting last week and attended a virtual meeting with Allete Energy.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to go into closed session (at 9:43 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to go out of closed session at 11:03 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. until Tuesday, April 9 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
EIGHTEENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (18)
APRIL 9, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder 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 Croker, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for a horizontal directional drill from north to south under 600th St., between Section 35 of Grant Township and Section 2 of Providence Township, for a 1.5" water pipe. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that after interviewing for the Administrative Assistant position in his office, he would like to hire Alison Myrtue, beginning May 13. Wilkinson would like to have her starting wage at \$24/hour, receiving the raise July 1 given to the rest of his employees, then a .50 step increase after six months and an additional .50 step increase after one year of employment. Merten commented that he would suggest either doing the step increases or the July 1 raise, but not both. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the **hiring** of Alison Myrtue as an Administrative Assistant to the County Engineer, beginning May 13, 2024, at a rate of \$24.00 per hour, eligible for a 6% raise July 1, 2024, with no step increases. Croker commented that this motion would restrict raises for performance during the first year. Ayes: Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Croker. Motion carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson reviewed his FY'25 IDOT budget that will be submitted to the State, along with his 5-year program for construction and repairs. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to accept and authorize the Chair to sign the **State IDOT budget** for FY'25 and submit it to IDOT. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to accept and authorize the Chair to sign the **5-year Construction Program** for FY'25 and submit it to IDOT. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been rocking roads, working on culverts and driveways, tile repairs, and edge rutting. Engineer Bret Wilkinson heard complaints that the supervisors are receiving regarding the condition of the gravel roads, and he will follow up on the complaints. Wilkinson stated that the 70th Ave. intersection and the four miles or road around Platinum Crush is under the RISE Grant, and informed the Board that the DOT is looking more at the intersection because it is a primary road. Merten asked Wilkinson if the county needs to contact Platinum Crush again about dust control, and trading off who pays for it, stating that the county needs to be proactive.

The Chair opened the public hearing for the 3rd **FY'24 budget amendment**, Notice was published as required. No written objections were submitted, and no objections were offered during the hearing. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the 3rd **FY'24 budget amendment** as published, to authorize the Chair to sign the Budget Amendment certification, **Resolution #2024-04-09-A**, amending the FY'24 Annual Budget, and to approve the following appropriations:

Increase activity	0300	General Suppl (0002) Transfer to 0001	Dept 90	\$26,853
Increase activity	0300	LOST Fund (0019) Transfer to 0020	Dept 90	\$21,007
Increase activity	0300	Capital Project (1545) Transfer to 0001	Dept 90	\$2,555
Increase activity	0220	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 02	\$1,800
Increase activity	1000	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 05	\$12,000
Increase activity	6100	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 69	\$50,000
Increase activity	6110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 22	\$2,300
Increase activity	6210	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$1,000
Increase activity	8101	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 03	\$10,640
Increase activity	8101	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 03	\$8,702
Increase activity	9000	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 01	\$30,000
Increase activity	9010	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 02	\$18,600
Increase activity	9010	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 02	\$7,339
Decrease activity	9020	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 03	-\$13,270
Increase activity	9100	Courthouse Security Fund (0025)	Dept 42	\$131,000
Increase activity	9110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 52	\$54,507 Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04-09-A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY'24 ANNUAL BUDGET
BY ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #3**

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Departmental Appropriations on June 27, 2023 for all departments, of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has held the necessary hearing after having caused to be made the publication and notice required by law; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Budget Amendment #1 on August 29, 2023, thereby increasing appropriations by \$2,484,474, for a total budget after the amendment of \$41,322,187; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Budget Amendment #2 on November 20, 2023, thereby increasing appropriations by \$431,200, for a total budget after the amendment of \$41,753,387; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has held the necessary hearing after having caused to be made the publication and notice required by law; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the budget amendment #3 for FY'24, as presented by the County Auditor, increasing appropriations by \$365,033; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors believe the aforesaid budget amendment #3 proposed for FY'24 to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA:

SECTION ONE: That the FY'24 budget for Buena Vista County, Iowa, on file in the County Auditor's Office is hereby amended and approved.

SECTION TWO: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law, and the County Auditor is directed to make the filings required by law and to set up the books in accordance with the summary and details as adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2024, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, Auditor

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

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the minutes from 4/2/2024, as presented, today's **claims approval list**, and accept the following **reports**: March Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, March Sheriff's Report of fees collected, and February Rolling Hills Governance Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to approve the quote from Efficient Construction, Storm Lake, IA, for **concrete work** and railings for the Courthouse west steps and south entrance, in the amount of \$17,649. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the chair to sign the Certification of Cost Allocation Plan for the **FY2023 Buena Vista County CASI report**. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. until Tuesday, April 23 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. (no meeting is scheduled for April 16)

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
APRIL 16, 2024**

NO BOARD MEETING HELD

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
NINETEENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (19)
APRIL 23, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Merten.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for a horizontal directional drill from south to north under 560th St., between Sections 8 & 17 of Washington Township, for a 2" water pipe. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for a horizontal directional drill from north to south under 650th St., from public right-of-way to private property, approximately 45' east of the centerline of 90th St., then direction drill from east to west under 90th St., from private property to private property, approximately 60' south of the centerline of 650th Ave., all in Sections 28,32 & 33 of Hayes Township, for a 3" water pipe. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for a horizontal directional drill from north to south under 650th St., between Sections 29,31 & 32 of Hayes Township, for a 3" water pipe. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Premier Communications, Sioux Center, IA, for construction of fiber optic utilities on County Highway right-of-way, along 510th St., between Sections 1 and 2 of Lee Township, from 4213 180th Ave. to 1832 510th St. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he received two applications for seasonal employees to mow roadside ditches. Wilkinson stated that neither applicant had previously worked for the county, and he would like to hire both applicants. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to **hire** William Steffen and William Henrich as seasonal employees for the Secondary Road Department, beginning May 6, 2024, at \$19/hour. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The crew has been sheet piling in the washout areas, also hauling gravel, blading, and shouldering with the machine; the motor graders are working on the roads; Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that the legislature moved the SLFBC Committee to IDOT; Wilkinson attended the NACE Conference last week; Wilkinson informed the Board that he is still waiting for approvals from IDOT before the road and intersection project around Platinum Crush can be let.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the **FY'25 Budget Hearing**, with Auditor Susan Lloyd, and Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson, Assistant Weed Commissioner Brian Jones, Treasurer Danelle Haberman, and Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen present. Auditor Lloyd reviewed the proposed tax levies, and the ending fund balances as a percentage of expenditures. Chairperson Ringgenberg opened it up for questions. There were no questions, and no written comments were received. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Adoption of Budget & Certification of Taxes**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-04-23-A, Adoption of 2024/2025 Budget**. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2024-04-23-A
ADOPTION OF
2024-2025 BUDGET & CERTIFICATION OF TAXES**

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa held a Public Hearing on April 23, 2024, for input for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget and County Levies; and

WHEREAS Iowa Code Section 331.434 authorizes the Board of each county to adopt their budget and certify property taxes annually prior to April 30;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby approve and adopt the FY'2024-2025 County Budget and Certification of Taxes, which includes the following levies and property tax asking:

Levies

4.27184	General Basic Levy
2.45000	General Supplemental Levy
3.48039	Rural Service Levy
0.69312	Debt Service Levy

10.89535	Total Levies

Property Tax Levied Dollars

6,058,075	General Basic
3,474,447	General Supplemental
2,964,214	Rural Service
1,055,195	Debt Service

13,551,931	Total Property Tax Dollars

Committed Funds

\$350,967	Fund 0001 – General Basic Fund (County Trails & Signs)
\$ 243	Fund 0001 – General Basic Fund (Heritage Tours)
\$117,022	Fund 0011 – Rural Basic Fund (County Trails & Signs)

\$468,232	Total Committed Funds

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Chairperson Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. Treasurer Danelle Haberman introduced Ketnarine “Ket” Bouommavong, her new hire as a Driver’s License Clerk. The Board welcomed Ket.

Deputy Weed Commissioner Brian Jones reviewed the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) Plan for 2024. Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson stated that the IRVM Plan was last updated seven years ago. Johnson stated that the Conservation Commission has approved the plan, and now it was ready for the Board Chair, Engineer, and Conservation Director to sign the Statement of Support for the plan. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair, Engineer, and Conservation Director to sign the BV County **IRVM Statement of Support**. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented the annual noxious weed resolution. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve **Resolution #2024-04-23-B**, Public Notice Destruction of Noxious Weeds & Fines Assessed, and to authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2024-04-23-B
A PUBLIC NOTICE: DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS & FINES ASSESSED**

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS:

Be it resolved, by action of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317.13 and 317.14, 2024 Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

1-That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land in Buena Vista County shall cut, burn, spray, or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, at such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut, burned, sprayed, or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production:

Group 1. June 1, 2024, for Leafy Spurge and Musk Thistle.

Group 2. July 1, 2024, for Canada Thistle, Teasel and Field Bindweed.

Group 3. August 1, 2024, for Palmer Amaranth, Multiflora Rose, Bull and Plumeless Thistles.

2-That each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Buena Vista County infested with any noxious weeds listed for eradication or control by the Agriculture and Land Stewardship Department Administrative Rules Chapter 58.4 shall adopt a program of weed destruction described by the Weed Commissioner to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.

3-That if the owners or persons in possession or control of any land in Buena Vista County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate upon which the noxious weeds are destroyed.

4-That the County Weed Commissioner be and is hereby directed to cause notice of making and entering of the foregoing order by one publication each of the Official Newspapers of the County.

5-Anyone wishing not to have noxious weeds sprayed within the right-of-way adjacent to dwellings or property by Buena Vista County, he or she shall sign an annual agreement by June 1st at the County Conservation Board Office and receive official signs to be posted on each side of the area designated and shall be responsible to destroy such weeds, all season.

6-Buena Vista County primarily uses Milestone and TerraVue herbicide for noxious weed control within the road right-of-way. For individuals who harvest hay from the County's right-of-way consult the Milestone and TerraVue label for possible haying and grazing restrictions. Any additional concerns may be directed to the County Weed Commissioner.

7-The Weed Commissioner, Greg Johnson or Deputy Weed Commissioner, Brian Jones are located at the Buena Vista County Conservation Board office. 377 440th Street, Peterson, Iowa 51047. Telephone-712-295-7985.

PENALTY

Be it further Resolved, that upon failure to comply by the date prescribed in an order, pursuant to Chapter 317, for destruction of weeds, the weed commissioner, following notice, may enter upon the land without consent and have the weeds destroyed with the costs of such action taxed against the real estate on which the weeds were destroyed, or may impose a penalty of \$10.00 per day for each day, up to ten days, that the owner or person in possession or control of the land fails to comply, after which, the weed commissioner, following notice, may enter upon the land without consent and have the weeds destroyed with the costs of such action taxed against the real estate on which the weeds were destroyed.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of April 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair-BV County Board of Supervisors...Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented a **department update**: the campgrounds were opened last week; Bur Oak Campground will be shut down as they will be working on the shower house and electrical; the bait shop is open; the Conservation Department all attended training last week in Sioux Falls, SD; they are doing maintenance on the parks; they planted 50-100 trees, which came from Soil & Water Conservation; contracts have been sent out to all of the people that rent slips at the Marina; they are trying to get the bathrooms working at the Marina, and the exhaust fans. They plan to paint the bathrooms May 6-11. The staff mowed last week at the Marina, the garbage cans are out, and they can get into the maintenance building.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen reviewed the 3-year renewal document for Travelers Insurance, which includes errors and omissions. Ahrendsen asked the Board if they wanted to make any changes to the limits. Supervisor Croker commented that the computer crime coverage should be increased. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the 3-year renewal for **Travelers Insurance**, and to increase the computer crimes to \$500,000. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the minutes from 4/9/2024, as presented, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: March 12 Conservation Board minutes, March 29 Conservation Board minutes, Solid Waste Commission Evaluation of Recycling Operations updated summary, and March County Landfill minutes. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to authorize the Auditor's Office to **void and reissue check** #323652 dated 1/2/2024 to Alpha Wireless Communications, in the amount of \$2,801.50. Carried.

No action was taken today on the **Housing Authority** representative reappointment, as current representative Donnie Skou is planning to resign.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. until Tuesday, April 30 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTIETH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (20)
APRIL 30, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker (virtually), Hartman, Merten, Snyder 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 Hartman, second by Merten, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson shared information with the Board regarding used **motor graders** that Ziegler has available. There are currently six motor graders available, that Story County traded in, at

\$245,600 each, and with trading in five graders, the net purchase would be \$927,100. Wilkinson stated that he has \$195,000 of Capital Loan dollars available for the purchase, and the remaining \$732,100 would be paid out of Secondary Road Fund. Wilkinson recommends going with the offer as presented, but since this was not listed on action items for today, it will be discussed further at next week's meeting when Wilkinson has an actual purchase agreement.

Supervisor Croker asked Engineer Wilkinson for an **update on 70th Ave. and Hwy 7.** Wilkinson stated that IDOT has responded on the intersection, but nothing has come from the CN Railroad on the two crossings of railroad tracks. Wilkinson stated that he has contacted both people from CNRR that the DOT told him to contact, and he has not heard anything. Wilkinson stated that IDOT will not agree to the 4 miles of road until CNRR responds and is onboard.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he was contacted by Mid-American, owners of the white **wind turbines** on the south part of the county. Mid-American is replacing internal components on six of the towers in BV County. Wilkinson stated that they are not replacing blades. Wilkinson stated that Mid-American will be asking for a road use agreement.

Secondary Road Report: They are shouldering and hauling gravel, working on tile repairs, and installing driveways. Normal work for this time of year.

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

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board of a letter that was received from the **U. S. Department of Justice**, informing the county that tax information of the county had been accessed, the same as several other prominent people.

County Attorney Paul Allen and Conservation Director Greg Johnson informed the Board that Johnson had contacted Stille Pierce & Pertzborn Agency on March 27 and ICAP last week regarding **insurance coverage of the Marina**, to see what coverage the county had for the buildings and docks. Johnson stated that he has tried several times to get an answer to the insurance question and was not making any progress. County Attorney Paul Allen checked on the insurance question and was told that the county has liability coverage only, that property is not covered. Allen and Johnson stated that they do not know what the hold up is, but \$3M of coverage is needed on the Marina property and buildings, including the docks. Allen stated that the State still owns the property, but if a tornado took out the buildings, the county does not have coverage to replace them, and asked what the likelihood would be for the State to replace the buildings. Johnson stated that he is currently working on the bathrooms at the Marina, replacing every component and painting.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 4/23/2024, as presented, and accept the following **reports:** February Board of Health minutes, March Central IA Detention Commission minutes, February VA Commission minutes, March VA Commission minutes, March NW IA YES Center minutes, and Quarterly Recorder's Report of Fees Collected (Jan-Mar). Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #14-42** beaver bounty claim for Ryan Smith, in the amount of \$300, and forward back to Clay County for payment. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22** beaver bounty claim for Ryan Smith, in the amount of \$150, and forward it on to Palo Alta County for their approval before sending back to Clay County for payment. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. until Tuesday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-FIRST MEETING, 2024 SESSION (21)
MAY 7, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder 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.

Steve Tate asked to speak to the Board before the first appointment. Tate asked the Board whether there is a noise ordinance in the rural area of the county, as he said there is a lot of noise at the **Platinum Crush Plant**, and it continues all night long. Tate played a recording from his phone of the noise that he hears from the plant constantly, and asked if there was a sound meter to check the sound level. Supervisor Snyder stated that the Sheriff's Department has a sound meter. Tate said that he has talked with CEO Eric Lightner and Scott, both of Platinum Crush, and Jerry Osmoe, asking if they could plant trees along their property for a sound barrier. Tate said that he later heard that the trees would not be planted on the Platinum Crush property, that he could plant tree on his own property. Tate stated that he would need ¾ of an acre to plant trees, and he does not have room on his property. Tate commented that Platinum Crush always said they would be good neighbors, and they are not being good neighbors.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to add additional items to **today's agenda**, including the FY'25 contract for CAASA and whether county employees could be allowed to work at a precinct on Election Day without having to use a vacation day. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented the plans for Project L-BNT2023-2--73-11 for abutment repairs, to get three of the twelve bridges back to legal weight limits. Wilkinson stated that the bids will be due May 15 and then it will be on the Board's May 21 agenda to accept the low bid. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the supervisors to all sign the plans for **Project L-BNT2023-2--73-11** for abutment repairs. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he had negotiated with Ziegler on the trade-in value of the five used motor graders that he wanted to trade-in for the five used motor graders he would like to purchase. Ziegler agreed to increase the trade-in value of the five motor graders from \$300,900 to \$307,700, so the net cost of the motor grader purchase would be \$920,300. Wilkinson stated that he has \$195,000 of G. O. Bond proceeds and the rest would come from Secondary Road Fund. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve the Engineer to purchase five used **motor graders** from Ziegler for a net price of \$920,300 and to trade in five of the county's oldest motor graders. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that the **annual tractor route** will be June 8, and will be using two miles of gravel roads between Cherokee and Buena Vista County.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he had a phone conversation with Diane Lewis, CNRR, regarding **70th Ave. intersection**. Lewis stated that CNRR needs to complete the railroad application and send it to the DOT. Lewis also stated that Wilkinson's information was sent to the railroad's design team, and they are reviewing.

Secondary Road Report: They are rocking gravel roads and working on tile repairs; the new hires start Monday.

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

Auditor Susan Lloyd informed the Board that the **credit card statements** show that restaurants are charging an additional fee for payments made by credit card, and sometimes also include an automatic gratuity. Lloyd asked the Board how those charges would be taken care of. The Board considered increasing the daily meal allowance to \$60 which will be for meals plus gratuity and any additional charge for using the credit card. The consensus was to have this discussed at the June 6 Department Head Meeting before a decision is made.

CEO Dawn Mentzer, Rolling Hills Region, came over to the meeting and informed the Board that taxes are due to Woodbury County for the Crisis Center building that the Region had. The taxes due are for the 2022 assessment year, in the amount of \$20,087. Supervisor Croker stated that Mentzer should ask for an abatement for the 2023 assessment year, which is payable beginning this fall for 2024/2025. Mentzer stated that she had applied for the tax exemption, but it was after the deadline, so it will not be effective until the 2024 assessment year. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to amend today's claims list to include payment of \$20,087 to Woodbury County for the 2023/2024 **taxes on the Crisis Center** building. Croker stated that Iowa Code Section 427.3 is regarding abatement of taxes for exempt entities, so Woodbury County has authority to abate the taxes under this Iowa Code Section for the 2023 Assessment. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** from 4/30/2024, as corrected, today's **claims approval list including paying Woodbury County \$20,087 for taxes on the Crisis Center, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: May Department Head minutes, April Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate billings, April Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, May Safety Committee minutes, March Central IA Detention Commission minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to set a public hearing for a FY'24 BV County **budget amendment**, for May 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the new Buena Vista County Provider and Program Participation Agreement for Centers Against Abuse & Sexual Assault, **(CAASA)**, raising the amount of their reimbursement to \$7,500, beginning for FY'25. Carried.

County Auditor Susan Lloyd asked the supervisors if they would consider allowing county employees to work at a precinct on Election Day, without having to use a day of vacation. Lloyd stated that she needs more election officials, and this may help, if employees were given the opportunity to help. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to **allow county employees to work at a precinct on Election Day** without having to use a vacation day, with their Department Head's approval. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Ringgenberg attended the Hometown Pride Meeting; Croker attended the Lake Improvement Commission Meeting.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. until Tuesday, May 21 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. (no meeting is planned for May 14)

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MAY 14, 2024**

NO BOARD MEETING HELD

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-SECOND MEETING, 2024 SESSION (22)
MAY 15, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors and the Board of Health met in a joint special session on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the County Auditor's Conference Room with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, for the Board of Supervisors and Jon McKenna, Dr. Robert Whitmore, Rhonda Ringgenberg, and Shelly Rock, for the Board of Health, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the joint meeting. Absent: Board of Health member Julie Sievers.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Board of Supervisors-Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, and Snyder; Ayes: Board of Health-McKenna, Whitmore, Ringgenberg, Rock. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Others present for the meeting were: County Attorney Paul Allen, Assistant County Attorney Ashley Herrig, Payroll Clerk Yvonne Sandhoff, Environmental Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg, Environmental Health/Zoning Specialist Hunter Knudtson, Bldg/Grounds Superintendent Joe Keller, Kylea Ledesma, and Tom Ellis.

Chairperson Ringgenberg opened the meeting and asked County Attorney Paul Allen if he recommended going into closed session. Allen stated that he had some opening remarks to make first, and then he would recommend going into closed session to avoid irreparable injury to certain employee's reputation.

County Attorney Paul Allen stated that on May 2, he received a sexual **harassment complaint** from an employee in the Environmental Health Department regarding other county employees. Allen stated that he investigated to see if it violated applicable federal and state law, which it was determined to have not constituted a violation. Allen stated that in the course of the investigation, Allen determined that the boards should review certain employees' performance to determine if disciplinary action or discharge was warranted. Allen had requested the Auditor to send a notice to several individuals located in the basement of the Courthouse and asked them to respond if they would consent to a closed session. Auditor Lloyd

stated that notices were sent out, and that the three individuals who were the primary subject of the review had consented and were in favor of a closed session. Lloyd did state that Kylea Ledesma had not consented. Allen stated that Ledesma's consent was not needed as she was not the subject of conduct review. Allen stated that both Boards were notified because Environmental Health/Zoning is supervised by both Boards.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to go into **closed session** (at 7:07 P.M.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(i) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenna, second by Whitmore, to go into **closed session** (at 7:07 P.M.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(i) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Ayes: McKenna, Whitmore, Ringgenberg, Rock. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to go out of **closed session** at 7:42 P.M. Carried.

Motion by McKenna, second by Whitmore, to go out of **closed session** at 7:42 P.M. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen presented a list of **recommendations** for both Boards to consider: Review of the employee handbook by all employees and signing off on the review annually; training of all employees yearly on sexual harassment; full-time employment of an HR person; a different location for the Environmental Health/Zoning Department, or place them under another department; a better system or structure of complaints, making them all go to the County Attorney, unless the county's attorney's office is the target of the complaint, in which case the complaint go to the County Auditor, who would then obtain an independent person to review; and deferring any disciplinary action to both Boards.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. until Tuesday, May 21 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried. Motion by McKenna, second by Whitmore, to adjourn the Board of Health at 7:47 p.m. Carried.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-THIRD MEETING, 2024 SESSION (23)
MAY 21, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Snyder.

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

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he had received six bids for Project L-BNT2023-2—73-11, for three abutment repairs. Bids were received from Christensen Bros. Inc. (\$206,260.00), Nelson & Rock Contracting, Inc. (211,090.00), Peterson Contractors, Inc. (214,990.00), Dixon Construction Co. (225,000.00), Graves Construction Co., Inc. (267,790.00), and Cramer and Assoc., Inc. (297,800.00). Wilkinson recommended that the Board award the bid to Christensen Bros., Inc., which was the low bidder and 91.67% under the engineer's estimate. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to accept and award the contract to the low bidder, Christensen Bros., Inc., Cherokee, IA, in the amount of \$206,260.00, for **Project L-BNT2023-2--73-11**, for three abutment repairs. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, along 650th Street, between Sections 30 and 31 of Hayes Township, for a horizontal directional drill from south to north under 650th St., for the accommodation of 1.5" water line to a new service at 737 650th Street. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, along 650th Street, between Sections 30 and 31 of Hayes Township, for a horizontal directional drill from south to north under 650th St., for the accommodation of 1.5" water line to a new service at 727 650th Street. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, along 120th Ave., between Sections 23 and 24 of Hayes Township, for a horizontal directional drill from west to east under 120th Ave., for the accommodation of 2" water line approximately 77' south of the centerline of 630th St. and 120th Ave. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been hauling gravel, working on driveways, culvert repairs, and tile repairs; the mowing has started, however one mower is broke down; the asphalt pad has been placed and the sides are up for the Sioux Rapids salt shed; the office remodel is done except the door that enters the meeting room from the outside. They are hoping the door comes in before the end of May; the road plan has been submitted to the DOT for the RISE Grant approval, for the roads around the Platinum Crush Plant, south of the railroad tracks. Engineer Wilkinson hopes to award the contract on July 30. Croker asked when the project would be done, and Wilkinson is thinking August 2025. Merten asked if an incentive could be added to the bid, to be sure the project gets done. Wilkinson stated that an incentive would have to be in the plans and specs before it goes out to contractors, so before June 27. Hartman asked if Platinum Crush could put dollars in for the incentive, but Wilkinson stated that if that were the case, another document would have to be developed between Platinum Crush and BV County, and not the contractor. Wilkinson stated that he will contact Platinum Crush about this.

Sheriff Kory Elston presented a contract from Motorola Solutions, to purchase four new in-car cameras to replace the cameras in the cars that will be traded in, including a 5-year warranty, for a total of \$44,697.60. Elston stated that each year he receives funds from the GTSB (Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau), which is enough to pay for one camera. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign the contract to purchase four **in-car cameras**, including a 5-year warranty, for a total of \$44,697.60. Carried.

Payroll Clerk Yvonne Sandhoff informed the Board that there have been several complaints about the new Auxiant flex card, and some employees are having their flex cards shut off. Also present for the discussion was Tony Pertzborn, Barb Wetherell, and Andrea Schultz, Stille Pierce & Pertzborn Agency. Wetherell stated that there is an IRS Rule that states that all flex reimbursements need to be substantiated so that the TPA knows that it meets IRS guidelines. Wetherell stated that the County's previous TPA did not ask for substantiation, and so some expenses that are being submitted now are causing the employees flex card to be shut off, until they send in more detail of what the charges are for that they are trying to get reimbursement for. Wetherell stated that she contacted Auxiant, and there is a "work around" that the county could sign up for. If the county would sign a Flex-Hold Harmless-Indemnification Agreement, then no claims under \$250 would be asked to be substantiated nor cause the employees flex card to be shut off. Wetherell commented that regardless, the employees using the flex payment card need to keep all receipts, in case Auxiant were to be audited and the IRS asks for documentation. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that several employees probably will not sign up for flex next year. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Flex Hold Harmless-Indemnification Agreement**. Carried.

Building and Grounds Maintenance Superintendent Joe Keller was in attendance on behalf of the Parade of Flags to ask for permission from the Board to use the courthouse lawn for the Memorial Day Parade of Flags Dedication at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be SSG Keegan Svendsen, who is a member of the Iowa Army National Guard, and currently the Recruiting and Retention NCO for Storm Lake. The courthouse lawn will be adorned with over 734 flags, and an additional 700 flags at the Great Lawn at Kings Pointe. In inclement weather, the Memorial Day dedication will be held at the Storm Lake High School auditorium. A Touch of Broadway will perform. The public is welcome to bring lawn chairs. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve use of the Buena Vista County Courthouse lawn for **Memorial Day Parade of Flags Dedication**. Carried.

Bldg/Grounds Maintenance Supt. Joe Keller gave the Board an **update on several projects**. The carpeting is done in both courtrooms, and DHS has new carpet in all their offices, touching up paint along the way. Community Services roof is done, and they will work on the new roof at the East Richland Annex after July 1. The contractor began working on the west steps of the courthouse yesterday, with railings to be mounted on the retaining wall, plus one railing down the middle of the stairs. Keller hopes that the steps and railing are done the first week of June. Keller stated that the City of Storm Lake will be looking at the approaches to the Courthouse parking lot, as they are getting rough. Keller stated that his new mower is in, and he will be going to pick it up. The DHS windows need to be finished on the outside, and Keller has asked K & D to do the work, for approximately \$3,000.

Chairperson Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response from the public. Auditor Susan Lloyd gave the Board a letter from Dickinson Bradshaw, Fowler & Hagen, P.C. as counsel to ICAP. The letter states that ICAP concluded it does not have a duty to defend or indemnify the county under the Legal Defense and Claim Payment Agreement for any of the claims alleged in the Petition filed by Storm Lake. Lloyd also gave the Board a letter from the County Attorney with findings of the Harassment Investigation and a list of recommendations.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 5/7/2024 and 5/15/2024 as presented, today's **claims approval list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: April Landfill minutes & engineers report, April Conservation Board minutes, and 2022 Impact Study for BV County from Western Iowa Tourism. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue** check #324393, dated 2/27/24 to Long Lines Broadband, in the amount of \$2,923.00. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **letter of engagement** from Hunzelman, Putzier & Co., PLC, for their services for the FY'24 audit and preparing the financial statements. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **Cigarette/Tobacco Permit** for Al's Corner Oil Company, DBA Sparky's One Stop Storm Lake. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22 Lat 406** claim to Koenig Portable Toilets for tile jetting in the amount of \$630.00. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #181 Little Cedar** work order, in Section 29-91-34 Pocahontas County, reported by David Degner. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m. until Tuesday, May 28 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (24)
MAY 28, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: None.

ess 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 Croker, second by Snyder, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the contract for **Project L-BNT2023-2--73-11**, with Christensen Bros., Inc. in the amount of \$206,260.00, for three abutment repairs. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the plans and bid letting documents for **Project L-BNT2023-3--73-11**, for six abutment repairs on bridges in the southern tier of the county. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that with the rain event, the Governor has declared Buena Vista County as part of the Disaster Area (32 counties), and we will probably get the Presidential Declaration due to all the damages across the 32 counties. Wilkinson stated that there was not major damage to county property, but minor damage for water over the roads, and a lot of corn stalks and other debris in the ditches and culverts. This week they will continue cleaning debris from the ditches. Wilkinson stated that normally the county receives 75% reimbursement from FEMA and 10% reimbursement from the State of Iowa. Wilkinson stated that anything that is insured does not go through

FEMA. Wilkinson informed the Board that he hopes to wrap up FEMA work by Friday this week; two mowers are going, first on the hard surfaces and then to gravels. One mower will keep working on the hard surfaces all summer; they are working on shoulder work, edge rutting and hauling rock; they are hoping to have the exterior door installed on the Engineer's Office Building tomorrow or Thursday; Engineer Wilkinson stated that he has had conversations with Eric Lightner, Platinum Crush, on the possibility of incentives for the paving project of the four miles of roads around Platinum Crush, and will continue discussions next week. Wilkinson stated that he will be talking with IDOT on June 17 about the intersection at Hwy 7.

Hear the Public: Nobody online had comments. Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme informed the Board that he had received phone calls concerning **DD #100**. Blomme stated that in the past, he had an informational hearing to see if the landowners were "for" this project, and two landowners were opposed. However, it takes 50% of the landowners owning 70% of the land to stop the project. Blomme stated that he tried to get funding, as the cost is estimated at \$927,000 for DD #100. Blomme stated that he had submitted funding requests on six different drainage districts, with four of them awarded funding. DD #100 and another joint drainage district between Sac and Calhoun Counties did not receive funding. Blomme stated that the county can push forward with the project without funding, because owners want it done. Blomme talked with the petitioner, and informed him that he could petition again, but Blomme would like to take it on himself to move forward. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with an improvement project for DD #100. Blomme stated that once the report is filed with the Board of Supervisors, which starts the clock to the end of the public hearing to have remonstrance. Blomme stated that there is a minimum of 40 days from the filing of the report to the hearing.

The Chair opened the public hearing for the 4th **FY'24 budget amendment**, Notice was published as required. No written objections were submitted, and no objections were offered during the hearing. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the 4th **FY'24 budget amendment** as published, to authorize the Chair to sign the Budget Amendment certification, **Resolution #2024-05-28-A**, amending the FY'24 Annual Budget, and to approve the following appropriations:

Increase activity	1000	Special Law Enforcement Fund (0026)	Dept 17	\$2,500
Increase activity	1110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 28	\$800
Increase activity	1620	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 06	\$2,383
Increase activity	6210	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$1,000
Increase activity	9040	MHDS Fund (0006)	Dept 61	\$14,050
Increase activity	9210	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 97	\$135,000 Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05-28-A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY'24 ANNUAL BUDGET
BY ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #4**

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Departmental Appropriations on June 27, 2023, for all departments, of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has held the necessary hearing after having caused to be made the publication and notice required by law; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Budget Amendment #1 on August 29, 2023, thereby increasing appropriations by \$2,484,474, for a total budget after the amendment of \$41,322,187; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Budget Amendment #2 on November 20, 2023, thereby increasing appropriations by \$431,200, for a total budget after the amendment of \$41,753,387; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Budget Amendment #3 on April 9, 2024, thereby increasing appropriations by \$365,033, for a total budget after the amendment of \$42,118,420; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has held the necessary hearing after having caused to be made the publication and notice required by law; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the budget amendment #4 for FY'24, as presented by the County Auditor, increasing appropriations by \$155,733; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors believes the aforesaid budget amendment #4 proposed for FY'24 to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA:

SECTION ONE: That the FY'24 budget for Buena Vista County, Iowa, on file in the County Auditor's Office is hereby amended and approved.

SECTION TWO: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law, and the County Auditor is directed to make the filings required by law and to set up the books in accordance with the summary and details as adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 28th day of May 2024, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, Auditor

Drainage Deputy Kristina Konradi presented to the Board various drainage districts that have negative fund balances, along with proposed levy amounts, including a maintenance fund for each drainage district. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve and set the levies as follows, all without waivers: **DD 46**, 49.25%; **DD 49 Lat 2**, 11.00%; **DD 57**, 42.50%; **DD 81**, 26.25%; **DD 116**, 21.75%; **DD 118**, 52.00%; **DD 189 Reg**, 49.00%. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme presented a quote from B & W Control Specialists, Algona, IA, for spraying some joint drainage districts. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten to accept and approve the Chair to sign the quote from B&W Control Specialists **2024 Chemical Treatment** on the following Joint County Drainage Districts, with the following cost not to exceed: **Jt. DD #16-30-92 MOD** (\$4,500), **Jt. DD #16-30-92 Sac County OD** (\$1,750), **DD #19-26 MOD** (\$2,500), and **Jt. DD #274 MOD** (\$2,000). Carried.

Supervisor Croker informed the Board that she talked to the **Regional Housing Authority**, about the position that Donnie Skou had, and asked about his position. Croker was told that the county can choose anyone they want, to represent Buena Vista County.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 5/21/2024 as presented, today's **claims approval list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: April & May Central IA Detention Center minutes. Carried.

Tony Pertzborn, Barb Wetherell, Andrea Schultz, Stille Pierce & Pertzborn Agency were present to discuss the Principal renewal rates. Wetherell first stated that she talked to Auxiant and was told that the suspension of the flex card feature has been shut off completely, and they are working on shutting off substantiation of amounts over \$250. Pertzborn reviewed the Principal renewal rates: Dental \$2.01 increase for employee option and \$4.32 increase for the family option, which is a 6% increase; vision has

a 0% increase. Also reviewed was the packet of information for the open enrollment. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the renewal documents for **Principal**. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to go into **closed session** (at 9:52 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to go out of **closed session** at 11:50 A.M. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to set a public hearing for a FY'24 BV County **budget amendment**, for June 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

The time arrived for the Conference call with the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors to discuss **Jt. DD #143** and to set drainage levies. All members of the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors were online, along with Auditor Kelly Jepsen and Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk for Pocahontas County. Present for Buena Vista County, in addition to the full Board, included Auditor Susan Lloyd, Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, Drainage Deputy Kristina Konradi, and Drainage Clerk Lynnette Jacobs. Motion by Louis Stauter (Pocahontas), second by Paul Merten (Buena Vista) to appoint Rhonda Ringgenberg (Buena Vista), Chair and Susan Lloyd (Buena Vista), Secretary of the joint conference call for Jt. DD #143. Ayes: all. Motion carried. Jt. DD #143 Lat 3 is in disrepair and lies in the county right-of-way parallel with the road. The question is who is responsible for financial repair, Secondary Road, or the District. Blomme stated that he learned that in Iowa Code Chapter 468.622, facilities that "cross" right-of-way is the responsibility of Secondary Roads. Blomme stated that this runs parallel, so it is District expense. Blomme stated that the project is looking at 1,600 maximum linear feet, but the District would only be liable for 1,300 linear feet. Atherton received three quotes, with Luft & Sons being the lowest quote at \$17,950. Blomme stated that he wanted to be sure that it was less than \$50,000, so not requiring an engineer's report, and it would be considered a repair. Atherton stated that some connections are for tile that cross the road, which benefits the road, so the District would pay for the amounts parallel and Secondary Roads would pay for connections what cross the road. Motion by Stauter (Pocahontas), second by Merten (Buena Vista), to accept the low quote of Luft & Sons, for \$17,950, to complete the repairs on Jt. DD #143 Lat 3. Ayes: all. Motion carried. An invoice was presented for \$1,250 from Luft & Sons, for investigation. Blomme recommends that the District pay for the investigation, because the problem was found on a line parallel with the road. Motion by Stauter (Pocahontas), second by Snyder (Buena Vista) to approve payment of \$1,250 to Luft & Sons, for an investigation of Jt. DD #143 Lat 3. Ayes: all. Motion carried. Blomme brought up reclassification and stated that he has not completed review of the assessment schedule. Blomme stated that the original assessment schedule was in 1922, and it has not been reclassified since then. Blomme is matching up parcels with the schedule and is not ready to make a recommendation of equitability yet. Blomme also commented that the landowners have not had time to comment on the project and questioned whether an \$18,000 repair is large enough to warrant annexation and reclassification. Stauter (Pocahontas) asked how much reclassification would cost, and Blomme commented that annexation and reclassification would cost \$18,000-\$20,000. Blomme also stated that Lat 3 does not have its own schedule, and questioned whether it suited the county to reclassify and separate everything apart or leave it alone for now. Transferring control of Jt. DD #143 from Buena Vista County to Pocahontas County was the next topic of discussion. Blomme stated that Jt. DD #143 is almost entirely in Pocahontas County, with two laterals in Buena Vista County. Blomme stated that he talked with Drainage Attorney Gary Armstrong about transferring control to Pocahontas County, which Gary agreed upon transferring, stating that it can be done by motion, with a majority vote, and the records would be transferred over to the other county. Merten asked Konradi to scan and send information on the joint drainage district to Pocahontas County. The consensus of the two Boards was to table a decision on transferring control of Jt. DD #143 to Pocahontas County. Blomme thanked everyone for their time, and turned the meeting over

to Konradi, for setting levies on four joint Districts. Motion by Merten (Buena Vista), second by Aden (Pocahontas), to set the following levies and waivers: **Jt. DD #1**, 138%, with no waivers; **Jt. DD #18-24**, 6%, 10-year waivers with 5% interest; **Jt. DD #144**, 46.5%, with no waivers; and **Jt. DD #146**, 117%, 10-year waivers with 5% interest. Ayes: all. Motion carried. Motion by Siepker (Pocahontas), second by Merten (Buena Vista) to adjourn the joint conference call for Jt. DD #143. Ayes: all. Motion carried. (The full set of minutes are included with the Jt. DD #143 records)

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 a.m. until Tuesday, June 4 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (25)
JUNE 4, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, 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 Hartman, second by Croker, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer's Office Manager Karen Crilly informed the Board that they received two quotes for fuel for FY'25: New Century FS quoted .23 for #1 fuel and .20 for #2 fuel, for delivery to locations in Albert City, Alta, Linn Grove, Marathon, Newell, Rembrandt, and Sioux Rapids, and .14 for #1 fuel and .12 for #2 fuel for a 10,000-gallon capacity tank at the Storm Lake shop, and Pro Cooperative Energy quoted .2350 for #1 fuel and .1950 for #2 fuel for delivery to outlying shops, and .18 for #1 and .14 for #2 for Storm Lake shop. Crilly stated that Engineer Wilkinson recommends New Century FS, due to the price. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to accept and approve the Secondary Road Department **Fuel Bid** from New Century FS, for delivery of #1 fuel at .23 and .20 for #2 fuel, to locations in Albert City, Alta, Linn Grove, Marathon, Newell, Rembrandt, and Sioux Rapids, and .14 for #1 fuel and .12 for #2 fuel for a 10,000-gallon capacity tank at the Storm Lake shop for FY'25. Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented information, requesting suspension of taxes on three parcels, due to receiving a DHS/SSU request for the suspension, and for two additional parcels. Haberman stated that when the property sells, the county gets paid first for the suspended taxes. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **suspension of taxes** on parcel #1033382007 in Storm Lake, parcel #1403277021 in Storm Lake, parcel #1617479006 in Newell, parcel #1404232005 in Storm Lake, and parcel #1620128005 in Newell. Carried.

Hear the Public: EMA Director Aimee Barritt came in to update the Board after the May 21 severe storm including a tornado. Albert City and Linn Grove had water in their basements and four homes were damaged. Barritt stated that the county has been approved for the State Individual Assistance Grant

Program through a Governor's Disaster Proclamation. Barritt stated that with the damages here and across the state, including the tornado that hit Greenfield, Iowa, there is enough damage to qualify for a Presidential Declaration, which FEMA would reimburse 75%, and the State would reimburse for 10%. There was more erosion at the Linn Grove Dam area, but Conservation Director Greg Johnson said he wonders how to claim further damage with the other FEMA event that they said the county did not qualify for the previous event.

Motion by Merten second by Snyder to transfer \$10,000 from the General Basic Fund to Conservation Land Acquisition Trust Fund (CLAT) for the FY'24 budgeted transfer. Carried.

Motion by Merten second by Croker to transfer \$470 from the General Basic Fund to Conservation Land Acquisition Trust Fund (CLAT) for the FY'23 boat title fees. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson gave a brief **department update**. Weed Department has been out spraying. Conservation Department has been working on small repairs and hauling gravel. The campgrounds have been busy, and the facilities have been busy. The restroom building for Bur Oak came in and they are also doing cement work. Environmental Education has been busy, hosting several workshops. At the Marina, they have been doing general maintenance and cleaning the restrooms. The dock slips are almost full. They have made small improvements at the Marina, cleaned, and picked up the trash. Supervisor Merten commented that has heard from several people how nice the Marina looks, and thanked Johnson and his crew for cleaning it up.

Environmental Health/Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of Mark and Heidi Movall in the NE ¼ NE ¼ Section 20-90-37. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-06-04-A**. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-06-04-A

WHEREAS Mark and Heidi Movall have presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

DESCRIPTION – LOT 1 OF LOT J:

A PART OF LOT J OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 90 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Northeast (NE) Corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of said Section 20; Thence on a previously recorded bearing of South 00° 21' 33" East, along the East line of said Northeast Quarter (NE ¼), 415.80 feet to the Point of Beginning. Thence continuing along said East line, South 00° 21' 33" East, 290.00 feet; Thence North 90° 00' 00" West, 639.51 feet to the East line of Lot H of said Section 20; Thence North 00° 36' 58" West, along said East line 290.01 feet to the South line of Lot G of said Section 20; Thence South 90° 00' 00" East, along said South line, 640.81 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot 1 of Lot J of Section 20, Township 90 North, Range 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 4.26 Acres and is subject to all easements of record.

WHEREAS the final plats meet with the approval of the Board subject only to the following if any: None.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County, Iowa Board of Supervisors that:

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Hereafter known as Lot 1 of Lot J of Section 20, Township 90 North, Range 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa; is hereby accepted subject to the following if any; None.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be affixed to the final plat of:

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Hereafter known as Lot 1 of Lot J of Section 20, Township 90 North, Range 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa;

and copies of said final plats shall be of record in the appropriate County offices.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of June 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors..... /s/ Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve the minutes from 5/28/2024 as presented, today's claims approval list, and Auxiant disbursements, and accept the following reports: April Rolling Hills Community Services Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 2024 Flexible Benefit Plan. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Auditor to transfer the balance in Fund 1545 Capital Projects-Colorize Bldg in the amount of \$2,554.69 to the General Basic Fund 0001, and to close the bank account for Fund 1545.

Supervisor Snyder informed the Board of a request from the Buena Vista County Threshermen, requesting 10-12 tons of sand to be donated, to be used as the base for the new cement pad they want to put down at the Threshermen site. Snyder stated that he talked with Engineer Bret Wilkinson about the request, and Wilkinson was okay with it. Snyder stated that the county's cost is approximately \$70, and the Threshermen will do the hauling with their own trailers. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the request of the Buena Vista County Threshermen, for the county to donate 10-12 tons of sand from the Marathon Pit, to be used as the base for the new cement pad they want to put down at the Threshermen site, with the Threshermen hauling with their own trailers. Carried.

Supervisor Croker informed the Board that they still need to appoint one person to the **NW Regional Housing Authority Board**, and that Steve Jimmerson will be resigning from the **NW Regional Housing Trust Fund Board**, so there will be a vacancy there too.

Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller stopped in to inform the Board that the leak in the #1 **compressor** on the Courthouse air conditioner has been found. Keller stated that he has talked with four companies about repairing it and is estimating the cost of the freon and the part to be \$10,000.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. until Tuesday, June 11 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session and to canvass today's Primary Election.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (26)
JUNE 11, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for accommodation of a water pipe boring under 640th St. in Section 25 of Providence Township, from south to north, approximately 20' west of the driveway at 1809 640th Street to serve the Thayer family. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for accommodation of a water pipe boring under 105th Ave. in Section 22 of Washington Township, from east to west, approximately 16' north of the driveway at 5727 105th Ave. to serve the Valdez family. Carried.

Motion by Merten, seconded by Croker to authorize the Chair to sign the **fuel contract with New Century FS**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson talked with the Board about **dust control on 120th Ave. west of Rembrandt**. Rembrandt Mayor called last week wondering if it was possible for the county to perform dust control as they had previously done. Wilkinson told the Board that when done previously the City of Rembrandt had participated in a cost share agreement but could not remember what that was. Wilkinson estimated that it would be about \$3,000 to treat the ½ mile that was under discussion. It was suggested to

reach back out to the Mayor and tell him if they are willing to wait for Secondary Roads to get their new spray trailer up and going that the road would be treated at no cost to them but if they would like it completed sooner then the County would like the City of Rembrandt to pay half of the cost to have an outside company perform the task. Wilkinson will get back to the Board on the decision.

Wilkinson did a brief **update on the department** explaining that they had almost completed clean up from the flooding earlier and would have everything turned into FEMA and the State soon. They have hauled rock out of Goldsmith Pit in preparation for crushing there. They are currently draining the water out of the pit. He explained that this is taking longer than anticipated and that he might need to carry over funds that he had set aside this fiscal year to next year because of the timing. He told the group he would be back later with the Platinum Crush group.

County Attorney Paul Allen joined the group on the phone with Assistant County Attorney Ashley Herrig and Office Manager Heidi Hansen present to discuss issues with the old Case Management System that is currently in use. They have been fighting multiple issues on this and when they reached out to the company, they found out that only four counties, with two in process of transitioning, continue to use the software and it would no longer be supported. Hansen explained that the transition is a lengthy process and that it would not be completed until May 1, 2025. Allen explained to the Board that he has the money for this setup but will need to carry it over from the current budget. Motion by Merten, seconded by Snyder to carryover **\$40,000 from FY24 budget to FY25 budget for the transition to Prosecutor by Karpel.**

Allen also presented changes that need to be made to the law library. Herrig explained to the group that the old set up is very outdated and not functional given the dynamics of the County Attorney office now. They would like to put in a new desk and table for the attorneys to work at, additional seating for officers while they are waiting to testify and locking cabinets that can be used for evidence in cases. Allen explained that he has money in the budget to cover the project \$8-10,000 cost of the improvements. Motioned by Croker, seconded by Hartman to approve the purchase of **needed office furniture for the requested improvements to the law library.** Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen requested that the Board allow Valerie Anspach to carry over 32 hours of vacation time, over the allowed one week to be used before her 2025 anniversary. Motion by Merten, seconded by Hartman, to allow Valerie Anspach to **carry over 32 hours of vacation to be used before her 2025 anniversary.** Carried.

Engineer Wilkinson joined the group again with Erik Lightner and Jay Nelson from **Platinum Crush** to discuss the possibility of paying an incentive for the road project around the plant. Wilkinson explained that Platinum Crush would like to pay an incentive for completion of the widening and preparation of the gravel road for paving. Wilkinson told the group that they would like to do a \$100,000 of which they would pay \$67,000 and the county would be responsible for \$33,000 for having the 1.5 miles of the Rise Grant portion of the road widened and to the choke stone stage before December 31, 2024. The Rise Grant portion is the first mile south of the railroad tracks on 70th Ave and .5 miles east on 600th St. Lightner said that this is beneficial to everyone because that area would be in good condition for when the weather gets bad and it will easier to plow and maintain; it also makes a better base for the road if it is completed and allowed to go through a cycle of freeze and thaw before it is paved. Croker asked what the completion deadline was for this project and Wilkinson told her that on August 8, 2025, for the 4 miles south of the railroad tracks after that date penalties will start incurring. Croker stated that she did not agree with the incentive as the Board had previously stated that they would not use taxpayers' money for this project and feels this is definitely going against that statement. Merten said that he feels that this project being completed is important to the whole county and mentioned that he knows that it cannot be used directly but

the penalties assessed for the late completion of the bridge in Linn Grove would off set this incentive. Croker then questioned why not make the requirements higher so more of the road is completed quicker. Lightner suggested the possibility of adding the mile south of the plant to C63 be included in the agreement. He feels that would allow the contracts an easier time of meeting a couple of the other contract requirements. One being entrance and exit of the plant cannot be closed at the same time and the other that entrance must be open September 9 through the end of October. This is not part of the incentive and is required regardless but prepping south of the plant would help with the traffic flow and help force the traffic south to C63 which is the goal once the road is completed. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to **incentive** the completion of the two miles south of railroad tracks to C63 on 70th Ave. and half mile east on 600th St. to be completed to the “choke stone” stage by December 31, 2024, for \$100,000 with Platinum Crush paying \$67,000 and the County paying \$33,000. Carried.

Hear the Public: Chairperson Ringgenberg asked if anybody online had anything to hear the public being none. Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen told the group that **ICAP** had not gotten her the premiums for FY25 and that a check may need approval after the final payment date to make the July 1, 2024 deadline.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** from 6/4/2024 as presented, and accept the following **reports:** May Sheriff’s Report of Federal Inmate Billings, May Sheriff’s Report of Fees Collected, May Central IA Detention Commission minutes, and May Safety Committee minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor permit** for Brew Oil, LLC. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize an **appropriation change**, moving \$350.00 from account #0001-29-1050-000-63400 to account #0001-28-1110-000-12900, due to increased expenses in the Medical Examiner budget. Carried.

Upon completion of the **Canvass** pursuant to Chapter 50.24 of 2024 Code of Iowa, motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to declare the results as listed below, to prepare abstracts for submission to the Secretary of State, and to prepare 'notice of nominations' to the political party chairpersons as required. Carried. [Note: For the county offices, the person declared nominated will be designated as “#”; where no name with “#” is shown, there is no nominee for that office on that political ticket.]

OFFICE	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	REPUBLICAN PARTY	LIBERTARIAN PARTY
<i>Total votes cast: 557</i>	37	519	1
<i>US Representative-Dist #4</i>	<i>Ryan Melton-34 Scattering-1</i>	<i>Randy Feenstra-193 Kevin Virgil-325</i>	<i>Scattering-1</i>
<i>State Representative-Dist #5</i>		<i>Zachary M. Dieken-93</i>	
<i>State Representative-Dist #6</i>	<i>Scattering-4</i>	<i>Megan Jones-307 Scattering-17</i>	

OFFICE DEMOCRATIC PARTY REPUBLICAN PARTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

<i>Co. Supervisor Dist. 4</i>	<i>Scattering-5</i>	<i>Rhonda Ringgenberg-423#</i>
<i>Co. Supervisor Dist. 5</i>	<i>Scattering-4</i>	<i>Daniel J. Hartman-418#</i> <i>Scattering-2</i>
<i>County Auditor</i>	<i>Scattering-4</i>	<i>Susan Kennedy Lloyd-428#</i> <i>Scattering-3</i>
<i>County Sheriff</i>	<i>Scattering-4</i>	<i>Kory Elston-463#</i> <i>Scattering-3</i>

Ayes—Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays—none. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. until Tuesday, June 18 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (27)
JUNE 18, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Merten, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Hartman.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to amend **today's agenda**, adding the FY'25 SHIELD Agreement as an action item. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a **Certificate of Appreciation** for Kim Briley, who is retiring after 34 years of service to Buena Vista County. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board of a request from the Buena Vista County Fair Board, requesting 75 tons of sand to be donated out of the county pile in Storm Lake. Wilkinson stated that the county's cost is approximately \$8/ton, and Reding Gravel will do the hauling for the Fair Board. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the request of the Buena Vista County Fair Board, for the county to **donate 75 tons of sand**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he had received seven bids for Project L-BNT2023-3--73-11, for six abutment repairs on bridges in the southern tier of the county. Bids were received from Dixon Construction Co. (\$376,940.00), Christensen Bros., Inc. (387,024.00), Graves Construction Co., Inc. (408,150.00), Peterson Contractors, Inc. (414,900.00), Cramer and Assoc., Inc. (433,800.00), Cunningham-Reis, LLC (\$444,690.00), and Nelson & Rock Contracting, Inc. (473,000.00). Wilkinson recommended that the Board award the bid to Dixon Construction Co., which was the low bidder and 4.71% over the engineer's estimate. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to accept and award the contract to the

low bidder, Dixon Construction Co., in the amount of \$376,940.00, for **Project L-BNT2023-3--73-11**, for six abutment repairs in the southern tier of the county. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They are finishing up at Goldsmith Pit in preparation for the crusher to come in. They have placed a lot of gravel on the roads in the north tier of the county. Engineer Wilkinson stated that he is encouraging the blade drivers to get out today and work on smoothing the rumble strips on the gravel roads; the shop is working on the newly purchased motor graders, getting them ready to go; Engineer Wilkinson stated that he had a meeting yesterday with IDOT and discussed the four miles of road south of the tracks by Platinum Crush. DOT had suggestions and are concerned about where the water is going to go, as they don't want it going on the railroad crossing. Wilkinson stated that they could try to catch the water with a curb. Wilkinson stated that the county's four miles of road will be concrete, and he was planning on asphalt on the two Hwy 7 intersections. DOT is requesting concrete to be used at the two Hwy 7 intersections, which Wilkinson stated will add additional costs to the project. Wilkinson stated that Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. intersection is tied to the RISE Grant, which would help pay for concrete. 80th Ave. intersection is not part of the RISE Grant area. Wilkinson stated that his intention was always to improve the intersections. Wilkinson stated that 80th Ave. is the same elevation, but on 70th Ave., Hwy 7 is lower than the railroad track, so he wanted to raise it up 9". IDOT stated to Wilkinson that they were concerned about the letting date, if the county had to go to condemnation, which could take two years. Wilkinson stated that he is trying to pin down what right-of-way the county needs, and then proceed. Wilkinson stated that they will have to mill out the asphalt to have the intersection raised up on 70th Ave. Wilkinson stated that several people are still reviewing the plans.

The Chair opened the public hearing for the 5th **FY'24 budget amendment**, Notice was published as required. No written objections were submitted, and no objections were offered during the hearing. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the 5th **FY'24 budget amendment** as published, to authorize the Chair to sign the Budget Amendment certification, **Resolution #2024-06-18-A**, amending the FY'24 Annual Budget, and to approve the following appropriations:

Increase activity	0030	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$1,350
Increase activity	0220	Capital Projects Fund (1520)	Dept 93	\$20,300
Increase activity	6000	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$5,000
Increase activity	6020	Rural Basic Fund (0011)	Dept 98	\$32,003
Increase activity	6030	Rural Basic Fund (0011)	Dept 98	\$6,000
Increase activity	9030	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$22,950 Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-18-A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY'24 ANNUAL BUDGET
BY ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #5**

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Departmental Appropriations on June 27, 2023, for all departments, of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has held the necessary hearing after having caused to be made the publication and notice required by law; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Budget Amendment #1 on August 29, 2023, thereby increasing appropriations by \$2,484,474, for a total budget after the amendment of \$41,322,187; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Budget Amendment #2 on November 20, 2023, thereby increasing appropriations by \$431,200, for a total budget after the amendment of \$41,753,387; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Budget Amendment #3 on April 9, 2024, thereby increasing appropriations by \$365,033, for a total budget after the amendment of \$42,118,420; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Budget Amendment #4 on May 28, 2024, thereby increasing appropriations by \$155,733, for a total budget after the amendment of \$42,274,153; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has held the necessary hearing after having caused to be made the publication and notice required by law; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the budget amendment #5 for FY'24, as presented by the County Auditor, increasing appropriations by \$87,603; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors believes the aforesaid budget amendment #5 proposed for FY'24 to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA:

SECTION ONE: That the FY'24 budget for Buena Vista County, Iowa, on file in the County Auditor's Office is hereby amended and approved.

SECTION TWO: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law, and the County Auditor is directed to make the filings required by law and to set up the books in accordance with the summary and details as adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 18th day of June 2024, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, Auditor

Chairperson Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response. Treasurer Danelle Haberman brought Kim Briley in, and Chairperson Ringgenberg presented Briley with a certificate of appreciation for her 34 years of service to Buena Vista County. Briley is retiring June 28, 2024. Everyone congratulated Briley on her retirement.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt requested that the Board allow her to carry over 28 hours of vacation time, over the allowed one week, to be used by July 12. Motion by Snyder, seconded by Croker, to allow Aimee Barritt to **carry over 28 hours of vacation** to be used by July 12. Carried.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt updated the Board on the **dry hydrant project**. Barritt stated that they went out to the three sites where the hydrants will be placed, and the dive team will be helping to determine the depth of the three bodies of water. Barritt stated that Secondary Roads will be installing the dry hydrants.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme presented the Board with his FY'25 employment contract. Blomme stated that this was discussed at the Jt. DD #181 meeting, with all the counties represented that are a part of this shared position, and 3% increase was the approved salary increase for FY'25. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the whole Board to sign the shared **FY'25 employment contract**, with Buena Vista, Calhoun, and Sac Counties, for Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, with a salary of \$114,700. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the Application for Approval of **Construction Across Established Sac County Drainage Districts and Established Multi-County Drainage Districts**, which Buena Vista County is part of **Jt. DD #181** with Pocahontas, Sac, and Calhoun Counties. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair and Auditor to sign the **FY'25 Fiscal Agent Agreement for 3-County Empowerment**. Carried.

The time arrived for the Conference call with the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors to discuss **Jt. DD #143** schedule equitability review. All members of the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors were online, along with Deputy Auditor Laura Erickson and Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk for Pocahontas County. Present for Buena Vista County, in addition to four of the five supervisors (Hartman was absent), Auditor Susan Lloyd, Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, Drainage Deputy Kristina Konradi, and Drainage Clerk Lynnette Jacobs. Motion by Louis Stauter (Pocahontas), second by Paul Merten (Buena Vista) to appoint Rhonda Ringgenberg (Buena Vista), Chair and Susan Lloyd (Buena Vista), Secretary of the joint conference call for Jt. DD #143. Ayes: all. Motion carried. Blomme started the discussion on reclassification of Jt. DD #143, which includes the north portion of the City of Varina and along C49 to the county line, stating that it is a narrow district. Blomme recommends not doing a reclassification on Jt. DD #143 unless landowners come in and request it. Blomme stated that Jt. DD #143 was established in 1922 and that there were actions taken from that time until 1926, to come up with an equitable schedule. Blomme stated that the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 30 Dover Township is the 100% parcel, which is 9.32% of the District's total levy amount. Two other parcels, the NW ¼ SW ¼ Section 30 Dover Township, which is west of the 100% parcel is 8.95% of the overall District's levy amount, and the SW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 30 Dover Township is 8.65% of the overall District's levy amount. Blomme stated that they are very close in percentages, which represents the equitability of the schedule. Stauter (Pocahontas) asked if it goes east to the creek, and Blomme stated yes, that it outlets to Jt. DD #181. Blomme distributed a spreadsheet, showing the estimated costs on \$20,000, using the current schedule, and again restated that the added expense that a reclassification would cost does not warrant doing that when there is an equitable schedule. Stauter (Pocahontas) agreed with what Blomme stated and is not in favor of doing a reclassification. Motion by Merten (Buena Vista), second by Stauter (Pocahontas) to direct the current repair project to be levied to the assessment schedule for Jt. DD #143 BV-POC on file at the Auditors of Buena Vista and Pocahontas Counties. Ayes: all. Motion carried. Blomme thanked both Boards for their time. Motion by Merten (Buena Vista), second by Ives (Pocahontas) to adjourn the joint conference call for Jt. DD #143. Ayes: all. Motion Carried. (The full set of minutes are included with the Jt. DD #143 records)

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** from 6/11/2024 as corrected, today's **claims approval list** (moving Public Health's payment for blinds from ARPA to their budget), **stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: May 2024 Conservation Board Minutes, Engineer's report from Solid Waste Commission, May 2024 Solid Waste Commission Minutes, and April 2024 Board of Health Minutes. Carried.

The payroll change notices for the non-elected department heads were discussed, as the Chair needs to sign off on them. Croker asked about the salary of Env Health/Zoning since the State will be taking over the food inspections. Ringgenberg commented that even though the food inspections would be done by the State, there was going to be more work done on zoning. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **payroll change notices** for the non-elected department heads, for the FY'25 salary increases. Ayes: Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Croker. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, regarding the County participating in the Grasslands Conservation Initiative (GCI) under the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) administered by NRCS. The county must notify the local NRCS office by September 1, 2024, if they are interested in participating in the GCI. Merten stated that he was concerned about the USDA letter, in case

the county would have to dig up something, it may not be covered. Merten recommends tabling this until he can check this out with the USDA. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to table any action on the letter received from USDA on the **Grasslands Conservation Initiative (GCI)**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the FY'25 **SHIELD** contract with NW IA Planning & Development Commission. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. until Tuesday, June 25 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (28)
JUNE 25, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, 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 Snyder, second by Croker, to amend **today's agenda**, adding the two claims for tile jetting in Jt., DD #14-42 Branch 198 as an action item. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, to drill from east to west under 90th Ave. between Sections 32 & 33 of Hayes Township, approximately 30' south of the centerline of the driveway at 6531 90th Ave. to serve the Holtorf family. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The river at Linn Grove peaked at 29.8' due to the flooding, which is 5.5' over the old record. The USGS was out measuring the flow under the Veterans Memorial Bridge to determine the number of years flood event that occurred. The most damage was in Sioux Rapids. There were six road closures, due to the Little Sioux River over its banks. Hopefully, once the water goes down, there won't be much damage. The bridge on S. River Road will be evaluated when the water does go down, as it was under water. Bluebird Creek bridge is okay, as it is higher than the Veterans Memorial Bridge, and is back in its banks. The culvert on N. River Road east of Hwy 71 washed out, and Engineer Wilkinson stated that they will increase the size of the culvert, so it doesn't happen again. Engineer Wilkinson stated that there had been water over the Veterans Memorial Bridge, and it was closed for 24 hours, while they drilled twelve holes in the deck to relieve pressure under the bridge. Wilkinson stated that there are no signs of damage to the Veterans Memorial Bridge. The Linn Grove water pump house was completely inundated. Wilkinson stated that they hauled rock to roads and will continue doing so this week. They ran the loader at Sioux Rapids to help and helped build a berm using county sand in Sioux Rapids. Wilkinson stated that they will need to replace the gravel, as the sand used in the flood cannot be reused;

the contractor will start crushing at Goldsmith Pit anytime; Wilkinson is trying to get final approval from IDOT on the road project around Platinum Crush, and he is pressing the railroad, as to what the county can and cannot do.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a **Certificate of Appreciation** for Kay Evans, who is retiring after 29 years of service to Buena Vista County. Carried.

Chairperson Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. The Assessor and his staff all came into the meeting, to watch as Supervisor Croker presented Kay Evans with her Certificate of Appreciation, who is retiring after 29 years of service to the county. Everyone congratulated Evans on her retirement.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** from 6/18/2024 as presented, and accept the following **reports**: March E911 Service Board minutes and March SHIELD Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to remove Kim Briley from the BV County **Insurance Committee** and add Karyn Waites to the Committee. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to remove Kay Evans from the BV County **Wellness Committee** and add Alison Myrtue to the Committee. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, that Buena Vista County is the **Employer of Record** for the Rolling Hills CEO Dawn Mentzer, Office Administrator Kelsey Allen, & Coordinator of Disability Services Caylyn Bishop thru June 30 of Fiscal Year 2025. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to reappoint Mark Herring, with a term expiring 6/30/2027 to the **Lincoln Benefitted Fire District Board of Trustees**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #325345 dated 5/7/2024 to Sioux City Fire & Rescue, in the amount of \$10,411.50. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Local Disaster Declaration**. Carried.

Veterans Service Officer Louie DeRoos and Jerry Weiland reviewed the **GDX Report** with the Board. This report shows the amount of Federal dollars coming into the county from the Veterans Administration for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. Weiland stated that the funds coming into the county have been increasing, with \$4.7M coming in. DeRoos stated that they have seen increases to the number of veterans they see from word of mouth, and from contacts they make. Both DeRoos and Weiland have accreditation, so they are both able to get into the VA system and check on claims that have been submitted and will continue to pursue claims that have been rejected for some reason or another and ask for a higher level of review. They discussed the IA Veterans Trust Fund, which is funded from the Iowa Lottery, and can be used for emergency home repairs and dental services, if the veteran is at 300% or more below the poverty level. DeRoos stated that they have brought in \$60,000 of the \$500,000 allotted to the program in the State of Iowa.

The Board started the discussion regarding the **VA Commissioners**. Currently, they are a 5-member commission, with one seat vacant and two other seats up for reappointment. There was discussion as to whether to drop back to a 3-member commission, or to stay with five commissioners. Veterans Service Officer Louis DeRoos stated that the number of commissioners can be based on population of the county and informed the supervisors that currently three commissioners served in the Vietnam era, and he would like to see some from the Gulf War or forward. One of the applicants, Lee Meth, was present for the

discussion. Croker stated that they must decide whether to have three or five commissioners. Merten stated that he doesn't have a problem staying with five commissioners, he was worried about getting enough applicants, and would like to have a little continuity with the members with experience. DeRoos stated that the way he sees the commission currently, they refuse to do their own minutes, the Chair is hard to get ahold of, three of the commissioners do not want him attending the National training, but the State has allowed \$3,000 for training. DeRoos stated that he and Jerry both have three accreditations, and they are very busy. DeRoos stated that they have gone from 36% to 59% of the veterans getting assistance, as of August 2023. DeRoos stated that he loves his job, he is excited because he knows he will be helping someone every single day. DeRoos suggested that a policy be developed regarding pay, etc. and stated that evaluations are needed. DeRoos stated that there is high turnover rate in our area for Veterans Service Officers, as they can become burnt out quickly. Merten commented that he appreciates the comments, that this Board appoints the commissioners, and he would like to see the members spread out and meld new with the old. Snyder suggested keeping the number of commissioners at five, so there isn't a problem having a quorum for their meeting. Merten suggested calling each of the applicants and do interviews. Croker stated that they haven't talked to the current commissioners either. Merten suggested having a sub-committee to interview the three applicants and the two current commissioners that are up for reappointment. The consensus was to take applications through June 30, and then two supervisors will interview the candidates and current commissioners next Monday and Tuesday, with the decision to be made at the July 9 supervisor meeting.

Deputy Auditor Sharon Henkel and representing the Wellness Committee, reviewed the FY'24 Wellness Program activities, and presented an allocation request of \$25,000 for wellness activities in FY'25, keeping the amount reimbursed to employees for a physical at \$150, and allowing up to 3 hours paid time off for their physical. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve an **allocation** of \$25,000 for Wellness activities in FY'25, continuing the amount reimbursed to employees for a **physical** at \$150, and allowing up to 3 hours of **paid time off** for their physical. Carried.

Michael Pertzborn II, Stille, Pierce & Pertzborn Agency met with the Board to review the renewals for ICAP and IMWCA insurances for the county. Pertzborn stated that the current mod factor is .84, rolling three years of claims, and that the premium is up 10%, to \$93,127 for FY'25. Pertzborn stated that we are in a large weather area, with drastic rate increases, and higher deductibles. Pertzborn stated that some insurance companies are going to a percentage-based deductible, or a percentage of building value, but so far, ICAP hasn't done that yet. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and sign the **ICAP** member proxy, and not make any changes to the liability coverage for FY'25. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve payment to **ICAP** for the insurance coverage for FY'25 that is due prior to July 1, which included the additional coverage of equipment missed and for the motor graders, for a total of \$277,247. Carried.

Auditor Susan Lloyd presented a request to the Board to purchase 18 laptops to be used for the electronic check-in process (Precinct Atlas) during all elections. The current laptops have Windows 10, which will no longer be supported by Microsoft by October 2025. Lloyd stated that it is necessary to move to Windows 11 to remain in compliance with our state's election laws and rules in 2025, and she would like to have them before the 2024 General Election, to try and avoid any problems with the 8-year-old laptops. Lloyd informed the Board that her digitizing project came in under what was estimated for use of ARPA Funds, so there would be \$14,675.60 available to be used for the purchase, and the remainder would come from the Auditor's Capital Projects portion of the budget. The equipment quote for 18 laptops is \$15,750.00. Lloyd would like to order the laptops soon before the prices change in July. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Auditor to place the order for 18 **HP ProBook 450 G10 Notebooks** to be used for Precinct Atlas, from IPAC, West Des Moines, IA, in the amount of \$15,750.00, with \$14,675.60 to be paid from ARPA funds, and the remainder from the Auditor's Capital Projects portion of the budget. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-06-25-A** appropriating funds for FY'25 to departments at 100% per the FY'25 budget. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-06-25-A

WHEREAS it is desired to make appropriations for each of the different officers and departments for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024, in accordance with section 331.434 (Sec 6) 2024 Code of Iowa,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The amounts itemized by department or office on the certified County Budget for 2024-25 are hereby appropriated at 100% to the department or office listed in the 2024-25 budget.

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations and applicable state law, the appropriations authorized under Section 1 shall constitute authorization for the department or officer listed to make expenditures or incur obligations from county funds effective July 1, 2024.

Section 3. In accordance with section 331.437 of the 2024 Code of Iowa, no department or officer shall expend, or contract to expend, any money, or incur any liability, or enter into any contract, which by its terms involves the expenditure of money, for any purpose in excess of the amounts appropriated pursuant to their resolution.

Section 4. If at any time during the 2024-25 budget year the Auditor shall ascertain that the available resources of a fund for that year will be less than said fund's total appropriation, she shall immediately so inform the Board and recommend appropriate corrective action.

Section 5. The Auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized in Section 1, each of which account shall indicate the amount of the appropriation, the amount charged thereto, and the unencumbered balance. The Auditor shall report the status of such accounts to the applicable departments and officers monthly during the FY2024-25 budget year. The Auditor shall also provide a summary report of all departments to the Board monthly.

Section 6. All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the close of business June 30, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of June 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-06-25-B** authorizing interfund operating transfers from the General and Rural Funds to the Secondary Road Fund, and local option sales tax funds from "Local Option Sales Tax Funds for Secondary Roads" (0019) to the Secondary Road Fund as detailed in the FY'25 budget. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-06-25-B

WHEREAS it is desired to transfer monies from the General Basic Fund (0001) to the Secondary Road Fund (0020) and to transfer from the Rural Services Basic Fund (0011) to the Secondary Road Fund (0020); and

WHEREAS said operating transfers are in accordance with section 331.432, 2024 Code of Iowa,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa as follows:

Section 1. The sum of \$221,195.00 is ordered transferred from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund with one-half the amount (\$110,597.50) transferred no earlier than July 1, 2024, and the last one-half transferred no earlier than January 1, 2025.

The sum of \$2,374,753.00 (Rural Basic levy) is ordered transferred from the Rural Services Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund (levy) with one-half the amount (\$1,187,376.50) transferred no earlier than July 1, 2024, and the last one-half transferred no earlier than January 1, 2025.

Section 2. The total maximum transfer from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund shall not exceed \$221,195.00 (levy) and the total maximum transfer from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund shall not exceed \$2,374,753.00 (levy) all for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Section 3. The total transfer of local option sales tax for Secondary Roads shall be limited to 60% of the total local option sales tax receipts for FY'24 received by the county, estimated for budget purposes at \$600,000.

Section 4. The Auditor is directed to correct her books accordingly and to notify the Treasurer and Engineer of these operating transfers, accompanying the notification with a copy of this resolution and the record of its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of June 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-06-25-C** regarding the designation of a portion of the FY'24 General Fund and Rural Fund ending fund balances (June 30, 2024) for the **Drive Trails and County Trail System**. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024-06-25-C
Drive Trail & County Trail System
Designated/Committed Ending Fund Balances**

WHEREAS Buena Vista County included \$73,289.53 of the original \$100,000 in its FY'24 ending fund balances (\$54,967.15-General, \$18,322.38-Rural) for 'signing' for a Drive Trail to the Alta wind-farm and other attractions around the county in connection with Storm Lake's Project Awaysis; and,

WHEREAS the Drive Trail sign project was started, but not completed by June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS Buena Vista County 'pledged' a total of \$400,000 over 8 years for Trails in the county in connection with the Storm Lake Project Awaysis; and,

WHEREAS the FY'14 budget adopted by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors included the last tax asking of \$50,000 for the County Trail System (or 1/8th of total \$400,000) in FY'14; and,

WHEREAS Buena Vista County Trail projects have commenced as of June 30, 2016, with signs being purchased; and,

WHEREAS the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors wishes to set aside the taxes levied for both the "signing" for the Drive Trail and Trails for expenditure at a later time; and

WHEREAS the funding source amounts approved for both “signing” for the Drive Trails and County Trail System are from the General Basic Fund (75%) and Rural Basic Fund (25%);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUENA VISTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, that \$354,967.13 in the FY’24 General Basic ending fund balance, and, \$118,322.40 in the FY’24 Rural Basic ending fund balance, be considered and are hereby unreserved/designated and committed for the “signing” for the Drive Trail and the County Trail System projects associated with Project Awaysis.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of June 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-06-25-D** regarding the designation of a portion of the General Fund ending balance (June 30, 2024) for the **FY’25 Heritage Tour** expenditures. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024-06-25-D
BV County Heritage Tours
Designated/Committed Ending Fund Balance**

WHEREAS Buena Vista County received \$828 in FY’10 to be used for Heritage Tours for schools in Buena Vista County, which were received into the General Fund for expenditure, and

WHEREAS a portion of those funds were not expended in FY’24 and the remainder of those funds may be spent in FY’25,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, that \$242.86 in the General Fund ending fund balance is hereby designated and committed for expenditure on Heritage Tours only.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of June 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-06-25-E** regarding the designation of a portion of the General Fund ending balance (June 30, 2024) for the **FY’25 County Attorney’s Office software** expenditures. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024-06-25-E
BV County Attorney’s Office Software
Designated/Committed Ending Fund Balance**

WHEREAS Buena Vista County had included \$40,000 in the County Attorney’s FY’24 budget to be used for transitioning to new software (Prosecutor by Karpel) which is included in the General Basic Fund for expenditure, and

WHEREAS those funds were not expended in FY’24 and those funds may be spent in FY’25,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, that \$40,000.00 in the General Basic Fund ending fund balance is hereby designated and committed for expenditure on the transitioning to new software, Prosecutor by Karpel, for the County Attorney’s Office.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of June 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to accept and approve the Chair to sign the B&W Control Specialists **2024 Woody Vegetation Spray Treatment** for the following BV County and Joint County Drainage Districts, with the following cost not to exceed: **DD #1 Lat 1 OD** (\$2,500), **DD #1 Lat 2 OD** (\$2,000), **DD # 3 & 3 EXT** (\$4,500), **DD #20** (\$2,500), **DD #32** (\$1,000), **DD #34 Lat 1 OD** (\$1,500), **DD #34 Lat 2 OD** (\$12,000), **DD #34 Lat 3 OD** (\$2,500), **DD #49** (\$2,500), **DD #63 OD Easement** (\$1,500), **DD #101** (\$2,500), **DD #184** (\$1,500), **DD #205** (\$2,000), and **JT DD #1 BV, POC, MOD** (\$4,500), **JT DD #183 BV, POC, MOD** (2,000), **DD #69** (\$500), **DD #74** (\$500), **DD #99** (\$500), **DD #107** (\$500), and **DD #203** (\$500), and to authorize the BV County Drainage Department to appoint a contractor to conduct the work. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #14-42 BR 198** claim to Clay County Secondary Roads for tile jetting, in the amount of \$180.00. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #14-42 BR 198** claim to Koenig Portable Toilets for tile jetting, in the amount of \$750.00. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. until Tuesday, July 2 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

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BUENA VISTA COUNTY

APRIL -JUNE 2024

CLAIMS LISTING

A & M SERVICES INC. 748.45; ACCESS SYSTEMS 784.00; ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING 268.58; ACE BODY SHOP 865.07; ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS 4,065.90; AFLAC 7,429.35; AGSTATE 6,151.36; ALBERT CITY CORP 4,173.55; ALLIANT ENERGY /IPL 13,319.30; ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CO. 87,460.98; ALTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 6,177.50; ALTA CORP 4,173.55; ALTA IMPLEMENT CO 5,424.14; ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 918.41; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 18,141.68; AMERICAN LEGION POST 394 45.00; AMERICAN TIME 534.07; AMY CHRISCHILLES 6.68; AMY GROSS 975.00; ANDERSON BROTHERS PRINTING 318.46; ANDREA BEAN 33.39; ANDREW ALLERDINGS 200.00; ANNETTE KOSTER 1,613.46; ARENDS, LEE, EMICK, LEGVOLD, & MYOTT PLC 486.70; ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 363.54; ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 17.69; ASHLYN NORRIS 150.00; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IPERS 12,120.36; ASSOCIATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES, PC 5,985.00; AUGUSTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 750.00; AURELIA LUMBER COMPANY 2,067.98; AUXIANT 96,551.87; B V CO SECONDARY ROAD 1,120.21; B V COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION 1,750.00; B V SOLID WASTE COMMISSION 475.00; BARBARA PUCKETT 25.20; BAUERLY & LANGEL, PLC 308.70; BAXTER & WILD LAW OFFICES, PC 2,002.72; BEN MUEGGENBERG 270.00; BERNARD NELSON 11.34; BISON RIDGE LAND IMPROVEMENT LLC 4,980.00; BLACKTOP SERVICE COMPANY INC 30,450.00; BOB BARKER COMPANY INC 333.92; BOILER & PRESSURE VESSEL INSPECTION BUREAU 40.00; BOMGAARS 5,560.12; BRENTWOOD CONSTRUCTION, LLC 21,970.00; BRET WILKINSON 102.84; BRIAN AHRENSEN 55.72; BRIAN BLOMME 175.00; BRIAN JONES 253.11; BRIAN NEPPLE 6.30; BRIAN REBHURN 41.72; BRUCE BAIER 12.60; BUENA VISTA CO EMS ASSOCIATION 5,000.00; BUENA VISTA CO. CONSERVATION 790.64; BUENA VISTA CO. SHERIFF 7,643.69; BUENA VISTA COUNTY 98,799.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY EXTENSION & OUTREACH 45.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY JOURNAL 2,253.03; BUENA VISTA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & HOMECARE 6,443.85; BUENA VISTA REG MEDICAL CENTER 5,025.63; BUILDERS SHARPENING & SERVICE, LLC 639.00; BUTCH ENGEL 58.82; BV CO AGRICULTURAL SOCIET BUENA VISTA COUNTY FAIR 12,550.00; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 597,587.31; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 21,651.28; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 6,136.86; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 34,709.76; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 8,898.48; BV CO/DISASTER SERVICES/HAZMAT 43,500.00; BV GLASS AND PAINT 3,102.84; BV-CALHOUN-SAC DRAINAGE ENGINEER FUND C/O BV COUNTY TREASURER 4,500.00; BVRMC PHARMACY 1,180.44; C & B OPERATIONS, LLC 50,540.83; C & R SUPPLY 581.13; CALHOUN COUNTY 18,614.00; CALHOUN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH 810.80; CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC 12,967.32; CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES 112.32; CAPITAL ONE 62.59; CARD SERVICE CENTER 68.00; CARING HEARTS OF WEST CENTRAL IOWA, LLC 1,543.08; CAROLYN ARMSTRONG 803.88; CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY 650.00; CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF 502.00; CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE 1,853.52; CASSIE CRUM 304.92; CAYLYN BISHOP 623.11; CCP INDUSTRIES INC 855.29; CDW GOVERNMENT INC 1,068.75; CENTER FOR SIOUXLAND 6,250.00; CENTRAL BANK 45.00; CENTRAL BANK 32,478.14; CENTRAL IOWA DETENTION 1,069.75; CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING INC 1,682.08; CENTRAL IOWA TOURISM REGION 55.00; CENTURY LINK 966.80; CHAMPION ELECTRIC 672.57; CHARLENE PLAGMAN 12.60; CHEROKEE COUNTY 36,848.00; CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF 630.04; CHERRY CORNER INSURANCE AGENCY 500.00; CHET HARTWELL 45.72; CHRIS DUITSMAN 309.08; CHRISTIAN BROS. EXCAVATING LC 2,120.00; CINDY SEWARD 60.03; CINTAS FIRST AID AND SAFETY 923.20; CITY OF ALBERT CITY 129.00; CITY OF FONDA 75.00; CITY OF LINN GROVE 675.61; CITY OF MARATHON 481.71; CITY OF NEWELL 188.97; CITY OF REMBRANDT 225.75; CITY OF SIOUX CITY 92.46; CITY OF SIOUX RAPIDS 269.24; CITY OF STORM LAKE 6,837.30; CJIS SOLUTIONS 1,092.00; CLAY COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH 240.00; CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF 57.50; CNA SURETY 580.00; COLEMAN MOORE COMPANY 13,039.98; COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER 436.14; COMMERCIAL APPRAISER'S OF IOWA 6,000.00; COMMERCIAL SIGN & DESIGN

60.00; COMMUNITY BROADCASTING INC 1,750.32; CONNIE JESSE 71.82; CORPORATE TRANSLATION SERVICES,LLC 21.55; COST ADVISORY SERVICES INC 4,450.00; COUNCIL AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE 2,810.00; COUNTRY CARE CENTER CORP 6,552.00; COURT REPORTERS OF IOWA 331.35; CRAWFORD COUNTY HOME HEALTH & 44,046.89; CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF 620.47; CRIMMINS LAW FIRM 60.00; CRITTENTON CENTER 14,589.80; CULLIGAN 360.17; CYLINDER EXPRESS 92.50; CYPRESS SOLUTIONS 3,120.00; DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS, INC. 141.15; DANELLE HABERMAN 802.83; DANIEL MALOY 150.00; DANIEL ROBINSON 3.53; DAVID BALDER 33.39; DAVID MERTEN 18.90; DAWN MENTZER 696.72; DEAN ASSMANN 59.33; DEAN K ELLINGSON 114.70; DEB JESSE 26.46; DEBBIE R FREDRIKSEN 6.55; DETTMANN IMPLEMENT CO 1,299.35; DICKINSON, BRADSHAW, FOWLER, & HAGEN, P.C. 3,989.00; DISTRICT A HOMECARE DIRECTORS 15.00; DONALD JACKSON 18.90; DONALDSON DOCKS, INC. 4,275.00; DOREEN PEDERSEN 402.16; DOUGLAS IMMING 11.34; DOUGLAS J MILLER 18.90; DR. GARRETT FEDDERSEN 750.00; DULTMEIER SALES, LLC 479.51; DYNAMIC IOT DATA INC. 656.25; ECOLAB 1,691.89; EDWARDS 120,010.41; EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION, LLC 17,649.00; EMMA AHRENSEN 83.16; EMMET COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE 313.24; EPCO LTD, INC 527.00; ERIC CHASE 4.54; ERIC YUNGINGER 200.00; ERICA LARSON 165.06; ESRI INC 9,090.00; EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC 58,584.92; EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY MHS 3,387.44; FAMILY CRISIS CENTER 5,000.00; FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER 427.04; FAREWAY STORE 631.07; FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD 1,110.50; FILTERCARE OF NEBRASKA LLC 1,072.45; FIRST CHILDREN'S FINANCE 10,000.00; FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LABORATORY, INC 822.50; FRANCISCO GONZALEZ - VASQUEZ 204.53; FRATZKE & JENSEN FUNERAL HOMES 1,500.00; FRIGITEC, INC. 752.83; GARLAND A. OTTO 443.64; GERALD WEILAND 96.27; GILL HAULING INC 372.89; GINGER BLATCHFORD 8.82; GORDON FLESCH COMPANY 0.23; GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 223.00; GRAFFIX INC. WALL OF FAME 1,821.40; GRAHAM TIRE CO 3,969.53; GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS 726.99; GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY 300.00; GREENFIELD CONTRACTORS LLC 78,991.42; GREGORY JOHNSON 265.54; GRP & ASSOCIATES INC. 145.00; GUARDIAN RFID 25.60; HAROLD ROWLEY RECYCLE CENTER 32,002.50; HAWK - I PLUMBING, INC. 518.35; HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE 5,500.00; HAYES INSTRUMENT CO., INC. 344.93; HEALTHCAREFIRST %WELLS FARGO 300.00; HEATHER TOTTEN 27.72; HEINSOHN DIGGING & TILING INC 2,500.00; HENRY M ADKINS & SON, INC. 5,375.81; HISEY LAW OFFICE 535.50; HOLIDAY INN DES MOINES AIRPORT 1,414.56; HONDO'S SALES & SERVICE 19,990.00; HOPE HAVEN INC 330.66; HUFFCUTT CONCRETE, LLC 99,850.00; HUMBOLDT COUNTY 23,895.00; HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF 285.74; HUNDERTMARK CLEANING SYSTEMS 457.62; HUNTER KNUDTSON 180.00; HY-VEE INC 356.84; I.A.A.O. 850.00; I.C.C.S.-IOWA'S COUNTY CONSERVATION SYSTEM 2,000.00; ICAP IA COMMUNITES ASSURANCE POOL 295,710.00; ICEA SERVICE BUREAU 32,108.48; ICIT 100.00; IDA COUNTY SHERIFF 265.96; IDALS 1,005.57; IGL TELECONNECT 537.00; ILEA IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY 625.00; IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITES INC 7,269.62; IMAGING SPECTRUM, INC. 286.84; IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PRE SCHOOL 2,086.00; IMWCA 23,288.00; INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY SOLUTIONS, INC. 3,377.02; INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE 444.00; INSIDE OUT WELLNESS AND ADVOCACY (I.O.W.A.) 2,521.33; INSPIRON LOGISTICS 3,175.00; INSTITUTE OF IOWA CERTIFIED ASSESSORS 700.00; INTEGRATED WEED CONTROL 2,825.00; INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF SIOUX CITY 620.75; IOWA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S CASE MANAGEMENT PROJECT 10,200.00; IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 117.50; IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 100.00; IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 2,088.00; IOWA DEPT PUBLIC SAFETY 3,213.00; IOWA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASS'N 155.00; IOWA GOOD ROADS ASS'N 95.00; IOWA IAI 375.00; IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP 4,496.72; IOWA LAKES REGIONAL WATER 519.67; IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATI 100.00; IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES 6,859.78; IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE 87.50; IOWA SPORTSMAN 275.00; IOWA STATE COMPTROLLER TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA 77,855.16; IOWA STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER 6,431.88; IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY 180.00; IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY 125.00; IPERS 341,244.03; ISABEL ANDRADE 221.82; ISAC 1,657.15; ISACA- IOWA STATE ASSOCIATION OF CO. AUDITORS 625.00; ISCTA IOWA STATE CO TREASURERS ASSOC 400.00; ITSAVVY LLC 1,794.56; IVAN D. DROESSLER 98.15; J.R. JIM HOWE SEPTIC SERVICE 450.00; J3RED MARKETING LLC 257.00; JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

87.95; JACOB STEFFEN 150.00; JAMES PETERSON 6.30; JAMIE CLARK 12.63; JAN KIER 34.65; JAN WORTHAN 10.08; JANET MARIE MAGNUSSEN 31.50; JANITORS CLOSET LTD- JCL 290.34; JCL SOLUTIONS/SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES 3,174.64; JEAN L SASSMAN 283.50; JEBRO INC. 8,294.00; JEFF KESTEL 170.51; JENNIFER MORAL 203.49; JIM FOELL 5.04; JIM WISCHMEYER 224.84; JODY HARE 25.20; JOHN DAHL 499.00; JOHN NELSON 15.12; JOHN SCHMIT 71.00; JOHNSTON AUTOSTORES 5,284.48; JON BUSS 60.00; JOSEPH CRONIN 46.62; JOSEPH KELLER 180.00; JOSH NIELSEN 60.48; JULIE SATHER 1,062.69; JULIUS CLEANERS 188.57; JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY 90.00; KAREN CRILLY 150.00; KARL CHEVROLET, INC. 50,368.20; KARLA AHRENDSEN 267.27; KARYN WAITES 189.00; KASPERBAUER CLEANERS, INC. 160.30; KATHRYN CROKER 138.99; KATHRYN STRUSS 110.47; KATY UNGER 207.27; KB CONTRACTING LLC 14,516.49; KELLY GRIEME PAINTING 2,544.24; KELLY SNYDER 655.20; KELSEY ALLEN 325.60; KENDRA M OLSON ATTORNEY AT LAW 999.60; KETNARINE BOUROMMAVONG 243.23; KIMBALL MIDWEST 2,835.35; KLAY VELDHUIZEN BINDER DEJONG DEJONG HALVERSON 330.80; KORY ELSTON 150.00; KRISTINA KONRADI 181.44; KYLE V HANSEN 67.64; KYLEA LEDESMA 135.00; L & G PRODUCTS INC 428.76; LACEY ANDERSON 75.60; LAKESHORE & FAMILY TABLE 297.00; LARSON OIL & DISTRIBUTING 29,319.90; LAUVER LAW 224.40; LAW OFFICE OF ROBERT B BROCK II, PC 76.50; LEIGH MADSEN 56.70; LEMMENES & DODGEN 369.30; LEXIS NEXIS RISK DATA MANAGEMENT, LLC 486.75; LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INS CO 8,260.06; LIFELINE 1,597.20; LINDSAY KRUSE 100.00; LINN GROVE CORP 4,173.55; LISA BRINGLE 526.20; LOFFLER COMPANIES 2,410.09; LONG LINES BROADBAND 9,756.27; LORI ARENDS 41.58; LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM 1,275.00; LOUIE DEROOS 805.13; LU ANN RIDOUT 8.82; LUFT & SON INC 1,250.00; M & S HVAC SERVICES, LLC 805.00; MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, LLC 546.04; MAIL SERVICES LLC 7,076.34; MAIN STREET SPECIALTIES, LLC 16,472.98; MANNING REGIONAL HEALTHCARE CENTER 3,714.00; MARATHON CORP 4,173.55; MARCO 550.95; MARCUS LUMBER 1,469.08; MARGIE ROBINSON 16.88; MARK BURKITT 187.24; MARY REHNSTROM 28.98; MARY SPRICK 23.56; MATTHEW SEFCIK 71.82; MAVIS LOVING 27.72; MCCLURE ENGINEERING CO. 5,072.50; MEDEA & ASSOCIATES, INC 123.60; MEDICAL PRIORITY CONSULTANTS 11,496.00; MELANIE ANDERSON 75.20; MENARDS - SPENCER 241.61; MID AMERICAN ENERGY 21,452.24; MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY INC 89,356.34; MIDWEST COMPLIANCE ASSOCIATES 1,500.00; MIKE'S LAWN SERVICE INC 54.00; MILLER, MILLER, MILLER P.C. 1,065.80; MITCH STILLE 12.41; MODERN IMAGING SOLUTIONS, INC. 559.63; MONOPRICE, INC. 145.05; MOSAIC 1,500.00; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. 200.00; MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO 9,298.97; MYRON CORP 559.94; N.A.P. 349.50; NATHAN SCHUMANN 80.00; NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION 250.00; NELSONS VET SUPPLY 32.80; NETSMART TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 15,474.29; NEW CENTURY FS 132,339.37; NEW HOPE VILLAGE 3,696.13; NEWELL CORP 4,173.55; NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR 2,719.30; NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRIBUTING, INC. 12,388.86; NTOA - NATIONAL TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION 834.00; NW IA YES CENTER 23,626.25; NWIPDC -NW IA PLANNING & DEV COM 1,900.00; NYEMASTER GOODE, P.C. 54,857.46; O'BRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF 86.00; ODEN ENTERPRISES INC 6,520.50; ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC 898.76; OFFICE ELEMENTS 21,754.85; OLSEN WELDING & MACHINE 2,211.50; PACKTRACK 140.00; PAM JACOBSON 481.44; PATRICIA BJORKGREN 7.56; PATRICIA MOE 27.72; PAUL SENNERT 349.14; PHELAN TUCKER LAW, LLP 204.40; PHIL REDENBAUGH, P.C. 150.00; PHILLIP R DRIVER 17.64; PHOENIX SUPPLY 379.74; PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL 39,236.67; PILOT ROCK SIGNS RJ THOMAS MFG. CO., INC 23,174.75; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT 11,460.90; PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC 1,731.06; PITNEY BOWES INC 66.39; PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH, INC 897,546.04; PLUMBING & HEATING 2,485.46; PLYMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF 31.50; POCAHONTAS CO SHERIFF 156.14; POCAHONTAS COUNTY 32,214.55; POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES 960.00; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC 3,085.75; POSTMASTER 1,220.00; POWER SOLUTIONS, INC. 2,096.28; PRAIRIE FABRICATION, LLC 1,100.00; PREVENT CHILD ABUSE IOWA 330.00; PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 24,823.95; PRISCILLA A. JACKSON 280.00; QUILL CORPORATION 1,181.89; R & D INDUSTRIES INC 33,204.66; RADAR ROAD TEC 560.00; RAINBOW BAIT, INC 905.00; RALPH WARKENTIN 11.34; RANDALL WILBUR ERICKSEN 8.82; RANDY CATES 750.00; RANDY REDIG 250.00; REBNORD TECHNOLOGIES INC 52,015.50; REDING'S GRAVEL & 38,308.40;

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY 12,300.00; REIMER, LOHMAN, & REITZ 1,020.95; REMBRANDT CORP 4,173.55; RENT - ALL, INC. 1,007.55; RHOMAR INDUSTRIES, INC. 1,887.18; RICHARD HALDIN 300.80; RICHARD MARSHALL 57.56; RICHARD RICE 18.90; RICK MEYER 186.74; RICOH USA, INC 97.47; RINKER MATERIALS 31,881.60; ROAD MACHINERY & SUPPLIES CO. 3,470.05; ROBERT HARTJE 6.30; ROBERT NIELSEN 4.41; ROBERT SKOG 8.82; ROCHELLE WARNER 500.00; ROGERS TIRE SERVICE LC 4,800.00; RR ELECTRIC LLC 2,263.42; SAC COUNTY ENGINEER 651.53; SAC COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES 24,228.33; SAC COUNTY SHERIFF 188.30; SAM ORTMANN 124.82; SANDRA K HOYT 150.00; SANDRA K. SWEENEY 1,842.75; SANDY LAW FIRM PC 1,144.28; SANFORD CENTER 32,591.25; SANFORD SHELDON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH 40.00; SARAH VANDERHOFF 266.36; SAVINGS BANK SECURITY TRUST & 265,763.90; SAVINGS BANK SECURITY TRUST & 183,810.28; SCHULTE LAW FIRM, LC 1,023.00; SCOTT LOVING 8.82; SEAT-STATE ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS TRAINING 225.00; SECRETARY OF STATE 30.00; SECURITY TRUST 62,163.22; SECURITY TRUST & SAVINGS BANK 250.00; SEILER INSTRUMENT & MFG. CO. INC 647.33; SETH DICKS 96.06; SHANE CARAWAY 26.90; SHARON HENKEL 150.00; SHARON KOCH 26.74; SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION 18,312.50; SIOUX CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL 5,082.50; SIOUX CITY FIRE RESCUE CITY OF SIOUX CITY IOWA 10,411.50; SIOUX LUMBER 73.98; SIOUX RAPIDS CORP 4,173.55; SIOUX RIVERS REGION 2,030.00; SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC. 766,052.17; SMART VENDING SERVICES 1,076.80; SMITH CONCRETE SERVICE INC 1,980.00; SMS POWERTRAIN AND HARDWARE, LLC 1,104.39; SNOOK'S CARPET & FURNITURE LLC 16,028.75; SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES 2,434.25; SPORTS REHAB & PROFESSIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATES, INC. 10,536.36; ST MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH 45.00; ST. MARYS PRESCHOOL 7,457.50; ST. ROSE OF LIMA PRESCHOOL 6,097.50; STACEY SMITH 150.00; STA-MEL ENTERPRISES INC 8,750.76; STANLEY LAW FIRM, LLC 2,409.60; STEPHANIE J. EARLY 49.00; STERICYCLE, INC. / SHRED-IT 827.36; STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT 183.13; STORM LAKE ACE HARDWARE 1,300.06; STORM LAKE CORP 12,520.65; STORM LAKE GARAGE DOOR SERVICE 796.00; STORM LAKE HYDRAULICS 865.94; STORM LAKE TIMES PILOT 4,449.50; STORM LAKE UNITED 7,500.00; STRATEGIC HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS, LLC 132.75; STRATFORD GRAVEL INC 52,017.12; STREET COP TRAINING 225.00; SUSAN LLOYD 409.80; TCY MACHINE, INC. 1,000.00; TESS ROBINSON 231.90; TESSIER'S INC 14,781.30; THE ARC OF WOODBURY COUNTY 51,520.00; THE LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT 2,370.36; THE PRIDE GROUP, INC 68,923.07; THERESA JOCHUM 788.04; THRESHERMAN & COLLECTORS ASSN. 2,500.00; TODD KAY 1,150.00; TRACY GOTTO 640.71; TRANSIT WORKS 815.00; TREASURER STATE OF IOWA 2,668.20; TRIVIUM LIFE SERVICES 2,268.00; TRUAX COMPANY INC 30,659.31; TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES 2,242.99; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 997.22; ULINE 455.98; ULTEIG OPERATIONS, LLC 2,728.00; UNITY RIDGE LUTHERAN SCHOOL 5,890.00; UNITYPOINT CLINIC OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE 294.00; UNITYPOINT HEALTH -FORT DODGE 227.00; UNITYPOINT HEALTH-CHICAGO 2,528.00; UPPER DES MOINES 7,500.00; US CELLULAR 4,750.34; US CELLULAR 570.00; USDA ANIMAL CARE 120.00; VAKULSKAS LAW FIRM PC 4,009.50; VALERIE ANSPACH 200.00; VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY 6,720.45; VANCE CORDS 60.00; VANDER HAAG'S INC. 464.04; VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC 103,553.70; VERIZON 180.00; VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC. 2,622.78; VERIZON WIRELESS 2,814.83; VETTER EQUIPMENT CO 14,545.00; VISA 24,016.22; VISA 1,315.51; VISION CARE ASSOCIATES P.C. 250.00; VISTA PAINTS 665.60; VISUAL EDGE IT, INC. 1,878.31; WAG'S EXHAUST PROS 73.83; WAHLTEK INC 5,400.00; WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO 3,923.08; WEBSTER COUNTY SHERIFF 18.00; WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHI 513,229.77; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING, INC. 525.00; WESCO INDUSTRIES INC 294,873.66; WEST PAYMENT CENTER 4,979.35; WEX BANK 2,013.61; WEX BANK 1,040.30; WIESE PLUMBING & HEATING INC 400.50; WILLIAM HILSABECK 114.89; WINDSTREAM 1,289.00; WINDSTREAM CABS 411.59; WINTER WALKING 412.34; WOODBURY CO AUDITOR/TREASURER 20,087.00; WOODBURY CO SHERIFF 15,075.00; WOODBURY COUNTY 76,467.00; ZIEGLER INC 987,300.94; ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION 1,624.37

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-NINETH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (29)
JULY 2, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, 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 Croker, second by Hartman, to amend **today's agenda**, adding appointment of the Drivers License Deputy to the action items. Carried.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the contract for **Project L-BNT2023-3--73-11**, with Dixon Construction Co., in the amount of \$376,940.00, for six abutment repairs on bridges in the southern tier of the county. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been working on flood repairs, hauling rock to roads, working on replacing a pipe on the N River Road and other pipes that need repair, and cleaning up ditches. Trucks went out this morning to haul debris from the flooding in Sioux Rapids to the BV County Landfill. Other contractors are hauling flood debris from Sioux Rapids to Carroll. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that they used 6,000 tons of sand, which probably cannot be used again, due to the debris and contaminants in the sand from the flood. Wilkinson stated that the sand would have to sit for two years before determining if it could be used again, and then it would still have to be screened. Regarding the 4-mile road project by Platinum Crush, Wilkinson has talked with a representative of the railroad and was told that they have a consultant reviewing the plans and that he would hear something by last Friday, but there has been no response. Wilkinson stated that if he has not heard back from the railroad by next Tuesday, they could pull back 50' of the railroad right-of-way and go forward with the project and patch it in later. Croker stated that she would like to consider moving forward and patching the railroad right-of-way later. Merten commented that he wants to see the project start, as the window for getting this done is getting smaller.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** from 6/25/2024 as presented, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports:** Central IA Juvenile Detention Center May minutes, Lake Improvement Commission meeting, and May NW IA YES Center minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve amending the **meal reimbursement policy**, increasing the meal allowance to \$60 per day which will now include a gratuity and any additional charge for using a credit/debit card. Detailed receipts must still be submitted, and no alcoholic beverages will be reimbursed. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen discussed the changes to **county compensation boards**, due to SF 2442 Division V of the tax omnibus bill. The provisions authorize Boards of Supervisors in each county to determine whether they want to utilize a compensation board or take on the duties and responsibilities themselves. By law, all compensation boards are dissolved on July 1, 2024. Allen asked the Board if they

wanted a compensation board or not. Ringgenberg stated that the compensation board does a lot of research. Allen stated that there are different requirements on the research that is done, and it must be documented. The legislation put in place the “show your work” provision. The compensation board will be required to provide documentation that demonstrates how it determined the recommended compensation schedule. This must include information on comparable officers in other counties, other states, private enterprises, and the federal government. Allen stated that the supervisors still have the final say on salaries regardless of whether there is a compensation board or not. The legislation states that if there is a compensation board, the supervisors can approve a compensation schedule that is greater than or less than the compensation board recommendation, or they could adjust the compensation schedule for individual elected officials without being required to adjust by the same percentage for all others. Merten commented that he was concerned about office deputies salaries, if the elected official had their salary cut. Allen informed the Board that they could set compensation at less than the current year only if the compensation schedule recommends changing the position (county attorney) to part-time. Croker stated that she likes each elected official having someone representing them. Ringgenberg commented that a compensation board can recommend anything, however they do not know the budget. Snyder stated that he likes having a compensation board. Allen informed the Board that if they do not have a compensation board, then the supervisors must do the research. Allen stated that the process moving forward would be to motion and vote on establishing a compensation board, and then appoint members to the compensation board with staggered terms. Allen stated that there is no obligation to establish a compensation board in the first year, so the supervisors could take on the responsibilities this year and decide to establish a compensation board in the future. The supervisors may dissolve the compensation board at any time with a majority vote. Merten commented that he doesn’t see the point of having a compensation board if the supervisors can change anything. Allen restated that as of July 1, there is no compensation board. No action was taken.

County Attorney Paul Allen, payroll specialist Yvonne Sandhoff, and Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg were present for the discussion of the Board whether to classify the Env Health/Zoning Director as exempt or non-exempt under the administrative exemption. Sandhoff stated that the Env Health/Zoning Director was exempt due to having two employees, but now there is only one employee that he oversees. Allen stated that the position may qualify to be exempt under the Administrative Exemption or the Professional Exemption. Allen stated that the position meets the salary criteria for the administrative exemption, but he was not sure whether he met the “discretion of independent judgement in the performance of duties”. Allen stated that if the Env Health/Zoning Director does have discretion of independent judgement, then he would qualify for the administrative exemption. Mueggenberg stated that he does have discretion of independent judgement for zoning and for the septic. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to designate the Env Health/Zoning Director as an exempt position under the administrative determination. Carried.

Chairperson Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during Hear the Public, with no response. VSO Louie DeRoos came in to inform the Board that he would like to run an ad on the local radio station during the 4th of July to honor the men and women who have served our nation to protect our freedom, offering services of the Veterans Affairs Office, and asking people who are celebrating on the 4th of July to be mindful of the veterans who may suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. DeRoos stated that there were funds left in his budget, which if the Board was willing, could be included in the first budget amendment for FY’25. The ad would cost \$630. The recording was played for the supervisors to hear, and they were all in favor of the ad running this week.

Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of Robert D. Jensen Jr. in the SE ¼ NW ¼ of Section 22-91-37. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-07-02-A**. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-07-02-A

WHEREAS Robert D. Jensen Jr. has presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

DESCRIPTION LOT F

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (SE ¼ NW ¼) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Northeast (NE) corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE ¼ NW ¼) of said Section 22; Thence on a previously recorded bearing of South 00° 22' 44" West, along the East line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼), 520.00 feet to the South line of Lot E in said Section 22, being also the Point of Beginning. Thence continuing South 00° 22' 44" West, along the East line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼), 225.00 feet; Thence North 89° 50' 45" West, 487.52 feet; Thence North 00° 17' 36" East, 225.00 feet to the South line of said Lot E; Thence South 89° 50' 45" East, along said South line, 487.85 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot F, in Section 22, Township 91 North, Range 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 2.52 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

WHEREAS the final plats meet with the approval of the Board subject only to the following if any: **None**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County, Iowa Board of Supervisors that:

DESCRIPTION LOT F

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (SE ¼ NW ¼) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Northeast (NE) corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE ¼ NW ¼) of said Section 22; Thence on a previously recorded bearing of South 00° 22' 44" West, along the East line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼), 520.00 feet to the South line of Lot E in said Section 22, being also the Point of Beginning. Thence continuing South 00° 22' 44" West, along the East line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼), 225.00 feet; Thence North 89° 50' 45" West, 487.52 feet; Thence North 00° 17' 36" East, 225.00 feet to the South line of said Lot E; Thence South 89° 50' 45" East, along said South line, 487.85 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot F, in Section 22, Township 91 North, Range 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa ; is hereby accepted subject to the following if any; **None**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be affixed to the final plat of:

DESCRIPTION LOT F

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (SE ¼ NW ¼) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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Hereafter known as Lot F, in Section 22, Township 91 North, Range 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa ; and copies of said final plats shall be of record in the appropriate County offices.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of July 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairman Board of Supervisors...../s/ Susan K. Lloyd, Auditor

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Certificate of Appointment** of Matt Sefcik as Drivers License Deputy in the Treasurer’s Office, effective July 1, 2024, at a salary of 80% of the Treasurer’s salary. Carried.

Supervisors Meeting Reports: Ringgenberg informed the Board that there is a Buena Vista County Disaster Recovery Fund that has been activated, which is part of the Greater Des Moines Foundation. Ringgenberg stated that people can apply for funds through Upper Des Moines.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. until Tuesday, July 9 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTIETH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (30)
JULY 9, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker (virtually), Hartman, Merten, Snyder, 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today’s agenda**. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They are working on flood repairs, cleaning out the culvert on N. River Road, hauling rock, cleaning up cornstalks and debris. They hauled loads of garbage from Sioux Rapids to the transfer station at BV Landfill, and several independent people were hauling too. They hope to wrap up the flood cleanup in two weeks. FEMA wants estimates by this Friday. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that they were done with the May flood paperwork, but not for the June flood event; Wilkinson stated that he has received correspondence from IDOT and the railroad, regarding the Hwy 7 and 70th Ave.

intersection. The railroad wants to see the crossing widened at the same time as the road, which the county would have to pay for. The crossing at Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. would be eligible for RISE Funds, but not the 80th Ave. intersection. Wilkinson stated that the county would be absorbing more cost on the 80th Ave. intersection, but it needs to be done, and it should be the same width as the county shoulder. Wilkinson stated that IDOT is concerned about the intersections and wants them done first, before the four miles of paving on the county roads. Wilkinson stated that if the intersections are done first, then trucks would have, at a minimum, two miles of gravel to go on. Wilkinson stated that he needs the DOT's approval before the project can be let. Wilkinson stated that he has explained to IDOT why it is important to the public to do the paving first before the intersections, and he is waiting for their response.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board of a **28E Agreement** from Clay County to share his engineering services, due to their county engineer leaving August 13. Wilkinson stated that Clay County is advertising for an engineer, but until one is hired, Clay County is requesting to have Wilkinson for a minimum of ten hours per week, until they hire an engineer. County Attorney Paul Allen received the 28E Agreement from Clay County and has briefly reviewed the agreement. Wilkinson stated that Clay County has a lot going on with flood work and have other projects planned. Wilkinson stated that Clay County has several experienced staff there to help. Merten commented that he was disappointed that the 28E Agreement went directly to our County Attorney from the Clay County Board of Supervisors, without first contacting the BV Board of Supervisors, and stated that he was caught off guard. Merten stated that it is a different negotiation than when we talked with Pocahontas County Supervisors about sharing an engineer, as Clay County is dealing with a lot and said that he wouldn't wish that on anyone. Wilkinson suggested scheduling a joint conference call with Clay County Board of Supervisors to discuss the 28E Agreement. Croker stated that she wants to be a good neighbor but asked Wilkinson if Clay County had checked with the State for help, when they no longer have an engineer, and did they contact all their neighboring counties. Wilkinson responded that he didn't think the neighboring counties were contacted as several of those engineers are either new, are currently being shared, and/or are flooded themselves.

Chairperson Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response. Public Health Nurse Administrator Julie Sather stopped in to inform the Board that Iowa Department of Health & Human Services will be touring around Iowa, and BV County will be one of their stops on July 19, and they have requested one county supervisor to be in attendance. Sather said there will be a Behavioral Health session, Public Health session, and THRIVE Iowa. Sather also informed the Board of their two clinics they had in Sioux Rapids giving 104 tetanus shots.

Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Final Plat of Survey for Buffalo Ridge Estates, in the north ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 15-91-37, from James L. Bauer, owner of Bay Breeze LLC and the proprietor of said real estate. Jim Bauer and Bob Bauer were present for the discussion along with County Engineer Bret Wilkinson and Assistant Drainage Engineer Eric Yunginger. Mueggenberg stated that this is a major subdivision with ten lots proposed which are 3 acre lots, with private sewer and rural water. Yunginger informed the Board that there is not a drainage district facility that goes through this property, so he has no concerns with this proposed plat for Buffalo Ridge Estates. Wilkinson would recommend having a joint entrance off the gravel road, one for every two lots, only having five driveways to reduce conflict concerns for safety. Wilkinson stated that his biggest concern is the current 66' road right-of-way, as it isn't wide enough to pave the road. Wilkinson doesn't want the landowners to build too close to the lot line in case the county needs to purchase additional right-of-way to pave the gravel road. Croker asked Mueggenberg what the setback was, and if it was from the lot line, which in the rural area, is the center of the road. Mueggenberg will check on the verbiage for the setback, as to whether it is from the center of the road or not. Wilkinson would recommend that the setback be 67' from the lot line for there to be room to pave the road. Jim Bauer stated that he could put in the abstract to have setbacks and five

driveways for the 10 lots. Mueggenberg informed the Board that the proposed subdivision was brought in front of the Zoning Commission on June 11, 2024, and voted to forward the proposed major subdivision to the Board of Supervisors with no recommendation of approval or disapproval. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-07-09-A**. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-07-09-A

FINAL PLAT OF BUFFALO RIDGE ESTATES

Board of Supervisors Resolution

I, Rhonda Ringgenberg, do hereby certify that I am the Chairperson of the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, and do further certify that said Board has heretofore taken under advisement the Final Plat of **Buffalo Ridge Estates** and that said Board did on the 9th day of July 2024 approve and accept said subdivision plat.

Dated this 9th day of July 2024.

Attest: /s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

EMA Director Aimee Barritt asked the Board to allow her to extend her vacation to be used up, originally approved by July 12, and now due to all the time she has worked for the flood event, she is proposing to use her excess 40 hours of vacation by September 1, 2024. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and allow Aimee Barritt to extend the time allowed for her to use up her 40 hours of **excess vacation** at June 30, to September 1, 2024. Carried.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt informed the Board that Sioux Rapids lost their City Hall due to the flood event, and they are operating out of the Fire Station. Barritt stated that Public Health had excess furniture after their remodeling, and were okay giving a desk, chairs, and file cabinets to the City of Sioux Rapids. Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to allow the **donation of excess office furniture** (table, chairs, file cabinets) to the City of Sioux Rapids, due to their office furniture having been ruined by the flooding. Carried.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt updated the Board on the **flood event**. Barritt commended the community of Sioux Rapids for everything they did dealing with this flood, stating that it was very impressive for a community of 800 residents. Barritt stated that several buildings in Sioux Rapids have been lost due to basements and walls caving in, basements flooded, and several were not in the 100-year flood plain and didn't have flood insurance. The homeowners insurance won't cover flood damages, and FEMA will only pay up to \$42,500 if the damage qualifies. Barritt stated that she asked the City of Storm Lake to have their two inspectors help with the damage assessments in Sioux Rapids, and the city ended up sending twelve people there to help. Barritt stated that they needed to show the worst of the worst for FEMA and hit a minimum amount to get individual assistance, which they did. Barritt stated that Linn Grove and Sioux Rapids are still waiting for clean water. Barritt informed the Board that GIS Coordinator Eric Chase did a fabulous job making maps for her, whatever she needed, and helped Cherokee County with their maps. Barritt thanked the Sheriff's Department, Secondary Roads, Public Health, the Fire Departments, and the community for their amazing response. Barritt stated that the Sheriff had the drone up flying over Sioux Rapids and Linn Grove, to show FEMA and the State all the flood damages. A Community Foundation Disaster Recovery Committee has been formed. The Board thanked Barritt for all her hard work during this flood event.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 7/2/2024 as corrected, and accept the following **reports**: June Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, June Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, May Rolling Hills Community Services Region Governance Board minutes, May RIDES

Meeting minutes, March NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, and June Central IA Juvenile Detention Commission minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **Class B Retail Alcohol License** application for Al's Corner Oil Co., DBA Sparky's One Stop Shop #16. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve the request from NW IA Regional Housing Trust Fund to have the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the FY'25 pledge contribution letter to **NW IA Regional Housing Trust Fund, Inc.** in the amount of \$2,014 as the funds are used for their local match, to maintain housing, which will contribute to economic retention of workers and work done. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. until Tuesday, July 16 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-FIRST MEETING, 2024 SESSION (31)
JULY 16, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Merten, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Hartman.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to amend **today's agenda**, by adding an action item approving a Jt. DD #22 Lat 406 claim for tile repairs, and approving the agenda as amended. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The roads are back open from the flood, but they are still picking up debris; the M31 culvert north of C25 has been replaced; Christensen Bros. have started the three bridge abutment repairs. Engineer Wilkinson doesn't know when Dixon Construction will begin the other six abutment repairs; Engineer Wilkinson has had communication with the railroad and IDOT on the road project by Platinum Crush. The railroad is going to send out an estimate on widening. The DOT is still talking about paving. Landowner Kevin Cone stated that more trucks are going west, not east, and says that 80th Ave. intersection doesn't need to be done. Cone stated that 70th Ave. must be done, it is a priority. Cone stated that if the county doesn't pave 80th Ave., then they don't need the intersection improvement. It was suggested to pave the gravel road out of Alta on 590th St. east to 70th Ave. Engineer Wilkinson stated that it would be a major change and would need to be decided soon. Ringgenberg stated that the four miles were part of the original agreement. Croker stated that she was always advocating for 80th Ave., but now after hearing the discussions, she is less interested in paving 600th St. and 80th Ave. Croker stated that the development agreement could be changed. Engineer Wilkinson stated that he was letting phase 1 and phase 2 together with one contractor. Wilkinson stated that he has already purchased right-of-way, but not for the curve, so pavement would stop at the 1/2 mile. Wilkinson stated that they need to look back at the development agreement to make sure that nothing has been violated. Cone stated again that he

wants 70th Ave. done. Wilkinson stated that he wants to tie the two projects together to save on cost, give them a chance to purchase right-of-way, and get the DNR part done. Croker asked Wilkinson if he could recalculate by next week, so that if the DOT agrees, then it would be ready to be let. Wilkinson stated that he would like to go an additional 100' past the exit on 80th Ave. so they don't block the exit when phase 2 is started.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to set the **Public Hearing** for Master Matrix for Conlin 240th LLC in the SE ¼ NE ¼ Section 35 Fairfield Township for Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., and publish the notice in the official newspapers. Carried.

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

Curt Strouth, President/CEO of the **Iowa Lakes** Corridor, along with Trevor Smith and Joanne Follon, presented information to the Board on SBA funding and FEMA. Strouth stated that Governor Reynolds had been at Sioux Rapids and discussed the short- and long-term housing loans and other disaster relief programs that are available. Strouth stated that the Iowa Lakes Corridor website has information on the various relief programs, and residents can also call the Corridor for information. Strouth informed the Board that SBA will be in Sioux Rapids tomorrow.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** from 7/9/2024 as corrected, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: June BV County Landfill minutes and June Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the **Jt. DD #22 Lat 406** claim of Abel Drainage & Excavating for tile repairs in the amount of \$690.00. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m. until Tuesday, July 23 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-SECOND MEETING, 2024 SESSION (32)
JULY 23, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, 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 Snyder, second by Merten, to approve today's agenda. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the utility permit application for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, to bore from east to west under 150th Ave. between Sections 16 and 17 of Providence Township, for the accommodation of a waterline to serve 6261 150th Ave. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Flood cleanup continues with removing cornstalks from ditches; the crossroad culvert north of 480th St. and C25 is done, and there is another culvert 1.5 miles south of there to be done; spray patching truck has been out, filling small potholes and cracks; they are replenishing the sand pile at Sioux Rapids, hope to get this done this week; Merten asked about the potholes on C49 west of Alta and Business 71, and Engineer Wilkinson stated that they are working on those areas too. Merten asked about placing a temporary speed limit sign on the north end of 70th Ave. to help with dust control and asked about having the speed check unit placed there for a while.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented the plans and bidding documents for paving around **Platinum Crush**. Wilkinson stated that he still recommends paving the full four miles, with 1.5 miles eligible for RISE funding, which is 70th Ave. and the railroad crossing, and 2.5 miles would be paid with local funds. Wilkinson stated that if there isn't a curve placed on 80th Ave., it will be more difficult for trucks to turn. Wilkinson stated that he, Croker, and Merten met with Platinum Crush to discuss whether to pave 80th Ave. or not. Platinum Crush said that it wouldn't affect their operation if 80th Ave. isn't paved unless there is an accident. Platinum Crush will have meal trucks leaving the plant and hauling to Tyson and using the east exit. Wilkinson stated that previously, a 45-mph curve was a good compromise, and moved forward with it. Then, the Army Corps said that it would affect their watershed. Wilkinson stated that if they put in a 55-mph curve, then they can use the Nationwide permit, they already have. Wilkinson stated that by putting in a 55-mph curve, it would get them out of the wetland, but takes more land. Wilkinson stated that if we stay with a 55-mph curve, he can move forward with the project, but if they go back to a 45-mph curve, then he would need an Army Corps Individual permit. Wilkinson stated that he has talked with IDOT heavily, and they are nitpicking through the plan, and he is waiting for their final review. Paving 600th St. east of the plant exit and 80th Ave. is not eligible for RISE funding and would have a separate bid number. Wilkinson would like to have one contractor for both the RISE Project and the Local Project. Croker stated that she wants to get moving on the paving project on 70th Ave., and since Bret is waiting for the last right-of-way purchases, which is holding up the project, she would like to split the project and get going on it. Wilkinson stated that he could do that, as he has all the right-of-way purchased for Phase 1 so it could be let, and then they would let phase 2 at a later time. Wilkinson recommends signing the title sheet today, so he can get the bid documents out this week once DOT has approved. Otherwise, he can wait for the DOT approval and then come back to the Board to have the title sheet signed. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to let Phase 1 and Phase 2 separately, on the paving project around **Platinum Crush**, move ahead with Phase 1 letting and authorize the signatures needed on the title sheet. Ringgenberg asked if the phases were let together, would that help speed up getting the remaining right-of-way purchased. Wilkinson stated that it would not necessarily speed up the process. The vote was called on the motion. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson gave his **department updates**. **Weed Department:** They started spraying June 12 for noxious weeds, with 800 miles done out of 2,000 county miles. They have completed the DOT spraying contract, which took them five days. They will work on the purple loosestrife in August. They are not spraying trees this year. . **Conservation:** The Naturalist was certified by ISU Extension and Iowa Tourism as an Interpretive Guide and recently partnered with Iowa PBS programs, some geared for students and others for teachers. Timber Ridge is doing good and has been full. Bur Oak is still closed, waiting on electrical and landscaping. There are some displaced people

from the flood that are staying at the campground. The campground host is working out well. The lodge, cabin and shelters have been busy. They will lose their seasonal employees in 2-3 weeks. The Linn Grove Dam project is still in arbitration, and there was more damage from this last flood event. Nine campsites were under water, they hauled 22 loads of gravel and Secondary Road brought in 4 loads of crushed cement and installed new electric pedestals to make repairs. **Marina:** They have been busy cleaning bathrooms, hauling away garbage, doing minor repairs, and weed eating

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

Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller informed the Board about some Ash trees at the Public Health Annex. Keller stated that he had given shots to the trees in 2022, and two of the trees need to be rounded over and one needs to be removed. Keller contacted Jerry's Tree Service, and it would cost \$800 to round over two trees and \$700 to remove one tree, and that does not include stump removal. Keller stated that Conservation will take the stump out. The Ash trees will need to have shots again this year, but Keller stated that they are no longer infested. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve treating and rounding over the two **Ash trees** at the Public Health Annex, and to have one Ash tree removed. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** from 7/16/2024 as corrected, and accept the following **reports:** June Board of Health minutes. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to go into **closed session** (at 10:45 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to go out of **closed session** at 10:50 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the payment to Wellmark for the August billing, in the amount of \$213,346.10 and to authorize the Chair to sign the **approval list**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the **Jt. DD #14-42 BR 198** claim of Koenig Portable Toilets for jetting field tile in the amount of \$300. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Audit Document for the **CDBG Career Link Program**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the **fireworks permit** for Rick Glienke, 6164 60th Ave, Alta, IA to be held on August 3, 2024. Carried.

Councilman Dennis Graesing, City of Linn Grove, informed the Board that they have received a grant for a new **water system**, but the design on Linn Street doesn't have enough room. Graesing stated that they had planned to connect to rural water prior to the flood, but with the damage to their system now, it is a necessity that they connect sooner, rather than later. They are currently hauling water from Rembrandt to their water tower, and they are chlorinating their wells and testing twice per day. Graesing stated that the City would like to get an easement for three parcels in Linn Grove, to move this project along. The county is holding the tax sale certificate on parcel #0208104015 and #0208151001 and owns parcel #0208104016. County Attorney Paul Allen stated that the county cannot grant an easement on property that they don't own. Graesing stated that the engineer is holding up the project while waiting for the easements. Allen informed Graesing that he needs to talk with their City Attorney to see what their options are. Treasurer Danelle Haberman

informed the Board and Graesing that the two parcels that the county is holding the tax certificates on, have a special assessment on them, by the City of Linn Grove. Jud Graesing stated that he wants to acquire the parcel that the county owns, as it abuts his property. Graesing stated that someone had come in and cut down trees on the county property, which then after the 4" rain event, caused the land to slide down towards his property. Graesing stated that it is all wooded area, with two ravines, and he would like to stop whoever is clearing the trees out. Graesing would like to obtain the property the same way as the City of Albert City and Woods did in Albert City. Treasurer Haberman stated that she had everything that she needed to continue with this process. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with the process of transferring title to parcel #0208104016.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m. until Tuesday, July 30 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-THIRD MEETING, 2024 SESSION (33)
JULY 30, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Vice-Chairman Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Snyder (virtually), and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Ringgenberg.

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

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

Secondary Road Report: The crew is working on culverts, and the one on M31 north of C25 is open to traffic. The crew will move south to work on the single culvert. They have tried to have the patching truck out. Two of the three bridge abutment repairs are done and will open on Thursday. They hope to have the last abutment repair done soon. The contractor that was approved for the six abutment repairs will start soon. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that Calhoun-Burns has done the bridge inspections in the county. Wilkinson stated that the motor graders will work on rumble strips and potholes this week. Wilkinson informed the Board that they are starting to move stuff from the old Alta Shed to their new shed. Croker asked Wilkinson who wanted the building, to which Wilkinson replied that EMA and the Sheriff have made comments that they could use the building. Croker stated that she does not want the building promised to anyone until they know who all is interested in the building and stated that it should go before the Facilities Committee to make a recommendation. Wilkinson stated that the Phase 1 Project, the 2.6 miles of 70th Ave. and 600th St., is out for bids. Wilkinson state that there will be a pre-bid meeting August 7 at the Engineer's Office, with bids due by August 22 at 3:00 p.m., and then the August 27th Board agenda will include awarding the project, after DOT concurs with the low bidder, due to RISE funding. Wilkinson stated that the DOT final review was done last week, so that was able to send the bid documents out. Wilkinson stated that once he has the right-of-way on Phase 2, then he can send out documents on that project, as it is all local funds.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that **Allete Clean Energy** has a large utility permit, of several miles, for new wind towers. Wilkinson informed the Board that conversations need to be had as to whether the county has any concerns about having Allete going under roads, or if they need be remain above ground. Croker asked if the old towers would be removed, along with their base. Wilkinson stated that everything down to 4' below ground will be removed. All the existing towers are to be replaced in 2026, which will affect the valuation report 1/1/2027.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented the Semi-Annual report ending 6/30/2024, for the Board to approve before publishing in the papers. Haberman informed the Board of some corrections that were made in July, as it was too late to fix them in FY'24. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **Semi-Annual report** as presented and for the Vice-Chair to sign the report. Carried.

Vice-Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response. Treasurer Danelle Haberman informed the Board of how the Motor Vehicle Department has been affected by the Holzhauer Motor issue, and that they are unable to take any checks from them or issue titles for vehicles, due to Holzhauer's bank accounts being frozen and the issues with their inventory. Haberman also informed the Board that due to the flooding in Clay County, and the Governor's Proclamations, counties were issuing duplicate titles, registrations, and drivers licenses, free of charge for those that lost their documents in the flood.

Snyder left the meeting (virtually) at 9:54 a.m.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 7/23/2024 as corrected, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: June Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center Commission minutes, July Central IA Juvenile Detention Center Executive Committee minutes, June NW IA YES Center minutes, and Recorder's Quarterly Report 06/30/24. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. until Tuesday, August 6 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Vice - Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (34)
AUGUST 6, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, 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 Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for the accommodation of a water pipe along 80th Ave. and 440th Street between Sections 8 & 17 Barnes Township, to serve the City of Linn Grove. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented the plans for the six-mile paving project on C49 east of Hwy71. Wilkinson stated that this will be a cold-in-place recycling and then an asphalt overlay. Wilkinson stated that November 19 is the letting date, and it will be let through the State. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the plans and bidding documents for **Project STP-S-CO11(119)--5E-11**, paving 6 miles of C49 east of Hwy 71. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that two checks needed to be written today, regarding mitigation on the paving project around Platinum Crush. One check needs to be issued to Raccoon Valley Acres, in the amount of \$62,400 for .96 emergent wetland credits. The second check is to be issued to White Fox Farms, LLC, in the amount of \$4,455.00 for 148.5 stream credits. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize County Engineer Wilkinson to sign the purchase agreements for Raccoon Valley Acres and White Fox Farms, LLC, and authorize the Auditor to issue checks in the amount of \$62,400 to Raccoon Valley Acres, and \$4,455.00 to White Fox Farms, LLC, for stream and emergent wetland credits in reference to **mitigation on the paving project around Platinum Crush**. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The crew has been working on the crossroad culvert on M31 north of Alta. Another crew is finishing up the cornstalk flood cleanup. After the flood cleanup, the crews will get back to working on entrances, blading roads, fixing the rumble strips and potholes. Tomorrow afternoon, there will be a pre-bid meeting at the Engineer's Office, with bids due by August 22 at 3:00 p.m., and then the August 27th Board agenda will include awarding the project, after DOT concurs with the low bidder, due to RISE funding. Wilkinson stated that the right-of-way purchases continue to be discussed on the Phase 2 part of the paving projects around Platinum Crush. Design work is being done on the 70th Ave. Hwy 7 intersection to get it sent to DOT. Design work is being done on the 80th Ave. Hwy 7 intersection. One crew is mowing by the Threshermen site and Hanover, preparing for their festivals.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** from 7/30/2024 as corrected, and accept the following **reports**: None. Carried.

The Chair opened the public hearing for a **Master Matrix** for Conlin 240th LLC in Section 35 of Fairfield Township, with Environmental Health Director Ben Mueggenberg, Bill Conlin, Ben Conlin, Becky Sexton of Twin Lakes Environmental Services present and seven unidentified callers online. Mueggenberg reviewed the Master Matrix with the Board, explaining the points. There are 440 points needed to pass, and Conlin 240th LLC received 450 points, and satisfies the minimum requirements for air, water, and community. No public comments were heard or made note of in the resolution before the motion was made. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve **Resolution 2024-08-06-A**, Master Matrix for Conlin 240th LLC in Section 35 of Fairfield Township. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-08-06-A
Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors

8/6/2024
DATE

APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY’S RIGHTS TO APPEAL ISSUANCE OF FINAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has received notice from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that **Conlin 240th LLC** has been issued a draft permit for the construction of a confined animal feeding operation building(s) in the **SE ¼ NE ¼ Sec 35 T92N R35W Fairfield Twp** in Buena Vista County.

Section 2. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors reviewed the construction permit application and the manure management plan and determined that both appeared to be in compliance with the requirements of the Master Matrix, Iowa Code Section 459 and Iowa DNR rules and recommended approval of said application on **8/1/2024**.

Section 3. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby waives its right to appeal the issuance of the final permit within the fourteen (14) day limit from the time of receipt of notice of the issuance of the draft permit.

Section 4. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors encourages the Iowa DNR to issue the Final Permit immediately upon notification of this waiver.

Section 5. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Board Chairman to notify the Iowa DNR of this waiver.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair Board of Supervisors...../s/ Susan K. Lloyd, Auditor

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to acknowledge and approve the automatic renewal for a **Class E Liquor License** for Brew #1 West Lake General Store. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Proposal by Resolution #2024-08-06-B** considering conveyance of Parcel #0208104016 that the county holds title to, to Judediah Graesing. Carried.

PROPOSAL BY RESOLUTION
2024-08-06-B

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 446 and 569, Buena Vista County holds title to Buena Vista County Parcel # 0208104016, in Linn Grove, Iowa, and legally described as:

Lot six (6), Hesla and Anderson’s Addition to Linn Grove, Iowa; and

Hesla and Anderson Addition, Lot 5, in the Town of Linn Grove

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.361, subsection 2, considers disposal of said property to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County; and

WHEREAS, Judediah Graesing, who owns adjoining property, has indicated to the Board of Supervisors that he seeks conveyance of the property so that he can better manage the drainage of water on said property, as well as return the property to a tax producing status; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors proposes disposing of said property by quitclaim deed for sale price of \$500.00 to Judediah Graesing.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, a public hearing on the proposal by resolution to dispose of the above stated property by selling the property in the amount of \$500.00 to Judediah Graesing and conveying by quitclaim deed shall be held on the 27th day of August, 2024, after which time, the Board of Supervisors will make a final determination on the proposal by resolution.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair Board of Supervisors...../s/ Susan K. Lloyd, Auditor

EMA Director Aimee Barritt informed the Board that the City of Sioux Rapids needs additional file cabinets, due to losing their office in the flood. Barritt stated that there are several file cabinets stored at the LEC Warehouse that nobody wants. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve donating five **excess file cabinets** to the City of Sioux Rapids. Carried.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt informed the Board that she had \$17,092.10 of ARPA funds left over from both of her projects, and she would like to use those funds to restock the trailer with supplies, wireless internet, wireless printer, and office supplies, to have available when the trailer is used during a disaster. Barritt stated that after using the trailer during the flood event, there were items that would have been helpful to have during that time. With the leftover funds from the A/V equipment that was purchased for the fire departments, she would like to make improvements to the equipment installed and purchase a new laptop for her office. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to approve the request of EMA to use their remaining \$17,092.10 of **ARPA funds** to restock the trailer, wireless internet, printer, office supplies, new laptop, and updates to the A/V equipment that was installed at the fire stations in the county. Carried.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt gave the Board an **update on Sioux Rapids and Linn Grove** flood recovery. In Sioux Rapids, the Disaster Recovery Center will open tomorrow at the Sioux Rapids pool. Barritt stated that she is urging residents to keep appealing their claims submitted to FEMA, hoping for them to receive more funds, and by having this Disaster Recovery Center opening in Sioux Rapids, the residents will be able to appeal to FEMA in person. Barritt stated that SBA will also be there to assist residents that may be interested in low interest loans. Barritt stated that there are still eight families that cannot go back into their homes, so FEMA is working on setting up temporary homes for them, until they can find a home of their own. In Linn Grove, they ran out of water one day, but they should have rural water installed in a week or so, and by the end of August, residents will be able to drink tap water again.

Merten stated that the supervisors had interviewed all the applicants that had applied for the two open Veterans Commissioner positions and the vacancy position, and they were very impressed with all the applicants. Croker stated that the board had asked and verified what conflict each applicant served in. Hartman stated that all applicants were good and would have worked out well as a commissioner. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to appoint Andrew Kelly and Lee Meth as **Veterans Affairs Commissioners**, replacing Rich Haldin and Gar Otto, with terms expiring 6/30/2027. Carried. Motion by Croker, second by

Merten, to appoint Ron Witham to fill a vacancy on the **Veterans Affairs Commission**, replacing Nicole Diischer, with a term expiring 6/30/2026. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to go into **closed session** (at 10:10 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to go out of **closed session** at 11:24 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. until Tuesday, August 13 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (35)
AUGUST 13, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Snyder.

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

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a utility permit for the City of Storm Lake, to install a camera in the county right-of-way on E. Milwaukee, west of Radio Road. Storm Lake Police Chief Chris Cole addressed the Board and informed them that the camera would be installed checking on traffic coming into Storm Lake for a vehicle count. Cole stated that the camera was not for checking speed of vehicles. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for City of Storm Lake, for the installation of a camera in the county road right-of-way at 2153 E. Milwaukee Ave., west of Radio Road. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They are working on the culvert on M31 this week. They are also working on entrances and hauling rock to gravel roads. Engineer Bret Wilkinson had a pre-bid meeting, for the 2.5 miles of paving around Platinum Crush. He is still intending to pave up to the crossing blocks at the railroad tracks. Wilkinson stated that he wants to leave this section of paving in the plan up until the time it is holding up the project. Wilkinson stated that the bid deadline is 3:00 p.m. on August 22, Bid Proposals would be checked and then forwarded on to the DOT for their concurrence. Once the DOT concurs with the bids, then Wilkinson will bring it to the Board to award the bid. Wilkinson showed the Board the latest version of the plans for improvements to the Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. intersection. Wilkinson stated that it is an ongoing set of plans, nothing final yet. Wilkinson stated that the Facility Committee is going to meet after the Board meeting today to discuss the former Alta Shop. Wilkinson stated that everything is out of

the former Alta Shop, except for the fuel barrel, which will be moved out soon. Wilkinson stated that the contractor doing slurry work will be here in the next week or so. Merten asked Wilkinson about the 80th Ave. intersection, and whether it was necessary to be paved and have turning lanes. Wilkinson stated that it would all be at the County's expense, as it is not a part of the RISE Grant. Croker stated that she is hearing from people that the road is necessary, and if that is the case, she said she wants turning lanes. Wilkinson stated that he will not know what the traffic pattern will be until the 80th Ave. and 600th St. are paved.

Chairman Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. Kevin Jesse asked why the C49 paving project was approved a couple weeks ago, yet Business 71 and N14 have been waiting a long time to be fixed. Engineer Wilkinson stated that there was Regional Funding that he was approved for on the C49 project, and that he had applied for funding on N14 but was denied. Wilkinson stated that **N14 and Business 71** is more complex, and he is working on plans for those two roads. Colleen Miller also commented that N14 is so bumpy, and asked if the process could be expedited. Wilkinson stated that he is working on plans for both Business 71 and N14, so they are next up on the list, and is shooting for next year for construction. Miller commented that there is a bridge on 220th Ave. and 490th St. in Fairfield Township that has a 6-ton limit. She cannot cross the bridge with a tractor and loaded wagons, which she must go out of her way to get around. Mitch Sievers was online, and stated that two years ago, he had stated that M54 was getting ruined due to the poor condition of N14. Jesse asked whether Conservation was under the Engineer or separate. Merten stated that Conservation is separate, and they have their own Board. Jesse was concerned about the amount of Queen Annes Lace and Canada Thistle that are in the ditches. Merten stated that the Weed Department does the spraying, and they are part of Conservation. Wilkinson stated that his department works with the Conservation Department regarding roadway maintenance.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve the **minutes** from 8/6/2024 as presented, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: July Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, July Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, and June Rolling Hills Region Governance Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to acknowledge receipt of and accept the resignation of Pam Jacobson on the **Veterans Affairs Commission**, thanked her for her service and wished her well. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. until Tuesday, August 20 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (36)
AUGUST 20, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, for the accommodation of an underground primary cable in PVC conduit for the transmission of electricity along 150th Ave. between Sections 8 and 9 Grant Township, from the west right-of-way line to the east right-of-way line under 150th Ave. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the IDOT Funding Agreement for **Project #STP-S-CO11(119)--5E-11**, paving 6 miles of C49 east of Hwy 71. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Engineer to purchase a Cimline T1 1,000-gallon **Trailer Mount Tank** with pumping system, from Star Equipment, Ltd., for a total of \$48,400.00. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They finished the crossroad culverts and are now working on driveways and tile repairs. They have been hauling rock, with some going to the Maple Valley pile. They are preparing the base for the salt shed at Alta. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that the design for Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. is with the DOT, and he is waiting for their feedback. The bid opening for Phase 1 paving project around Platinum Crush will be on Thursday, at 3:00 p.m. Engineer Wilkinson reported the results from the speed trailer parked north of Platinum Crush on 70th Ave. and he stated that over half of the vehicles are under the speed limit. Wilkinson will be at ISAC Wednesday-Friday.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** from 8/13/2024 as presented, and accept the following **reports:** July Conservation Board minutes and July BV County Landfill Commission minutes. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #325430, dated 5/21/2024 to Lisa Bringle for \$320.43, as the check has been lost. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Merten stated that there would be a Facilities Committee meeting today, after the supervisor meeting to discuss the former Alta Shop building. Merten commented that a private citizen is interested in the Alta Shop building.

Chairman Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. Beverly McGriff was online; says she lives in Section 13 of Fairfield Township. McGriff stated that on August 16th, letters were received by several residents in the area regarding a September 20th meeting

on Summit Pipeline. McGriff stated that several residents are concerned and want to protect the property rights of those that are not interested in this project. McGriff asked if the county had a survey ordinance, where surveyors would have to register through the county and give bond. McGriff stated that there was going to be a meeting in Marathon tonight, as many residents also have natural gas pipeline going through the same properties that Summit would go through. Merten stated that he would be attending the meeting tonight in Marathon.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to go into **closed session** (at 9:15 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to go out of **closed session** at 9:55 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. until Tuesday, August 27 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (36)
AUGUST 20, 2024**

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Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to go out of **closed session** at 9:55 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. until Tuesday, August 27 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (37)
AUGUST 27, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, 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 Croker, second by Merten, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he had received six bids for Project RC-CO11(118)--9A-11, for the Phase 1 project of grading and paving on 70th Ave. and 600th St. by Platinum Crush. Bids were received from Cedar Valley Corp, LLC (\$5,369,725.28), Croell, Inc. (\$5,374,702.17), Godbersen-Smith Construction Co. & Subsid. (\$5,694,661.34), Hulstein Excavating, Inc. (\$7,694,343.00), C. J. Moyna & Sons, LLC (\$5,680,553 .31), and Peterson Contractors, Inc. (\$5,381,759.96). Wilkinson recommended that the Board award the bid to Cedar Valley Corp, LLC, which was the low bidder. The engineer's estimate was \$6,515,187.81, with the biggest difference in the dirt work. Wilkinson stated that after the contract is fully executed, then a pre-construction meeting would be scheduled. The completion date for the project is 8/1/2025. Merten commented that he would like the pre-construction meeting open to landowners and those residents living in the area, as those people will be affected by the project. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to award the contract to the low bidder, Cedar Valley Corp, LLC, Waterloo, IA, in the amount of \$5,369,725.28, for **Project RC-CO11(118)--9A-11**, for the Phase 1 project of grading and paving on 70th Ave. and 600th St. by Platinum Crush. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been working on driveways and have a few more to finish; they have been mowing along the paved roads and rocking roads, and shoulder work will be next; the water tank has been placed on the trailer and can be used for dust control; Engineer Wilkinson is still talking with the DOT regarding the Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. intersection and railroad crossings.

The Chair opened the **Public Hearing** on the proposal by resolution for Parcel #0208104016, Lot six (6), Hesla and Anderson's Addition to Linn Grove, Iowa; and Hesla and Anderson Addition, Lot 5, in the Town of Linn Grove, with Dennis Graesing and Judediah Graesing present and 9 unidentified callers present electronically. Chairperson Ringgenberg asked Judediah Graesing if he was interested in purchasing the property for the proposed \$500. Graesing started that he was interested in the property as it abuts his property. Dennis Graesing commented that he and Judediah have given easements along the front of their properties, on the west side of the county blacktop that runs through town, for the City of Linn Grove to hook up to rural water. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-08-27-A** disposing of Parcel #0208104016, Lot six (6), Hesla and Anderson's Addition to Linn Grove, Iowa; and Hesla and Anderson Addition, Lot 5, in the Town of Linn Grove, by quitclaim deed to Judediah J. Graesing. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2024-08-27-A

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 446 and 569, Buena Vista County holds title to Buena Vista County Parcel # 0208104016, in Linn Grove, Iowa, and legally described as:

Lot six (6), Hesla and Anderson's Addition to Linn Grove, Iowa; and
Hesla and Anderson Addition, Lot 5, in the Town of Linn Grove

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.361, subsection 2, considers disposal of said property to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County; and

WHEREAS, Judediah Graesing, who owns adjoining property, has indicated to the Board of Supervisors that he seeks conveyance of the property so that he can better manage the drainage of water on said property, as well as return the property to a tax producing status; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, on the 6th day of August, 2024, approved a proposal by resolution to dispose of said property by quitclaim deed for the sale price of \$500.00 to Judediah Graesing; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, on the 27th day of August, 2024, following proper notice of the time and place as required by Iowa Code section 331.305, held a public hearing on the proposal as required by Iowa Code section 331.361, subsection 2; and

WHEREAS, upon conclusion of the public hearing, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors considers disposal of said property by sale to Judediah Graesing for the sale price of \$500.00 to be in the County and the public's interest.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 446, 569, and 331.361, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors finds that it has the authority to dispose of Buena Vista County Parcel # 0208104016, in Linn Grove, Iowa, and legally described as:

Lot six (6), Hesla and Anderson's Addition to Linn Grove, Iowa; and
Hesla and Anderson Addition, Lot 5, in the Town of Linn Grove

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors finds that proper notice of the time and place of the public hearing on the Board's proposal to dispose of said property was published in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.305; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors will convey said property to Judediah Graesing by quitclaim deed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conveyance of said property shall be for the sale price of 500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any further expenses associated with the conveyance of said property shall be paid by the grantee, Judediah Graesing, unless said expenses are required by law to be paid by the grantor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Attorney is authorized to have the appropriate documents prepared to facilitate the conveyance of said property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chair is authorized to sign any necessary documents to facilitate the conveyance once presented to the Chair without further action by the Board.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Board of Supervisors Chair.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Chairman Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. Beverly McGriff was online and thanked Merten and Hartman for attending the meeting in Marathon on August 20, regarding the Summit Pipeline. McGriff asked Merten if he had a chance to read through the Bremer County or Palo Alto survey ordinances that she gave him. Merten stated that he had received the ordinances and will pass them along to the County Attorney. McGriff stated that if Buena Vista County would approve a survey ordinance, it would show the public that the Board wanted to protect the rights of landowners.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** from 8/20/2024 as presented, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: July NW IA YES Center minutes. Carried.

Engineer Spencer Pech and Project Administrator Tiffany Kruiuzenga, ISG, met with the Board to discuss a letter of intent for county representation and inspection services related to Summit Carbon Solutions' proposed Midwest Carbon Express pipeline extension project. Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme was also present for the discussion. Pech stated that changes have been made to the Code of Iowa from 2015 when they were the county inspectors on the Dakota Access Pipeline project. Merten asked whether Summit had received approval in South Dakota and North Dakota. Blomme stated that there hasn't been approval in the Dakotas, but the letter of intent for ISG would show landowners that the county has a 3rd party ready to do inspections, and ISG would be able to attend informational meetings that are held and answer any landowner questions. Pech reviewed the ISG Construction inspection activities. Beverly McGriff, who was online, asked Pech if the inspector would use the "ball test" to determine if soils are fit to work in. Pech responded that there is a better definition they follow from the IUB, and they will have authority to stop the work if they find something wrong. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Letter of Intent for County Representation and Inspection Services for the **Midwest Carbon Express Project (Extension)** with ISG to perform the services. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the proposed tile outlet repair work order on **DD #34 Lat 5**, in Section 10 Lincoln Township, with a cost estimate of \$2,200. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the proposed debris removal from channel work order on **DD #34 Lat 9** in Section 27 Lee Township, with a cost estimate of \$3,000. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the proposed debris removal from channel work order on **DD #34 Lat 4** in Section 29 Lincoln Township, with a cost estimate of \$3,500. Carried.

A phone call was made to the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors regarding **Jt. DD #18-42**. At the time of the last levy on the District, it wasn't levied at 100%, and there was only a sinking fund of \$5,000 planned. After the levy was set, another invoice came in for an additional \$16,000, which added to the debt, and used all the "sinking fund". Drainage Deputy Kristina Konradi stated that she levied the actual debt at the time, and with several people signing up for waivers, the District is still in need of funds.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-08-27-B** for Facility ID #71946 and to sign the letter to waive the 14-day appeal. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-08-27-B
Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors

8/27/2024

APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPEAL ISSUANCE OF FINAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1 The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has received notice from the Iowa

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that Bill Conlin

has been issued a draft permit for the construction of a confined animal feeding operation building(s) at 240th Ave. Albert City, IA 50501 in unincorporated Buena Vista County.

Section 2 The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors reviewed the construction permit

application and the manure management plan and determined that both appeared to be in compliance with the requirements of the Master Matrix, Iowa Code Section 459 and Iowa DNR rules and recommended approval of said application on August 6th, 2024

Section 3 The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby waives its right to appeal the

issuance of the final permit within the fourteen (14) day limit from the time of receipt of notice of the issuance of the draft permit.

Section 4 The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors encourages the Iowa DNR to issue

the Final Permit immediately upon notification of this waiver.

Section 5 The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Board Chairman to notify the Iowa DNR of this waiver.

Section 6 This resolution shall take effect immediately.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson Board of Supervisors...../s/ Susan K. Lloyd, Auditor

Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg asked the Board to set a public hearing for a proposed zoning change for Buffalo Ridge from Ag to Residential. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to set a **public hearing** on the rezoning request for Buffalo Ridge from Ag to Residential, for September 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt asked the Board to allow her to extend her vacation to be used up, previously approved by September 1, and now due to her continued work on the flood event, she is proposing to use her excess hours of vacation by September 7, 2024. Motion by Snyder, second by

Hartman, to approve and allow Aimee Barritt to extend the time allowed for her to use up her excess hours of vacation, to September 7, 2024. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Jt. DD #143 Lat 3 claim payable to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads in the amount of \$73.50 for labor. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. until Tuesday, September 3 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (38)
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve today's agenda. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to bore under C43 (550th St.) between Section 1 and Section 12 of Nokomis Township, for the accommodation of one underground primary cable, to upgrade the existing facilities. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to authorize the Chair to sign the contract for RC-CO11(118)-9A-11, the Phase 1 grading and paving of 70th Ave. and part of 600th St. by Platinum Crush, with Cedar Valley Corp, LLC. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The crew will be working on shouldering the next couple weeks and maybe working on some driveways; last Tuesday was the kickoff meeting with FEMA for the May and June flood events. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that this kickoff meeting starts the clock of having 60 days to get the projects put together with the paperwork; the Federal Highway Authority was in the county checking bridge inspections that have been done. Wilkinson stated that the Federal Highway Authority does an inspection and then sees if it matches the County Engineer's records. Wilkinson stated that the Highway Authority will allow them to be off one number, but not two numbers; Wilkinson showed the Board a large map of the Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. intersection layered over the aerial map.

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

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 8/27/2024 as corrected, and accept the following **reports**: June Veterans Affairs commission minutes, July Veterans Affairs Commission minutes, August Safety Committee minutes, and July Central IA Detention Commission minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to set a public hearing for a FY'25 BV County **budget amendment**, for September 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to authorize the Chair to sign the **IMWCA** vote for up to three members to the IMWCA Board of Directors, with their vote for Eric Van Lanker. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson gave the Board his **department update**. Weed Department: They are currently sitting at 1,408 miles of the approximately 2,000 miles of county-maintained ROW for 70% completion as of August 30. The remaining miles will take about 15 spray days to complete, which they anticipate being finished the week of September 23rd. They hope to complete the Fall DOT contract by October 15, which would leave about 12 spray days available to complete in that timeframe. Natural Resource Manager Brian Jones will be attending the Annual Roadside Conference October 4-6. Conservation Department: They are still in arbitration with FEMA on the Linn Grove Dam; working on paperwork for the May and June flood events, submitted for \$8,000 in damages; the electric should be coming into Bur Oak this week; they have repaired some docks at the Marina, and it has been very busy out there. Merten commented that he had been out to the Marina twice of the Labor Day weekend, and people were complimentary of the way the Marina looks; the Timber Ridge Campground has been busy, and there were six campers at Linn Grove.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 a.m. until Tuesday, September 10 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-NINTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (39)
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 8:40 A.M. (due to technical issues) in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen as clerk for the meeting.

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 Snyder, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Wilkinson presented the group a proposal from Midwest Underground Supply on the purchase of an additional Denis CiMaf DAH-125D Forestry Head replacing the older Diamond cutter. He explained that the Diamond cutter threw big chunks of wood and was just not safe and by having two of the same cutters they would be interchangeable and worked much more efficiently. Merten asked what would happen with the old Diamond Cutter and what the value of that would be. Wilkinson said they would

probably sell it and hoped to get \$10-15,000 for it. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **purchase of a Denis CiMaf DAH-125D Forestry Head**. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: the shouldering machine and edge rutting continues throughout the county. The mowers will continue to run up until our first hard frost. The pre-con meeting with the contractor on phase one of the Platinum Crush Road project will be held at 11:00 today. Wilkinson told the group that Dixon Construction will start the bridge abutments on 640th St on September 26. Merten questions the timing with harvest fast approaching and it is affecting that progress. Wilkinson said that they had been in contact with the surrounding landowners to give them a heads up and that only the bridge and a small portion of the road would be closed for about two weeks while each bridge is completed, unfortunately if a field driveway lands within that area, it will cause issues.

County Attorney Paul Allen updated the Board on the ongoing opioid litigation that the county joined in April 2018. The county's attorneys had sent a litigation hold letter at the time and now the court overseeing the litigation concerning PBMs is requiring proof that potential representative plaintiffs instituted a litigation hold. Paul and Sue had both looked through the paperwork in their respective offices and could not find any record of formal action taken on the letter. Allen suggests that the county withdraw from the suit with this company as it will be forced to produce paperwork that is not available and may result in costs to the county. Allen noted that this does not affect any other opioid settlements or litigation, merely the one against PBMs. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman to **withdraw from the litigation** with PBM. Carried.

The time arrived at the **Public Hearing for the rezoning request for Buffalo Ridge Estates** in Washington section 15. Environmental Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg informed the Board that the Zoning Commission has met, and they recommend denying this rezoning request for Buffalo Ridge Estates in Washington section 15 with Environmental Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg. Present in person was Jim Bauer, Randy Tutt, Ivan Schwaller, Janice Brock, Jan Worthan, Gary Worthan, Hunter Knudtson, Eric Yunginger, Wilkinson, Roger Anderson and Judy Anderson with Bev McGriff, Angie Wilkinson, Kory Elston, and 3 others remotely. Mueggenberg started by telling the group that he wants to rezone the property from Ag1 to Residential 1 to restrict the new owners on usage of the land. He explained this would prevent owners from buying the lots and putting a feedlot or something on it and upsetting the neighbors. Gary Worthan spoke for the group of owners in the area stating their concern of taking prime farmland out of production and adding additional homes to an area with no infrastructure to handle the project. He raised concerns over adding that many drainage fields and septic systems overtop of an existing drainage tile that eventually dumps into a creek. He also voiced concern of losing the freedom to do with their land as they see fit by threat of lawsuit and continuous complaint from the noise, dust, and smell. He is worried that the two Cafos down the way might be affected by threat of lawsuit and the livestock contractor might pull the contracts not wanting to deal with the issues leaving multimillion-dollar facilities sitting empty. Eric Yunginger with the drainage department presented the group with a plat of Drainage District 90, and explained the tile immediately under the area was a private tile within the watershed of DD 90. While the tile does eventually drain into the DD 90 tile, at this location it is not a facility of the district, and therefore the District has no jurisdiction over it. As far as a lawsuit against the drainage district a previous lawsuit against drainage districts related to water quality was dismissed in part due to the districts having no legal authority over the individual landowners use of the land, which would be a similar situation in this case. Hunter Knudtson with Environmental Health told the group as far as the septic issues go, he feels the type of soil and current regulations on septic installation should prevent the waste from ever reaching the tiles. If after testing this is not possible, they may have to investigate alternative solutions since they would not be granted a permit for a standard septic system. Jim Bauer said he would like it rezoned to protect the neighbors with the more restrictive rules that residential zoning would bring to the property. The board thanked the group for presenting their arguments. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker to **close the Public**

Hearing at 9:55 A.M. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder to allow the rezoning request to move forward. Carried. Merten stated that with the three readings the of ordinance it will give both sides time to research and determine the best plan for moving forward.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten to **set 1st reading of Ordinance 6.1A-29 Amendment** to Zoning Districts Map for Tuesday, September 24 at 9:15 A.M. Carried.

Chairman Ringgenberg stepped out of the meeting briefly at 10:00 A.M. Vice Chairperson Merten asked if there was anyone in person that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. County Attorney Allen told the Board that Associate Judge Andrew Smith was appointed to become a District Judge opening the associate position. Assistant County Attorney Herrig has indicated her desire to run for the open position. Allen told the group he has been making it work best they can due to not receiving any suitable applications for the current open position, but that he going to start more assertive advertising given this new development. He told the group in the 3rd District we are number one for criminal charges, excluding Woodbury, at about 1251 last fiscal year and the next highest being under 1,000.

Chairman Ringgenberg rejoined the group and asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker to table the appointment to the **NW IA Regional Housing Authority Board**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten to authorize the Auditor’s Office to **shred** the 2022 General Election ballots and paperwork. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder to approve **minutes** from 9/3/2024 as corrected, today’s **claim approval list, Auxiant claims list**, and accept the **reports** submitted. Carried.

Jennifer Launderville, BV County Fair Board requested abatement of taxes on parcel 0926226010, due to now being owned by a nonprofit. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to **abate the 2nd half of taxes (\$487)** on parcel #0926226010 in Alta. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. until Tuesday, September 24 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

Karla Ahrendsen, Elections Deputy

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

NO BOARD MEETING HELD

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTIETH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (40)
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting.

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 Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson, along with Josh Yernatich (Allete Clean Energy) and Dan Flo, Project Manager at Merjent, Inc. (supporting Allete Clean Energy), discussed the two utility permits for Storm Lake Power Partners I & II, LLC, (Allete Clean Energy). The utility permits are for installation of underground and overhead electric collection lines for the transmission of electricity from the Storm Lake I and Storm Lake II wind generation facility to the local electric grid. Yernatich, stated that they intend to tear down the old towers and decommission 259 turbines. Yernatich stated that they intend to be operational before Christmas, 2026. Yernatich stated that he has been working with Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg, and they are abiding with the proposed wind ordinance guidelines. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permits** for Storm Lake Power Partners I, LLC, and Storm Lake Power Partners II, LLC, for installation of underground and overhead electric collection lines for the transmission of electricity from the Storm Lake I and Storm Lake II wind generation facility to the local electric grid. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for the accommodation of 1.5" PVC pipe along 540th Street, between Section 2 in Grant Township and Section 35 in Lincoln Township, for the transmission of water to Chad & Julie Bjork. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for R & R Electric, Alta, IA, to bore under 90th Ave., south of 630th Street, for a new electrical service at 6309 90th Ave. Carried.

The Chair opened the public hearing for the 1st **FY'25 budget amendment**, Notice was published as required. No written objections were submitted, and no objections were offered during the hearing. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the 1st **FY'25 budget amendment** as published, to authorize the Chair to sign the Budget Amendment certification, **Resolution #2024-09-24-A**, amending the FY'25 Annual Budget, and to approve the following appropriations:

Increase activity	0030	ARPA Fund (0033)	Dept 59	\$3,030
Increase activity	0220	ARPA Fund (0033)	Dept 59	\$1,023,846
Increase activity	0220	Capital Project (1520)	Dept 51	\$21,633
Increase activity	0220	Capital Project Fund (1520)	Dept 22	-\$12,466
Increase activity	1100	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 04	\$40,000
Increase activity	3040	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 23	\$28,500
Increase activity	3040	ARPA fund (0033)	Dept 59	\$45,584
Increase activity	3200	General Basic (0001)	Dept 21	\$10,630

Increase activity	6000	General Basic (0001)	Dept 98	\$5,000
Increase activity	6100	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 69	\$22,422
Increase activity	6300	Rural Basic Fund (0011)	Dept 53	\$14,900
Increase activity	6320	ARPA Fund (0033)	Dept 59	\$15,000
Increase activity	8000	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 02	\$2,000
Increase activity	9100	ARPA Fund (0033)	Dept 59	\$18,350 Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09-24-A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY'25 ANNUAL BUDGET
BY ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #1**

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Departmental Appropriations on June 25, 2024 for all departments, of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has held the necessary hearing after having caused to be made the publication and notice required by law; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the budget amendment #1 for FY'25, as presented by the County Auditor, increasing appropriations by \$1,238,429; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors believe the aforesaid budget amendment #1 proposed for FY'25 to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA:

SECTION ONE: That the FY'25 budget for Buena Vista County, Iowa, on file in the County Auditor's Office is hereby amended and approved.

SECTION TWO: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law, and the County Auditor is directed to make the filings required by law and to set up the books in accordance with the summary and details as adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September 2024, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, Auditor

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue** check #922924 dated 9/15/23 to Trevor Robbins in the amount of \$766.49 as it has been lost. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Specialist Hunter Knudtson was present for the 1st reading of Ordinance 6.1A-29 requesting a change in the Zoning District Map in Section 15 Washington Township from A-1 to R-1. Also present was Jan Worthan, Gary Worthan, Engineer Bret Wilkinson, and seven unidentified callers online. Gary Worthan stated that it is a bad conservation policy, taking prime farmland for residential homes. Worthan stated that he is concerned that if there is another spring, like the one this year, everything runs downhill and there would be partially treated sewage in the drainage system, causing a public health problem. Worthan stated that the drainage districts will have point source pollution, which can be traced back. Worthan stated that this was all kept quiet until the platting was done, stating that Bay Breeze worked the system and got one over on them. Worthan stated that he sees two options, either approve and accept it, or the Board can move to table any decision today. Worthan also suggested that the Board reconsider

their prior approval of the Buffalo Ridge Estates Plat and start over. Merten thanked Gary Worthan and asked Auditor Lloyd if there was a formal withdraw from Bauer on the rezoning request. Lloyd stated that she wasn't aware of a written withdraw, only a verbal withdrawal from Bauer to Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg. Merten would like to table any action today and request a written withdrawal from Bauer. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to continue the public hearing on the 1st Reading of **ORDINANCE 6.1A-29 Amendment to Zoning District Maps** in Section 15 of Washington Township until Tuesday, October 1 at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Specialist Hunter Knudtson discussed setting a public hearing on the proposed Buena Vista County Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance #6.9. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to set a public hearing on the proposed Buena Vista County Wind Energy Conversion System **Ordinance #6.9** for Tuesday, October 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve today's **claim approval list, Auxiant claims list**, and accept the following **reports**: August Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, August Conservation Board minutes, August Engineer's Report for Landfill Commission, August BV County Landfill Commission minutes, and August Veterans Affairs Commission minutes. Carried.

Trevor Smith and Joanne Follon, **Iowa Lakes Corridor**, updated the Board on their activities. Smith stated that their office was displaced during the flood event in Spencer, and they hope to be back in their office soon. Smith stated that they have a grant for Hometown Talent, to try and get students to come back to their hometown after college to work. Smith stated that the grant is \$6,000 and would pay the individual the funds over four years, trying to retain them in the area. Follon informed the Board that October is Manufacturing Month, and she will be asking the cities and county to sign a proclamation. Follon stated that there are various tours scheduled for some manufacturing sites.

Secondary Road Report: The crew is blading, mowing, edge rutting, working on cross pipes and driveways; the asphalt patching project on M31 north of Alta will be done the first part of next week; Engineer Wilkinson stated that talks continue with PCI. Hopefully, they will start on 70th Ave. next week with dirt work and tree clearing; stop signs were discussed, of placing two at 620th St. and 70th Ave., two at 60th Ave. and 590th St., and one at 60th Ave. and 600th St. Merten requested removing the stop sign at 580th St. and 110th Ave.; Wilkinson stated that there needs to be more product place on 70th Ave. south of Platinum Crush for dust control. Albert City and Alta have requested dust control, which Wilkinson stated that they can use the county truck to sprinkle flakes on and then water it down; Wilkinson stated that he will contact the County Attorney about updating the Ordinance on stop signs.

Chairman Ringgenberg rejoined the group and asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson informed the Board of the resignation of Jim Wischmeyer from the BV County Conservation Board. Johnson stated that an ad needed to be placed in the papers, taking applications for the position, with the term expiring 12/31/28. Johnson would like to advertise taking applications for 45 days. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to accept the resignation of Jim Wischmeyer from the **BV County Conservation Board**, thanking him for his service, and to authorize Conservation to advertise the open position in the newspapers. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson informed the Board that their **Halloween** party at the campground, including free camping, will be the weekend of October 12.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to go into **closed session** (at 10:40 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its

disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to go out of **closed session** at 11:07 a.m. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston informed the Board that his department is covering the City of Newell's law enforcement since May 31, due to their Police Chief resigning. Elston stated that Newell has appointed a Police Chief, however he hasn't been approved by the Academy, so the Sheriff's Department continues to cover their law enforcement needs. Elston asked the Board for authorization to bill the City of Newell for providing the law enforcement services already provided. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Sheriff to bill the City of Newell for **law enforcement services**, the same as he does with the cities that contract for services. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 9/10/2024, as corrected. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22 MOD** claim for Jacobsen-Westergard & Associates in the amount of \$459.30 for drone flights and video preparation. Carried.

A request was received by mail from John and Karen Keenan, owners of the Grand Central Coffee Shops. Keenans were requesting a 3-year tax abatement on their Grand Central Coffee Shop East location due to road construction that has been going on in front of their property causing hardship to their business since people can't find the driveway. Ringgenberg commented that the City of Storm Lake will be replacing all the sidewalks downtown, which will affect all the businesses downtown. Croker commented that she understands the request, but asked if the Board wanted to react to all those outside situations that they cannot control. Croker stated that she would not support any abatement. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to deny the request of John and Karen Keenan for a 3-year **tax abatement** on their Grand Central Coffee Shop East location. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to table the appointment to the **Veterans Affairs Commission** until they can interview the newest applicant. Carried.

Merten updated the Board on the discussion he had with EMA Aimee Barritt and Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller, regarding the **former Alta County Shop building**. Barritt stated that there is a need for the building. Merten commented that there is an interested party in Alta that wants to purchase the building. Barritt would like to keep the building as she would also like to have training sessions there.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m. until Tuesday, October 1 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

BUENA VISTA COUNTY

JULY -SEPTEMBER 2024

CLAIMS LISTING

4 SEASONS PLUMBING, HEATING, & COOLING 10,124.27; A & M SERVICES INC. 752.65; ABBE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH 15,106.94; ACCESS SYSTEMS 741.55; ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING 537.16; ACCURATE CONTROLS INC 3,450.77; ACUANTIA INC 10,701.99; ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS 64,656.26; AFLAC 8,706.54; AGSTATE 10,780.19; ALAN NELSEN 27.09; ALISON HAUSER 1,831.08; ALLIANT ENERGY/IPL 7,381.17; ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CO. 3,850.40; ALTA IMPLEMENT CO., INC 1,046.15; ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 911.74; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 13,382.46; ANDREW KELLY 132.76; ANGIE WILKINSON 150.00; ANNA ZAMBRANO 13.23; ANNETTE KOSTER 360.04; ARENDS, LEE, EMICK, LEGVOLD, & MYOTT PLC 926.40; ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 233.96; ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 28.95; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IPERS 12,497.26; ASSOCIATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES, PC 8,265.00; ASSOCIATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA AREA BOARDS & ADVOCATES 627.00; AUGUSTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 1,050.00; AUXIANT 99,428.04; AXIS FUND 1 241.94; B & M VENTURES DBA TEN-70 SMOKEHOUSE 150.00; B V CO SECONDARY ROAD 2,355.73; B V SOLID WASTE COMMISSION 42.00; BARGEN INC 67,500.00; BAXTER & WILD LAW OFFICES, PC 1,955.70; BEKINS FIRE & SAFETY SERVICES 83.40; BOB BARKER COMPANY INC 91.23; BOMGAARS 3,334.31; BRAD NOBLE 150.00; BRENTWOOD CONSTRUCTION, LLC 12,825.00; BRET WILKINSON 49.74; BRIAN BLOMME 150.00; BROOKE TEWES 150.00; BROOKES PUBLISHING CO. 2,140.00; BROWNS SHOE FIT 120.00; BUENA VISTA CO TREASURER 9,324.91; BUENA VISTA CO. CONSERVATION 2,553.77; BUENA VISTA CO. SHERIFF 4,813.87; BUENA VISTA COUNTY 85,933.65; BUENA VISTA COUNTY JOURNAL 2,491.39; BUENA VISTA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & HOMECARE 750.00; BUENA VISTA REG MEDICAL CENTER 2,625.70; BUTCH ENGEL 58.82; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 749,678.12; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 23,650.40; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 6,221.60; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 40,494.72; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 9,617.22; BV GLASS AND PAINT 8,525.00; BV VETERINARY CLINIC 80.17; BV-CALHOUN-SAC DRAINAGE ENGINEER FUND C/O BV COUNTY TREASURER 24,900.00; BVRMC PHARMACY 1,498.67; C/O POCAHONTAS ENGINEER POCAHONTAS COUNTY TREASURER 73.50; CALHOUN COUNTY 22,325.89; CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF 53.76; CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC 23,457.36; CAMPBELL SUPPLY COMPANY 65.98; CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES 112.32; CAPITAL ONE 56.90; CARD SERVICE CENTER 223.82; CARING HEARTS OF WEST CENTRAL IOWA, LLC 90.18; CAROLYN ARMSTRONG 555.03; CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY 618.50; CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF 1,962.44; CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE 1,853.52; CASSI WIGINGTON 262.80; CASSIE CRUM 82.53; CAYLYN BISHOP 474.99; CDW GOVERNMENT INC 1,249.35; CEDAR VALLEY CORP., LLC 46,560.00; CENTER FOR SIOUXLAND 6,250.00; CENTRAL BANK 21,628.02; CENTRAL IOWA DETENTION 8,211.35; CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING INC 621.00; CENTURY LINK 1,082.44; CERTIFIED POWER, INC 321.72; CHAMPION ELECTRIC 8,160.20; CHEROKEE COUNTY 29,823.00; CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF 926.87; CHRISTENSEN BROTHERS INC 206,074.37; CINDY WIEMOLD 86.43; CINTAS FIRST AID AND SAFETY 333.33; CITY OF ALBERT CITY 142.50; CITY OF ALTA 75.00; CITY OF FORT DODGE 2,970.00; CITY OF LINN GROVE 1,160.23; CITY OF MARATHON 680.95; CITY OF NEWELL 188.97; CITY OF REMBRANDT 1,371.13; CITY OF SIOUX RAPIDS 699.31; CITY OF STORM LAKE 7,686.44; CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF 57.50; COMMERCIAL APPRAISER'S OF IOWA 2,000.00; COMMUNITY FIRST BROADCASTING 630.00; COMPLIANCY GROUP, LLC 5,292.00; COUNTRY CARE CENTER CORP 6,624.00; CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH 18,548.25; CRAWFORD COUNTY HOME HEALTH & 29,887.55; CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF 1,095.32; CRIMMINS LAW FIRM 180.00; CRITTENTON CENTER 5,047.37; CULLIGAN 264.78; CURT JOHNSON 200.00; CURTIS REIS 1,431.01; DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS, INC. 116.71; DAN BAILEY 40.92; DANELLE HABERMAN 942.27; DARREN STEARNS 2,400.00; DAVE STRAND 195.68; DAVID BALDER 33.39; DAWN MENTZER 264.17; DCI - SOR 150.00; DEAN K ELLINGSON 114.70; DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF 43.40; DENCO HIGHWAY

CONST. CORP. 163,703.80; DETTMANN IMPLEMENT CO 1,742.42; DICKINSON, BRADSHAW, FOWLER, & HAGEN, P.C. 13,000.00; DIXON CONSTRUCTION CO. 87,751.63; DOREEN PEDERSEN 190.95; DR. GARRETT FEDDERSEN 1,950.00; DYNAMIC IOT DATA INC. 23,549.60; ECOLAB 2,129.64; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC. 239.88; EDWARDS 22,883.75; EDWIN A. MADSEN 15.12; EJS SUPPLY 1,875.02; ELDERBRIDGE AGENCY ON AGING 13,778.00; ELECTRONIC SERVICES SYSTEM 1,945.53; ERIC CHASE 50.40; ERIC YUNGINGER 150.00; EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC 78,078.00; EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY MHS 3,387.44; EZ DOCKS OF THE GREAT PLAINS 4,205.00; FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER 971.90; FAREWAY STORE 167.06; FAST LANE MOTOR PARTS, LLC 2,989.42; FILTERCARE OF NEBRASKA LLC 1,422.15; FIRST CHILDREN'S FINANCE 10,000.00; FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LABORATORY, INC 1,792.00; FRANK DUNN CO 949.00; FRATZKE & JENSEN FUNERAL HOMES 2,800.00; FRIGITEC, INC. 16,701.22; GARY PICKHINKE 1,240.00; GARY SUNDBLAD 72.68; GERALD WEILAND 70.56; GILL HAULING INC 394.84; GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICAL 3,316.80; GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 398.00; GRAFFIX INC. WALL OF FAME 54.00; GRAHAM TIRE CO 6,760.17; GRAINGER 1,956.75; GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS 667.96; GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY 350.00; GREENFIELD CONTRACTORS LLC 25,247.10; GROWS GARBAGE SERVICE 1,550.00; GRP & ASSOCIATES INC. 145.00; HAROLD ROWLEY RECYCLE CENTER 32,002.50; HAWK - I PLUMBING, INC. 135.00; HEALTHCAREFIRST %WELLS FARGO 100.00; HEARTLAND FAMILY SERVICES 2,071.10; HENRY M ADKINS & SON, INC. 28,617.33; HENRY-OLSON FUNERAL HOMES INC 1,400.00; HISEY LAW OFFICE 415.80; HOLZHAUER FORD LINCOLN, INC. 156.20; HONDO'S SALES & SERVICE 24.14; HUMBOLDT COUNTY 23,895.00; HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF 140.00; HUNZELMAN PUTZIER & CO 9,582.50; HY-VEE INC 414.67; IACCVSO 50.00; IACME - IOWA ASS'N OF 350.00; ICAP IA COMMUNITES ASSURANCE POOL 7,026.00; ICEOO-IA CO ENGINEERS OFFICE ORG. 500.00; ICUBE 200.00; IDA COUNTY SHERIFF 284.64; IEHA IOWA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSN 340.00; IGL TELECONNECT 179.00; ILEA IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY 635.00; IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITES INC 17,877.35; IMAGING SPECTRUM, INC. 269.95; IMWCA 29,931.00; INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE 653.90; INSIDE OUT WELLNESS AND ADVOCACY (I.O.W.A.) 3,241.71; INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF SIOUX CITY 839.75; IOWA CHAPTER IAAI, INC. 355.00; IOWA COMMUNITY SERVICES ASS'N 2,500.00; IOWA COUNTIES TECHNOLOGY SERVICES 67,819.86; IOWA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSN (ICAA) 1,110.00; IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 196.25; IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 926.60; IOWA DEPT PUBLIC SAFETY 2,913.00; IOWA IAI 375.00; IOWA INSURANCE DIVISION 101.59; IOWA LAKES CORRIDOR DEV CORP 17,500.00; IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP 3,552.00; IOWA LAKES REGIONAL WATER 1,453.09; IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES 3,947.74; IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE 2,091.95; IOWA STATE COMPTROLLER TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA 99,942.44; IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY 300.00; IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 1,851.61; IPAC 19,730.80; IPERS 424,792.69; ISAA- IOWA STATE ASS'N OF ASSESSORS 325.00; ISAC 7,574.05; ISCTA IOWA STATE CO TREASURERS ASSOC 100.00; J.R. JIM HOWE SEPTIC SERVICE 400.00; J.W. CONSTRUCTION INC 140,338.90; J3RED MARKETING LLC 479.00; JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT 192.89; JACOB NELSON 150.00; JAMES PETERSON 3.15; JASON MEYER 76.46; JCL SOLUTIONS/SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES 3,519.94; JEAN L SASSMAN 510.75; JEBRO INC. 6,738.50; JENNIFER GOEBEL 150.00; JENNIFER MORAL 70.56; JENNIFER MORSE 5,216.54; JERRY'S TREE SERVICE 1,800.00; JODI K GILLESPIE 13.00; JOHN DAHL 389.76; JOHN SCHMIT 449.00; JOHNSTON AUTOSTORES 7,121.35; JON BUSS 150.00; JOSEPH CRONIN 648.66; JOSH NIELSEN 459.90; JULIE SATHER 382.68; JULIUS CLEANERS 282.92; JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY 355.00; KARLA AHRENDSEN 357.82; KASPERBAUER CLEANERS, INC. 137.40; KATHRYN CROKER 843.44; KAYLA VASQUEZ 150.00; KELLY GRIEME PAINTING 469.04; KELLY SNYDER 695.72; KELSEY ALLEN 100.00; KENDRA M OLSON ATTORNEY AT LAW 1,058.90; KIMBALL MIDWEST 4,695.53; KLAY VELDHIJZEN BINDER DEJONG DEJONG HALVERSON 360.25; KORY DEMEY 150.00; KYLE EDWARDS 700.00; KYLE V HANSEN 67.64; LACEY ANDERSON 123.48; LAKESIDE MARINA 602.17; LAKEVIEW MANOR 200.00; LANGUAGE LINK 40.75; LARRY STONE 92.00; LARSON OIL & DISTRIBUTING 6,782.50; LAUVER LAW 99.00; LAW OFFICE OF DAVID G. BAUMGARTNER 350.50; LEE METH 51.26; LEMMENES & DODGEN 547.60; LEXIS NEXIS RISK DATA MANAGEMENT, LLC 486.75; LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INS CO

11,393.76; LIFELINE 1,584.55; LISA BRINGLE 880.41; LISA VSETECKA 500.00; LOFFLER COMPANIES 1,457.15; LONG LINES BROADBAND 10,208.30; LORI DIISCHER 125.00; LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM 975.00; LUKE WARKENTIN 23.00; LULLMANN DUST CONTROL 5,875.00; LUNDELL PLASTICS CORPORATION 100.00; M RUGGED MOBILE TECHNOLOGY 668.96; MAIL SERVICES LLC 2,295.73; MALLOY REPORTING SERVICE 99.00; MARATHON ENGINEERING CORPORATION 6,301.00; MARCO 554.01; MARCUS LUMBER 288.97; MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS 490.64; MARTIN-MATTICE FUNERAL HOME 375.00; MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC 901.58; MEGAN R. SANKEY, CSR,RPR 206.00; MELANDERS APPLIANCES & TV 384.99; MENARDS - SPENCER 89.64; MICHAEL REBHUHN 12.60; MID AMERICAN ENERGY 35,318.65; MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY INC 4,682.11; MID-TECH SERVICES 6,905.28; MIDWEST COMPLIANCE ASSOCIATES 1,500.00; MILLER, MILLER, MILLER P.C. 511.00; MITCH SIEVERS 73.94; MOODIE REFRIGERATION 140.00; MORROW CONSTRUCTION INC 12,336.00; MOSAIC 1,500.00; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. 10,011.75; MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO 5,812.15; MURRAY & MURRAY PLC 500.00; MURRAY LAW OFFICE, PLC 250.00; NEAPOLITAN LABS LLC 2,500.00; NETSMART TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 31,767.96; NEW CENTURY FS 103,200.86; NEW HOPE VILLAGE 6,033.88; NEW PERSPECTIVES, INC. 694.83; NEW TEC EQUIPMENT 162.75; NORTH IOWA REPORTING 35.75; NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR 1,746.39; NORTHERN IOWA CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS 880.00; NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRIBUTING, INC. 13,765.71; NORTHERN SAFETY CO., INC. 466.75; NORTHLAND SECURITIES INC 1,750.00; NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS 358.00; NORTHWEST FIRE 869.44; NW IA YES CENTER 33,718.88; NWIPDC -NW IA PLANNING & DEV COM 7,947.25; NYEMASTER GOODE, P.C. 48,425.22; ODEN ENTERPRISES INC 4,677.75; ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC 478.06; OFFICE ELEMENTS 2,756.14; OLSEN WELDING & MACHINE 11,325.37; OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY 1,704.00; PAGEFREEZER SOFTWARE, INC 1,188.00; PATC -IOWA ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE 110.00; PAUL A ALLEN 188.61; PAUL SENNERT 174.57; PENS.COM 586.27; PHOENIX SUPPLY 399.91; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT 4,750.00; PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC 1,731.06; PITNEY BOWES INC 564.36; PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH, INC 156,177.74; PLUMBING & HEATING 239.56; POCAHONTAS COUNTY 24,892.69; POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES 80.00; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC 1,030.00; POSTMASTER 100.00; POWER SOLUTIONS, INC. 717.18; PQL 210.80; PRAIRIE FABRICATION, LLC 599.33; PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 51,797.26; PRISCILLA A. JACKSON 200.00; PRO COOPERATIVE 6,099.84; QUILL CORPORATION 734.01; R & D INDUSTRIES INC 9,302.16; RACCOON VALLEY ACRES, LLC 62,400.00; RAINBOW BAIT, INC 710.00; REBNORD TECHNOLOGIES INC 10,621.35; REDING'S GRAVEL & 1,627.95; REIMER, LOHMAN, & REITZ 1,079.20; RENT - ALL, INC. 207.25; RICHARD HALDIN 75.20; RICHARD MARSHALL 57.56; RICOH USA, INC 82.10; ROAD MACHINERY & SUPPLIES CO. 5,014.00; ROBERT SKOG 4.41; RON MADSEN 7.56; RON WITHAM 115.12; ROWLAND RACING LLC 319.00; RR ELECTRIC LLC 40,396.80; SAC COUNTY ENGINEER 428.10; SAC COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES 22,081.72; SAC COUNTY SHERIFF 255.47; SANDRA K. SWEENEY 1,697.22; SANOFI PASTEUR INC 1,195.55; SAVINGS BANK SECURITY TRUST & 331,081.78; SAVINGS BANK SECURITY TRUST & 239,355.81; SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL, LLC 30,408.00; SCHULTE LAW FIRM, LC 1,965.70; SCHWEITZER & BAJRIC ATTORNEYS AT LAW 253.31; SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF 42.28; SCOTT LOVING 4.41; SEASONS CENTER 26,358.68; SECRETARY OF STATE 60.00; SECURITY TRUST 77,434.18; SECURITY TRUST & SAVINGS BANK 39.43; SHARON KOCH 81.55; SHEILA COUGILL 150.00; SIOUX CITY FIRE RESCUE CITY OF SIOUX CITY IOWA 20.00; SIOUX CITY TREASURER 385.43; SIOUX LUMBER 43.18; SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC. 834,614.00; SMART VENDING SERVICES 724.31; SMITH CONCRETE SERVICE INC 6,074.64; SOLUTIONPOINT+, LLC 5,093.00; SPORTS REHAB & PROFESSIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATES, INC. 19,738.82; STANLEY LAW FIRM, LLC 4,000.40; STANTON ELECTRIC INC 234.10; STEPHANIE J. EARLY 26.00; STERICYCLE, INC. / SHRED-IT 380.88; STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT 298.39; STORM CITY AUTO PARTS 13.72; STORM LAKE ACE HARDWARE 1,065.23; STORM LAKE HEARING AID SERVICE, INC 50.00; STORM LAKE HONDA 151.95; STORM LAKE HYDRAULICS 170.47; STORM LAKE TIMES PILOT 4,080.92; STRATEGIC HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS, LLC 81.00; STRATFORD GRAVEL INC 271,104.10; STREICHER'S 679.98; SUSAN LLOYD 601.35; SWEENEY COURT REPORTING 404.25; TEAM WTI 230.00; TEAMLAB

38,038.75; TESS ROBINSON 420.84; THE LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT 1,435.19; THE MASTER'S TOUCH, LLC 8,614.02; THE PRIDE GROUP, INC 81,183.59; TIM HANSON 111.27; TONY'S TIRE SERVICE 599.99; TRACY GOTTO 422.10; TRAVELERS 7,054.00; TREASURER STATE OF IOWA 78,420.10; TREASURER STATE OF IOWA 3,143.84; TREASURY SOFTWARE 479.40; TRIVIUM LIFE SERVICES 1,000.00; TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES 3,732.27; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 104,962.18; ULINE 293.87; ULTEIG OPERATIONS, LLC 39,097.40; UNITED STATES TREASURY 426.00; UNITYPOINT CLINIC OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE 168.00; UNITYPOINT HEALTH 1,935.50; UNITYPOINT HEALTH -FORT DODGE 307.00; US CELLULAR 4,715.76; US CELLULAR 570.00; US RECORDS MIDWEST LLC 160.47; VAKULSKAS LAW FIRM PC 3,349.75; VALERIE ANSPACH 320.00; VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY 4,643.70; VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC 307,323.75; VERIZON 120.00; VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC. 2,312.82; VERIZON WIRELESS 3,476.97; VETTER EQUIPMENT CO 2,633.21; VGM GROUP INC. 350.00; VISA 12,698.50; VISA 2,438.29; VISTA PAINTS 143.85; VISUAL EDGE IT, INC. 1,813.30; VON BOKERN ASSOCIATES, INC. 3,100.00; WARRENS SERVICE INC 250.00; WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO 3,834.48; WEBSTER COUNTY SHERIFF 33.00; WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHI 651,170.78; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING, INC. 453.00; WESCO INDUSTRIES INC 197,820.06; WEST PAYMENT CENTER 5,206.65; WESTERN IOWA TOURISM REGION 250.00; WEX BANK 1,684.56; WEX BANK 902.68; WHITE FOX FARMS, LLC 4,455.00; WIESE PLUMBING & HEATING INC 694.05; WILLIAM SANKEY 150.00; WILLSON & PECHACEK, P.L.C. 1,715.50; WINDSTREAM 1,303.28; WINDSTREAM CABS 307.71; WOODBURY COUNTY 76,467.00; WOODBURY COUNTY SHERIFF 13,368.00; WRIGHT COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE 90.30; ZACHARY WEIER 150.00; ZIEGLER INC 20,066.85

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-FIRST MEETING, 2024 SESSION (41)
OCTOBER 1, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for the accommodation of 1.5" PVC pipe along 90th Ave. from east to west, between Sections 20 & 21 Hayes Township, for the transmission of water to 6309 90th Ave. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric, Estherville, IA, to bore under 440th St., between Sections 10 & 15, Lee Township, from the existing line on the north side of 440th St. approximately 2,600' east of 160th Ave. to approximately 2,300' east of that point to 1668 440th St., making sure the road gets back to the original condition adding rock to be determined by the County Engineer. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-10-01-A**, for the installation of stop signs on 60th Ave., both northbound and southbound, at the intersection with 590th Street. Carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 60TH
AVENUE AND 590TH STREET.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10-01-A

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 321.255 and 321.236 (1C)(6) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors and County Engineer are empowered to designate the location and erection of stop signs.

AND WHEREAS, the County Board and County Engineer may designate certain roads as through roads with the erection of stop signs at specified locations furnishing access thereto or designation of any intersection and erect like signs at one or more locations of access to such intersections.

AND WHEREAS, traffic through the intersection has changed due to the opening of the Platinum Crush Soybean facility as trucks and farm implements bring soybeans to the facility,

AND WHEREAS, truck traffic on 590th Street has greatly increased,

AND WHEREAS, the intersection of 590th Street and 60th Avenue is currently an uncontrolled intersection,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County on this 1st day of October, 2024, approves the installation of stop signs on 60th Avenue, both northbound and southbound, at the intersection with 590th Street:

1. Located in the SW corner of Section 25, T91N, R38W, designated as the intersection of 60th Avenue and 590th Street, install stop signs for the northbound and southbound traffic on 60th Avenue, causing this traffic to come to a complete stop before proceeding into the intersection.

Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson, /s/ Kelly Snyder, Member, /s/ Paul Merten, Member, /s/ Dan Hartman, Member, /s/ Kathy Croker, Member. Recommended: /s/ Bret Wilkinson, Buena Vista County Engineer. Attest: /s/ Susan K. Lloyd, Buena Vista County Auditor

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-10-01-B**, for the installation of stop signs on 620th Street, both eastbound and westbound, at the intersection with 70th Ave. Carried.

RESOLUTION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 70TH AVENUE AND 620TH STREET.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10-01-B

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 321.255 and 321.236 (1C)(6) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors and County Engineer are empowered to designate the location and erection of stop signs.

AND WHEREAS, the County Board and County Engineer may designate certain roads as through roads with the erection of stop signs at specified locations furnishing access thereto or designation of any intersection and erect like signs at one or more locations of access to such intersections.

AND WHEREAS, traffic through the intersection has changed due to the opening of the Platinum Crush Soybean facility as trucks and farm implements bring soybeans to the facility,

AND WHEREAS, truck traffic on 70th Avenue has greatly increased,

AND WHEREAS, the intersection of 620th Street and 70th Avenue is currently an uncontrolled intersection,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County on this 1st day of October, 2024, approves the installation of stop signs on 620th Street, both eastbound and westbound, at the intersection with 70th Avenue:

1. Located in the SW corner of Section 7, T90N, R37W, designated as the intersection of 70th Avenue and 620th Street, install stop signs for the eastbound and westbound traffic on 620th Street, causing this traffic to come to a complete stop before proceeding into the intersection.

Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson, /s/ Kelly Snyder, Member, /s/ Paul Merten, Member, /s/ Dan Hartman, Member, /s/ Kathy Croker, Member. Recommended: /s/ Bret Wilkinson, Buena Vista County Engineer. Attest: /s/ Susan K. Lloyd, Buena Vista County Auditor

Secondary Road Report: The crew is finishing up the shouldering, working on driveways, and blading. They will be working on getting the snow equipment on during October; they are sitting okay with the salt and sand piles; Dixon Construction started on the first of the six bridge abutments last week; the contractor hasn't moved in yet on 70th Ave., Engineer Wilkinson will contact them today to see when they are planning on starting.

The time arrived for the continuation of the Public Hearing for the 1st Reading of Ordinance 6.1A-29 Amendment to Zoning Districts Map, with Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg, Engineer Bret Wilkinson, County Attorney Paul Allen, Sheriff Kory Elston, EMA Director Aimee Barritt, and Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller present, and ten unidentified callers online. Mueggenberg stated that he has talked with Bauer and was told that he was leaving it up to the Board of Supervisors to decide whether to approve this ordinance or not. Mueggenberg recommends approving the Ordinance 6.1A-29, amending the Zoning Districts Map, changing the classification for Buffalo Ridge Plat to residential, as it is the most restrictive. Hartman asked Mueggenberg, if the property was classified residential, could it still be farmed, to which Mueggenberg stated yes, it could still be farmed. Croker asked Mueggenberg to add the zoning layer to the Beacon website. Mueggenberg has talked with the Assessor about adding the zoning layer, and was told that if this amendment was approved, he would add the zoning layer on to the Beacom site. Merten commented that currently a house can be built without rezoning, and there are less restrictions. Croker stated that since the Board approved the Buffalo Ridge Plat, then they should also approve rezoning and not encourage non-conforming lots. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman to approve the 1st Reading of **Ordinance 6.1A-29** Amendment to Zoning Districts Map. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Snyder. Nays: Merten, Ringgenberg. Motion carried. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to set the **2nd Reading of Ordinance 6.1A-29** Amendment to Zoning Districts Map for Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors room. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston and EMA Director Aimee Barritt were present for the discussion on the former Alta Secondary Road Shop building. Elston stated that they are short on storage space at the LEC Maintenance Building, and they would like to have the Alta Shop Building to store some large items, including the emergency response trailer, in a secure building. Barritt stated that the emergency response trailer is currently stored in Plymouth County, as it needs to be stored inside. Barritt stated that no remodeling is needed, except for adding internet and cameras. Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller stated that his budget would increase \$5,000-\$6,000 to cover updating the lighting, adding cameras, and paying utilities. Merten commented that he has had a couple private citizens tell him that they were interested in purchasing the former Alta Secondary Road Shop. Barritt stated that the Alta Fire Department is willing to work with the county and help if needed. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to retain the **former Secondary Road Shop Building in Alta** for county purposes. Carried.

Chairman Ringgenberg rejoined the group and asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

The Board discussed whether to reinstate the Compensation Board. With the passage of SF 2442, all county compensation boards were dissolved as of July 1, 2024. There is no obligation to establish a compensation board in the first year, so a board of supervisors could take on the responsibilities this year and decide to establish a compensation board in the future. Croker and Hartman stated that they would like to re-establish the compensation board. Merten stated that since the final decision is up to the board of supervisors, he doesn't see the need to re-establish the compensation board. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to reinstate the **compensation board**. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **2024 Confidential Military List, 2024 Confidential Disabled Military List, 2024 Homestead Credit List, 2024 Homestead 65+ list, and the Disallowance List of ten 2024 Homestead Tax Credits** as per Iowa Code Section 425.7, and the **Disallowance List of one 2024 Military Credit**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 9/24/24 as corrected, and accept the following **reports**: July Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center minutes, June NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, August RIDES Board of Directors Meeting minutes, and June E911 Service Board minutes. Carried.

Hartman left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a **Proclamation Recognizing Manufacturing Month**. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. until Tuesday, October 8 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-SECOND MEETING, 2024 SESSION (42)
OCTOBER 8, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting.

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 Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, adding to the permit previously approved, for two additional road crossings, along 90th Ave. and 650th Street, in Sections 28, 29, and 32 of Hayes Township, for the transmission of water near 6466 90th Ave. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the plans and bid documents for **Project L-BNT2023-4--73-11**, for three bridge abutment repairs: between Sections 18/19 in Grant Township ½ mile east of Hwy 71, between Sections 9/10 in Fairfield Township northwest of Albert city, and between Sections 31/32 of Fairfield Township southwest of Albert City and south of Hwy 3. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented information to the Board with his request to purchase five new pickup trucks for the Secondary Road Department (2-1-ton pickups for fleet, 2-3/4-ton pickups with crew cabs for the Maintenance Supt. And Shop Foreman, and 1-1/2-ton pickup), disposing of three existing pickups. Wilkinson would also like to keep the pickup that was damaged in an accident and fix it up rather

than having insurance totaling it. Wilkinson stated that the insurance check would be \$6,000 less if the county kept the pickup and fixed it. Merten stated that he did not want to decide today on the damaged vehicle, so Wilkinson will add it to a future agenda. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the County Engineer to purchase five **new pickups** from Edwards of Storm Lake, (2-1-ton pickups for fleet, 2-3/4-ton pickups with crew cabs for the Maintenance Supt. And Shop Foreman, and 1-1/2-ton pickup). Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The crew is working on driveways and tile repairs; the dust control is helping at Albert City and by Platinum Crush; the contractor is moving in now on 70th Ave. and will be pushing topsoil back later this week and reshaping the banks, hauling rock, and then moving topsoil back.

Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg requested that the Board set a new date and time for the public hearing on the proposed Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance #6.9 as the notice failed to run in one of the official newspapers. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to set a public hearing on the proposed Buena Vista County Wind Energy Conversion System **Ordinance #6.9** for Tuesday, October 22, at 9:05 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to appoint Lee Dutfield as the County's representative on the **Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority Board**, replacing Donnie Skou, with a term expiring 12/31/2028. Carried.

Chairman Ringgenberg rejoined the group and asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

Sheriff Kory Elston presented a new 5-year law enforcement contract for the City of Alta. Elston stated that he met with the Alta City Council last night, and they approved the contract. Elston stated that the City of Sioux Rapids is also asking him for a law enforcement contract. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to renew and extend the current **Law Enforcement 28E Agreement** with the City of Alta from the current expiration date of October 16, 2024, until October 16, 2029, and to authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme presented a work order for DD #151 for a tile investigation by video, in Sections 1 & 2 of Scott Township and Section 36 of Barnes Township. Blomme stated that Rembrandt Mayor had contacted him about getting something done. Blomme stated that an improvement was brought to landowners within the last 5 years, and it was determined that a remonstrance would come, so the improvement discussion was stopped. Blomme stated that this work order is for a video, to be done by a video inspector from ISG, of 1,100' of the county tile, with a cost estimate of \$3,200. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Work Order #BV-05-2024 for a tile investigation by video of **DD #151** in Sections 1 and 2 of Scott Township and Section 36 of Barnes Township, with a cost estimate of \$3,200. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme informed the Board that NRCS had reached out to him regarding a dam structure in BV County, under **PL #534 Public Program**. Blomme stated that this program started in 1944 and was active through the 50's placing dams on watersheds that go through small rivers in northwest Iowa with Federal dollars. Blomme stated that Buena Vista County has one structure, under this program, and it is the Garton Watershed, which is on the north line of Section 28 of Brooke Township. The Garton Watershed outlets to the Little Sioux River. NRCS wants to make sure that it is in good shape and inspected. Blomme stated that the Board of Supervisors are listed on the paperwork to be the sponsors on this project. Blomme will be attending a training in Le Mars on Thursday, as to what needs to be done, and will come back to update the Board at a future meeting.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the minutes of 10/01/24 as presented, today's claim approval list, Auxiant claims list and accept the following reports: September Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected and September Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to appoint Corey Diischer to the Veterans Affairs Commission, replacing Pam Jacobson, with his term expiring 6/30/2025. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. until Tuesday, October 15 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

NO BOARD MEETING HELD

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-THIRD MEETING, 2024 SESSION (43)
OCTOBER 22, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Snyder.

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

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

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, for an underground primary cable in PVC conduit for the transmission of electricity boring under 240th Ave. between Sections 35 and 36 Fairfield Township, from the west right-of-way line to the east right-of-way line under 240th Ave., approximately 2,300' south of 530th St. to provide service for a new account. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, for a single-phase overhead primary construction for the transmission of electricity along 580th St., in Section 26 Washington Township, from 110th Ave. going east along the south right-of-way of 580th St. for approximately 1,500' to the west side of the driveway for 1134 580th St., to a new house. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented information to the Board regarding Unit #60, which is a 2018 Chevy Silverado that was totaled in an accident. Wilkinson presented insurance offers, whether the vehicle was kept or if the county did not keep the vehicle. Wilkinson also presented a list of estimates for the parts

needed to make all the repairs to the pickup. Wilkinson recommends keeping the vehicle and making the repairs. Wilkinson stated that he spoke with ICAP and asked about insuring the vehicle and was told that the vehicle is insurable but not for full coverage. Croker stated that she would like a more definitive answer to know exactly what the limitations are. Wilkinson stated that the vehicle will have a salvage title. Merten asked who would be driving the pickup once it is repaired. Wilkinson stated that the shop foreman would be driving the pickup. Merten questioned whether the county would receive a check from the insurance company if a body shop was not making the repairs. Wilkinson stated that he has an email from the ICAP agent stating that the county would receive one check, either way, because the pickup was totaled. Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to keep the Secondary Roads **Unit #60, 2018 Chevy Silverado**, which was totaled in an accident, if we can get liability insurance coverage on it. Carried

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a list of excess equipment for the Secondary Road Department and asked the Board to approve the list and authorize their disposal. Wilkinson stated that he would like to use an online auction company, due to the variety of items. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the list of **excess equipment** for the Secondary Road Department and authorize the Engineer to dispose of said items. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Brush cutting has started. They finished edge rutting for the season. They are still working on some driveway requests and minor tile repairs. They have extra ditch mowing to be done before winter. They have rumble strips to install on M31 and C63 intersection. The spray patching truck is out repairing cracks. Contractors by Platinum Crush has started their dirt work on 600th St. and tearing up the roadbed, getting it ready for rock to be put down as a base for the concrete. Wilkinson stated that they will get all the rock put down and then take a break during January and February, with concrete paving done next spring.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the 2nd reading of Ordinance 6.1A-29 requesting a change in the Zoning District Map in Section 15 Washington Township from A-1 to R-1, with Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg was present, along with MidAmerican representatives Kelsy Ballard and John Huff, and fifteen unidentified callers online. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the 2nd Reading of **ORDINANCE 6.1A-29 Amendment to Zoning District Maps** in Section 15 of Washington Township, and to set the 3rd Reading for Monday, November 4, at 9:15 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Carried.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the proposed **Ordinance #6.9** Wind Energy Conversion System with Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg, Kelsy Ballard and John Huff, MidAmerican Energy present in-person and Jessica Wilkening, Mergent, Munce Trongard, Allete Clean Energy, Josh Yernatich, Allete Clean Energy, Jim Moran, and nine unidentified callers online. Ballard reviewed the proposed changes that MidAmerican would like to see on Ordinance #6.9. Ballard asked the Board to consider a clear set of rules for repowering. Ballard commented that Mueggenberg did a good job, which is a well-developed ordinance. The Board stated that they were okay with the proposed changes submitted by MidAmerican. Mueggenberg will make the changes to the ordinance and send copies to MidAmerican, Allete Clean Energy, and Mergent. The Board asked about the timing of the project, and Huff commented that during April and May, the old towers will be torn down, new roadways installed, and the new towers will go up the same year. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to set the **1st Reading of Ordinance #6.9 Wind Energy Conversion System** for Monday, November 4, at 9:25 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Carried.

Chairman Ringgenberg rejoined the group and asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson and County Attorney Paul Allen presented a tile easement for the Hankens Wildlife Area. Johnson stated that the neighbor wants an easement to put in 200' of tile line. Johnson stated that the Conservation Board has already approved the easement, but since Buena Vista County's name is on the property, the Board of Supervisors needs to approve and sign the easement., Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the easement for the **Hankens Wildlife Area**. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson reviewed the 2024 Weed Commissioner's Report. Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **2024 Weed Commissioner's Report**. Carried.

Daniel Den Boer, **Family Crisis Center**, and advocates Vanessa Ibarra, and Sonia Calderon expressed their gratitude for the funds received from the County and gave an update to the Board on the previous year's activities. In Buena Vista County, they saw 68 domestic violence clients, 45 homicide & violent crime clients, 10 clients for medical clinic outreach, 5 clients for housing, and took 65 crisis line calls. Den Boer also presented a letter requesting funds for FY'26 in the amount of \$7,500, which is an increase over the previously signed contract.

Recorder Curt Reis updated the Board on the **Recording Fee Revenue and Modernization Project**. The Iowa County Recorders Association and the Electronic Services System in collaboration with ISAC will be advancing a legislative proposal to update recording fees. The recording fees have not been updated in nearly 40 years. A portion of the funding which supports the recording function in Iowa counties is the recording fee, but for most counties a significant portion of recording operations are funded by county supervisors through the county general fund. The county portion of the recording charges would increase from \$5.00 per page to \$10 per page. Reis took the month of July and calculated what the increase in revenue would have been, and it would have increased \$4,400. Reis informed the Board that this is one of the 2025 ISAC Legislative Priorities that the Supervisors can vote on, as a member of ISAC.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson and County Attorney Paul Allen discussed a draft of the **Marina Transfer Agreement** that was received from the State. Allen stated that two major concerns he has with the agreement is the requirement for the county to have an abstract prepared of the Marina, and the second concern is who is taking care of the maintenance of the turnaround. Croker stated that there needs to be a phone call made to the DNR for both parties to discuss the agreement. Johnson stated that he will contact DNR and try and get a meeting scheduled with them.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson informed the Board that the DNR has finished all their work at the **Marina**. Johnson stated that most of the boats are out of the slips. Johnson stated that he submitted a grant on September 30, to replace four docks. Johnson stated that these dock replacement projects is about \$50,000, with the county share approximately \$14,000.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 10/08/24 as presented, today's **claim approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: September Conservation Board minutes and September BV County Landfill Commission minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22 MOD** claim to Jacobsen-Westergard & Associates for FEMA drone video review & analysis in the amount of \$140.00. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the supervisors to sign **Resolution #2024-10-22-A** Supporting Operation Green Light. Carried.

Resolution #2024-10-22-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, 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 4 through Veterans Day, November 11th 2024 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 4th through November 11th, 2024.

Signed this 22nd day of October, 2024.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the Auditor to **void and reissue check #326975** issued 9/10/2024 to the City of Marathon in the amount of \$160.93. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Merten will attend Plains Area Mental Health meeting tonight and Rolling Hills Governance Board meeting tomorrow; Hartman will attend the Upper Des Moines Opportunity meeting tonight; Ringgenberg attended the Storm Lake United meeting.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. until Tuesday, October 29 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2024**

NO BOARD MEETING HELD

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (44)
NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, 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, Snyder, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he had received eight bids for Project L-BNT2023-4--73-11, for three abutment repairs. Bids were received from Dixon Construction Co. (\$193,160.00), Christensen Bros. Inc. (\$202,160.00), Cunningham-Reis, LLC (\$260,300.00), Peterson Contractors, Inc. (\$276,217.00), Graves Construction Co., Inc. (\$282,160.00), Merryman Bridge Construction Co. (\$307,616.00), Nelson & Rock Contracting, Inc. (\$350,000.00), and Godbersen-Smith Construction Co. & Subsid. (\$360,470.00). Wilkinson recommended that the Board award the bid to Dixon Construction Co., which was the low bidder and 83.98% of the engineer's estimate. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to accept and award the contract to the low bidder, Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville, IA, in the amount of \$193,160.00, for **Project L-BNT2023-4--73-11**, for three abutment repairs. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been brush cutting and cleaning ditches; they are working on mounting the snow equipment, preparing for winter; Dixon Construction is working on the 4th bridge abutment; Contractors by Platinum Crush is moving dirt and placing large stone down on 600th St.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson suggested amending the **Platinum Crush TIF** to include more work on roads that are being utilized, or Phase 2 of the current project or the railroad crossings. Wilkinson stated that the TIF would have to be amended before the project would be let.

Executive Director Julie Edwards, **Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.**, gave an update on their last fiscal year. During FY'24, they served 6,362 individuals in 2,178 households in Buena Vista County, for a total cost of services of \$685,474.90, or \$107.75/individual. Edwards stated that they are requesting continued partnership and financial support in the amount of \$19,000 for FY'26.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 10/22/24 as presented, today's **claim approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: None. Carried.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 6.1A-29 requesting a change in the Zoning District Map in Section 15 Washington Township from A-1 to R-1, with Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg present, along with Storm Lake Radio, Jessica Wilkening, Mergent, John Huff, MidAmerican Energy, and four unidentified callers online. Merten commented that the ten lots are already platted, and agreed that they are taking prime farm ground, but stated that they can do it anyway. Croker commented that the area has already been platted and stated that the area needs to be zoned R-1, keeping it residential. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the 3rd Reading of **ORDINANCE 6.1A-29 Amendment to Zoning District Maps** in Section 15 of Washington Township, waiving the physical reading of the document. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance 6.1A-29
BUENA VISTA COUNTY ORDINANCE

Title: AMENDMENT TO ZONING DISTRICTS MAP

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Zoning Districts Map with respect to the real estate described in Section 2 below in accordance with Section 10.104 of Ordinance 6.1 of the Buena Vista County 2003 Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 2. Change to Zoning Districts Map. The official Zoning Districts Map, referred to in Section 1.105 of Ordinance 6.1 of the Buena Vista County 2003 Code of Ordinances, is amended as follows:

Description Buffalo Ridge Estates

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (N ½ NE ¼) OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Beginning at the Northeast (NE) corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of said Section 15; Thence South 00° 14' 31" West, along the East line of said Northeast Quarter (NE ¼), 594.00 feet; Thence North 89° 07' 10" West, 2364.94 feet to the East line of the West two hundred eighty-five feet (W. 285.00') of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼); Thence North 00° 09' 00" East, along said North line, 2365.89 feet to the Point of Beginning.

is changed from "A-1" Agricultural to "R-1" Residential District

SECTION 3. When Effective. This ordinance amending the Zoning Districts Map shall be in effect after its final passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors on this 4th day of November 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Board of Supervisors Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

First reading 10/01/2024, Second reading 10/22/2024, Third reading 11/04/2024

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the 1st Reading of Ordinance #6.9 Wind Energy Conversion System with Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg present, along with Storm Lake Radio, Jessica Wilkening, Mergent, John Huff, MidAmerican Energy, and four unidentified callers online. Mueggenberg stated that he made all the changes that were requested by MidAmerican. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the **1st Reading of Ordinance #6.9 Wind Energy Conversion System**, waiving the physical reading of the document, and to set the 2nd Reading for Tuesday, November 19, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg presented a quote from Edwards, Storm Lake, for a 2024 GMC Sierra 1500, including a trade of a 2021 Jeep Cherokee of \$20,000, for a net cost of \$31,505. Mueggenberg stated that Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller was interested in his 2014 Ford F150 for his department and has offered \$8,500 to transfer the truck to Bldg/Grounds, which would then be applied to the purchase of the 2024 GMC Sierra 1500. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to accept the bid, as is, from Edwards, Storm Lake, for the purchase of a **2024 GMC Sierra 1500** for the Env Health/Zoning Department, trading in a 2021 Jeep Cherokee for \$20,000, for a net cost of \$31,505. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to authorize the transfer of the Env Health/Zoning **2014 Ford F150** to the Bldg/Grounds Department for a total of \$8,500. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Auxiant** renewal document. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check #327072** issued 9/13/24 to Verizon for \$25.00. Carried.

Chairman Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize all members to sign their respective **Public Official Bond Renewal**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Work Order #BV-06-2024 for side slope instability repairs in **DD #34 Lat 2**, in Section 3 of Fairfield Township, owned by Kellie Smith, with a cost estimate of \$3,500.00. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Work Order #BV-07-2024 for surface drain installation in **DD #34 Lat 2**, in Section 3 of Fairfield Township, owned by Dan Ehlers, with a cost estimate of \$2,500.00. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. until Wednesday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m. for a special session and to canvass the General Election.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-FIFTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (45)
NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for MidAmerican Energy, Des Moines, IA, to install fiber optic cable along 70th Ave. and 600th from 600th St. to 70th Ave. to 610th St. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They are still hauling gravel and brining limestone back in; they are moving salt and sand at Sioux Rapids, getting ready for winter; they are still going through trucks for winter; the project along 70th Ave. and 600th St. is progressing, doing more dirt shaping and then rock; they are taking material out of the Platinum site and will use for fill on the project; Dixon Construction has finished the bridge abutment #4 and moved to the next one by Sulphur Springs.

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that the 28E Agreements with the cities of Albert City, Alta, Newell, Sioux Rapids, and Storm Lake, that were filed several years ago, which allowed the County Attorney's Office to receive a percentage of the Collection of Delinquent Court Debt, are no longer needed. Allen stated that the State Judicial Branch had made allocation errors, and now the County Attorney's office will be receiving the dollars, without having a 28E Agreement with the cities. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to dissolve the 28E Agreements with the cities of Albert City, Alta, Newell, Sioux Rapids, and Storm Lake, for the **Collection of Delinquent Court Debt**. Carried.

Chairman Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 11/4/2024 as corrected, and accept the following **reports:** October Region III LEPC minutes, September NW IA YES Center minutes, August NW IA YES Center minutes, September Rolling Hills Community Services Region Governance Board minutes, September Plains Area Mental Health Board minutes, July Plains Area Mental Health Executive Committee minutes, July Rolling Hills Community Services Region Governance Board minutes, October Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, November Safety Committee minutes, and General Election Post-Election Audit Report and Auditor Certification. Carried.

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Pursuant to Chapter 50.24 of the 2024 Code of Iowa, and upon completion of the **Canvass** of the tally lists of the November 5, 2024 Buena Vista County General Election, motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to declare the results as follows, and to direct the Auditor to prepare abstracts and certificates of election as necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

TOTAL VOTERS: 7,593 Total Registered: 12,090; Turnout: 62.80%.
 (*elected, DEM=Democratic, REP=Republican, LIB=Libertarian, PSL=Party for Socialism and Liberation, SOC=Socialist Party USA, WTP=We The people,)

For the office of **President & Vice President:**

Kamala D. Harris & Ti, Walz-DEM	2,462
Donald J. Trump & JD Vance-REP	4,962
Chase Oliver & Mike ter Maat-LIB	22
Claudia De la Cruz & Karina Garcia-PSL	6
William P. Stodden & Stephanie H. Cholensky-SOC	6
Robert F. Kennedy Jr. & Nicole Shanahan-WTP	56
Shiva Ayyadurai & Crystal Ellis	2
Scattering (w/i)	21

For the office of **US Representative,** District 4:

Ryan Melton-DEM	2,209
Randy Feenstra-REP	4,635
Scattering (w/i)	26

For the office of **State Representative,** District 5:

Zachary M. Dieken-REP	852
Michael Schnoes	308
Scattering (w/i)	3

For the office of **State Representative,** District 6:

Megan Jones-REP	4,216
Scattering (w/i)	89

For the office of **County Supervisor,** District 4:

*Rhonda Ringgenberg-REP	5,483
Scattering (w/i)	66

For the office of **County Supervisor,** District 5:

*Daniel J. Hartman-REP	5,383
Scattering (w/i)	63

For the office of **County Auditor:**

*Susan Kennedy Lloyd-REP	5,478
Scattering (w/i)	52

For the office of **County Sheriff:**

*Kory Elston-REP	5,813
Scattering (w/i)	69

For **Soil & Water Conservation Commissioner**, elect 3:

*Mitchell Hogrefe	4,101
*Kristopher Ehlers	3,775
*Wade Nehring	3,796
Scattering (w/i)	32

For **Soil & Water Conservation Commission-To Fill a Vacancy**, elect 1:

*Robert R. Donahoo	4,615
Scattering (w/i)	21

For **Ag Extension Councilmembers**, elect 4:

*Carli Forbes	3,347
*Trent Christensen	3,589
*Valerie R. Olsen	3,460
*Warren Rusty Corderman	3,485
Scattering (w/i)	32

For **Ag Extension Council-To Fill a Vacancy**, elect 1:

*Jan Worthan	4,667
Scattering (w/i)	37

For **County Hospital Trustee**, elect 3:

*Edean M. Murray	4,072
*Daniel A. Bacon	4,161
*Danny R. Richardson	4,226
Scattering (w/i)	49

For **Township Trustee**, elect 2 per township: (**winner drawn by Board of Supervisors)

Barnes	*Phil Driver-87	*John Nelson-82	Scattering-0
Brooke	**Kent Patterson-1 Karl Laursen-1	*Brian Drzycimski-78	Scattering-0
Coon	*James Franzmeier-79	*Kyle Hornor-77	Scattering-1
Elk	*Craig A. Rehnstrom-73	*William G. Mattson-79	Scattering-1
Fairfield	*James Peterson-77	*Robert Skog-102	Scattering-1
Grant	*Bruce D. Richardson-132	*Dan P. Ehlers-122	Scattering-1
Hayes	*Donald Jackson-185	*James Foell-223	Scattering-7
Lee	*Doyle Anderson-2	*Kale Glover-2	Scattering-14
Lee Trustee (To Fill Vacancy)		**Nicole Glover-1 Loren Anderson-1 Doyle Anderson-1 David Miller-1	Scattering-4
Lincoln	*Ronald F. Madsen-77	*Edwin Madsen-8	Scattering-2
Maple Valley	*Richard Marshall-9	*Carey Hinkeldey-108	Scattering-5
Newell	*Tom Olsen-89	*James Tuttle-98	Scattering-1

Newell Trustee (To Fill Vacancy)		**Rod Rasmussen-1 Brad Mahler-1 James Tuttle-1 Aaron Nieland-1 Gary Morenz-1 Kirk Brown-1	Scattering-2
Nokomis	*Brian Nepple-152	*Adam Friedrichsen-3	Scattering-2
Poland	*Larry Erickson-75	*Joel Nagel-71	Scattering-1
Providence	*Quentin Bodholdt-110 Josh McKenna-1 Larry Lucht-1 Tom Richter-1	**Donald Hansen-1 Devin Miller-1 DM McKenna-1	Scattering-0
Providence Trustee (To Fill Vacancy)		**Heather Lucht-1 Randy Sennert-1 Bill Laven-1 Devin Miller-1 Brian Burke-1	Scattering-2
Scott	**Allen Halverson-2 Erik Morrow-2	*Trent Hatlen-6	Scattering-5
Washington	*Robert Hartje-134	*David Merten-170	Scattering-2
Nokomis Clerk (To Fill Vacancy)		*Megan Peterson-144	Scattering-1

Retain these **Supreme Court Justice?**

David May Yes—3,482 No—1,182

Retain these **Court of Appeals Judges?**

Samuel Langholz Yes—3,227 No—1,122
Mary Ellen Tabor Yes—3,302 No—992
Tyler J. Buller Yes—3,247 No—997
Mary Elizabeth Chicchelly Yes—3,241 No—1,034

Constitutional Amendment #1

Yes-5,212 No-1,128

Constitutional Amendment #2

Yes-5,506 No-738

Sheriff Kory Elston stopped in to inform the Board that **Sioux Rapids** is interested in contracting with his department for law enforcement. Elston had offered \$120,000 and Sioux Rapids countered with \$80,000. This will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval next week. Elston commented that he would like to hire another deputy.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 2:54 p.m. until Tuesday, November 19 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-SIXTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (46)
NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, 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, Snyder, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to amend **today's agenda**, adding approval of the Chair to sign the contract on the bridge abutment that was awarded two weeks ago. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for the City of Storm Lake, to install a 12" raw water main to connect to the existing water main in the ditch, along 90th Ave., to 5923 90th Ave., along with a 4" floor drain outlet. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve allowing the Chair to sign the contract for **Project L-BNT2023-4--73-11**, for three abutment repairs, awarded two weeks ago to Dixon Construction Co. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They are blading roads and hauling limestone and gravel to stockpiles; they are working on deep pullups on 120th Ave. south of C65; they will be cutting brush, when it dries out after the rain; all trucks have been gone through and ready for snow; 70th Ave. and 600th St. project is moving slower, as the consultant miscalculated the dirt work. They are working through Phase 2 so that they do not have the same problem; Dixon Construction has finished the bridge abutment #4 and moved to #5.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 11/13/2024 as presented, today's **claim approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: October Conservation Board minutes, FY'24 BV County Solid Waste Commission Audit Report, October BV County Landfill minutes, October BV County Landfill Executive Board minutes, and November Engineers Report for the Landfill. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg informed the Board that the quote from Edwards, Storm Lake, for a 2024 GMC Sierra 1500, that they approved November 4, if the rebates were still in effect for November. Mueggenberg stated that the rebate went down by \$2,500 from the quote he received in October, so he asked the Board what they wanted him to do about purchasing the truck. Mueggenberg stated that he could wait until December and see what the rebate would be, as he is not in a hurry for the truck. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to accept the new quote for a **2024 GMC Sierra 1500**, for a net cost of \$25,505, after trading in a 2021 Jeep Cherokee for \$20,000, and with Bldg/Grounds paying \$8,500 of the cost for the transfer of the 2014 Ford F150 from the Environmental Health Department to Bldg/Grounds. Carried.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #6.9 Wind Energy Conversion System with Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg present, along with seven callers online. Mueggenberg stated that he has not received any comments on the Ordinance, either for or against. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the **2nd Reading of Ordinance #6.9 Wind Energy Conversion System**, waiving the physical reading of the document, and to set the 3rd Reading for Tuesday, December 3, at 9:15 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Carried.

Auditor Susan Lloyd informed the Board that two of her employees have accumulated comp time over the maximum amount, due to all the extra hours worked for the General Election. Lloyd stated that both employees have plans to use their time in January and February. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve Karla Ahrendsen to carry over an additional 51.26 hours of **comp time** and Yvonne Sandhoff to carry over an additional 37.78 hours of comp time. Carried.

Hear the Public. John Pitstick commented on the proposed Ordinance #6.9 Wind Energy Conversion System. Pitstick stated that he is surrounded by wind towers that have little useful life left and said they should be taken down. Pitstick asked the Board if it would not be appropriate to ask that the wind towers be taken down unless they are going to make capital improvements. Merten informed Pitstick that the Board had approved the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance #6.9 this morning and have set the 3rd Reading for December 3 at 9:15 a.m. and that is when Pitstick should return to ask his questions when representatives from MidAmerican Energy and Mergent are online to answer questions. Pitstick also commented about the EPA reducing pollution levels, and asked if a device could not be placed at the Alta School and Storm Lake Schools that would test the air quality all the time. The Board thanked him for coming in, stating they made notes of his comments.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen presented the Certification of TIF Debt for the County and asked the Board for approval to have the chair sign. Ahrendsen stated that the amount of debt to be certified is \$1,603,745 and includes a 65% rebate and the right-of-way purchases in FY'24. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **Certification of TIF Debt** for the county and allow the Chair to sign. Carried.

Six members of the Buena Vista County **Library Association** (representing Alta, Albert City, Linn Grove, Marathon, Newell, Rembrandt, Sioux Rapids and Storm Lake) came in to thank the Board for their past support of the County libraries. They requested support again in FY'26 with a possible increase, due to inflation. The librarians reviewed their past programs, and each thanked the Board for supporting their city's library. A letter of support for the libraries, signed by community members, was given to the Board. The Board thanked the Librarians for their service.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson was online to discuss the applications that were submitted for the open Conservation Board position. Johnson stated that there were five applications received, and the Conservation Board wasn't going to make any recommendations since it is up to the Supervisors to appoint, but they stated that they would like to have someone in the eastern part of the county, in the Newell/Albert City area. The Board stated that they would like to interview the applicants before making their appointment, so two of the supervisors will schedule interviews with the applicants. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to table the **Conservation Board appointment** until the December 3 meeting, after the interviews have been done. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to go into **closed session** (at 10:16 A.M.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to go out of **closed session** at 11:08 A.M. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board of the difficulty he is having getting applicants for the assistant county attorney position. Allen has posted the job opening several places from September until now, including twenty different law school sites. Allen stated that currently there are ten more vacancies in other counties also. Allen suggested adding an incentive to relocate for moving expenses that would be contractual with a payback if they were to leave before a certain amount of time. Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to authorize the County Attorney to offer a **“new hire” incentive for an Assistant County Attorney**, of \$2,500 to be paid when they start, and then at the completion of one year, they would receive an additional \$2,500, with the stipulation that they stay for two years, otherwise it would be paid back. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **Public Official Bond Renewals**, of the elected officials. Carried.

Supervisor Snyder informed the Board that he and Sheriff Kory Elston attended the Sioux Rapids Council Meeting to discuss a law enforcement contract with them. Snyder stated that the agreement would include a payment of \$50,000 in FY’25, \$80,000 in FY’26, with a 3% increase on FY’27, 4% increase in FY’28, and a 5% increase in FY’29. Merten commented that the Sheriff will need to hire an additional deputy, maybe two. Snyder stated that currently the Sheriff has one officer that has been deployed. Snyder stated that Rembrandt had been paying \$10,000 for law enforcement services from Sioux Rapids when they had an officer, but this agreement is strictly for the City of Sioux Rapids. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the **28E Law Enforcement Agreement** with the City of Sioux Rapids for the remainder of FY’25 in the amount of \$50,000, \$80,000 in FY’26, with a 3% increase on FY’27, 4% increase in FY’28, and a 5% increase in FY’29. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. until Tuesday, December 3 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. (no meeting is planned for November 26)

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 26, 2024**

NO BOARD MEETING HELD

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (47)
DECEMBER 3, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen 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, Snyder, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Winter Maintenance Agreement** with the City of Lakeside. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Winter Maintenance Agreement** with the City of Linn Grove. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Winter Maintenance Agreement** with the City of Rembrandt. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson asked the Board whether they wanted his department to repair the pickup that was damaged in an accident, or whether to total it out. Wilkinson did hear back from the insurance company that there would be liability coverage if the county repaired the truck. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to **buy back the truck from the insurance company and repair it with the \$23,000 payout**. After a discussion Hartman, Ringgenberg, Merten Ayes and Snyder Croker Nayes. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that his office manager would be leaving employment the first part of January, 2025. Wilkinson would like to place an ad for an administrative assistant, replacing Karen Crilly. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize Wilkinson to advertise for an **administrative assistant** to replace Karen Crilly. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: All the snowplows went out yesterday for the 1st time as the county had its first measurable snow of the year. The guys continue to concentrate on brush cutting while the ditches are empty and work on cleaning up and organizing the shops for the winter days ahead. Merten asked if Wilkinson had followed up on the request to have trees cleared in the ROW at C49/M54 due to sight problems. He said that he thought it had been but would double check. Rock is still being hauled to the stockpiles until quarries close for the season. PCI continues work on 70th Ave by Platinum Crush by adding dirt in and around culverts. They will be to the point of shutting the entrance and all traffic will need to enter from 80th Ave. He will continue to coordinate with everyone involved in the best way to maneuver the road closures. The second round of bridge work is almost complete, and they will move on to the third round shortly. Wilkinson told the group he would be in Des Moines for training this week.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to approve the **minutes** of 11/19/2024 as presented, today's **claim approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: September Board of Health minutes, and October NW IA Yes Center minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to accept the Assessor's recommendation for allowance of the **2024 Family Farm Credits**, as per Iowa Code Section 425.3. Carried.

Curt Stroth, Trevor Smith, Joanne Fallon, and Alyssa Petersen, **Iowa Lakes Corridor**, presented the FY26 funding request. They started off by telling the group that they are back in their office after the June flood finally. They explained that they worked with Ranco Fertiservice, Inc in Sioux Rapids to apply for and receive a \$500,000 grant to help replace equipment lost during the flood. They reviewed some of the new programs that will be implemented in 2025 including a competition to help entrepreneurs to get their startups going and initiative award for local residents that return to the area after being educated and making the corridor their homes. The group thanked the board for their continued support.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #6.9 Wind Energy Conversion System with Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg, John Pitstick, and Harlan Grau present, and 5 callers online. Mueggenberg stated that he has not received any comments on the Ordinance, either for or against. Pitstick questioned if there was a requirement to remove the turbines when they were no longer in service. Mueggenberg said there was and gave him a copy of the ordinance and pointed out that portion to him. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the **3rd Reading of Ordinance #6.9 Wind Energy Conversion System**, waiving the physical reading of the document. Carried.

BUENA VISTA COUNTY WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM ORDINANCE #6.9

Title: AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING THE STANDARDS, CONDITIONS, APPLICATION, PLAN REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR THE CONTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF WIND ENERGY DEVICES WITHIN BUENA VISTA COUNTY IOWA.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa:

SECTION 1- PURPOSE: The purpose of this ordinance is to provide regulation for those engaged in the construction, erection, placement, location and maintenance of wind energy devices within Buena Vista County; and to preserve and protect public health and safety without significantly increasing the cost or decreasing the efficiency of wind energy devices and associated structures.

SECTION 2- DEFINITIONS: For use in this ordinance, the following terms or words shall be interpreted or defined as follows:

1. **Zoning Administrator**. Any person or firm appointed by Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors to oversee the permitting and compliance of the wind energy device regulations.
2. **Commercial Wind Energy Device (CWED)**. Any wind energy device with a nameplate capacity greater than 100kw of which its primary intent is to generate electrical power to be sold to utility or power companies.
3. **Construction Start Date**. When the Owner has provided the contractor with the Notice to Proceed.
4. **Ground Clearance Height**. Means the vertical distance from ground level to the tip of a wind generator blade when the tip is at its lowest point.
5. **Meteorological Tower (or Met Tower)**. Any meteorological, measuring or surveying equipment erected on or attached to any tower, monopole, or guyed structure to verify the wind and weather resources found within a certain area. Meteorological towers are also subject to permitting on both temporary and permanent structures.
6. **Owner**. Shall mean the individual or entity that intends to own and operate the wind energy system in accordance with this ordinance.

7. Permanent. For purposes of this ordinance, permanent shall mean any building or structure continuing or existing without fundamental or identifiable change for a continuous period of at least two (2) years. This definition shall not include those temporary or non-permanent buildings and structures utilized during construction of a wind energy project.
8. Permanent Residential Dwelling. Means any occupied or unoccupied buildings or structures intended for human occupancy of which physical construction of the building has commenced, and which shall be placed upon and securely attached to a permanent foundation. Buildings or structures containing a home occupation of which is part of a residence shall be considered a permanent residential dwelling. Mobile, manufactured or factory-built housing that is permanently attached to a foundation is also defined as a permanent residential dwelling. Recreational vehicles, campers, or other temporary forms of housing are not considered a permanent residential dwelling.
9. Rotor Diameter. Means the cross-sectional dimension of the circle swept by the rotating blades.
10. Small Wind Energy Device (SWED). A wind energy system that is used to generate electricity and has a nameplate capacity of 100kw or less. Wind energy devices with a generating capacity of 20kw or less used for residential or personal use. A wind energy device with a generating capacity between 20kw and 100kw is considered small wind energy for commercial/industrial applications. A wind energy device is considered "small" only if it supplies electrical power solely for on-site use, except that when a parcel on which the system is installed also receives electrical power supply by a utility company, excess electrical power generated and not presently needed for on-site use may be used by the utility company in accordance with Section 199, chapter 15.11 (5) of the Iowa Administrative Code.
11. Total Height. Means the vertical distance from ground level to the tip of a wind generator blade when the tip is at its highest point.
12. Tower. Means a monopole, freestanding, or guyed structure that supports a wind generator.
13. Wind Energy Device (WED). Means equipment that converts and then stores or transfers energy from the wind into usable forms of energy. This equipment includes any base, blade, foundation, generator, nacelle, rotor, tower, transformer, wire, inverter, batteries or other components used in the system. The term wind energy device often refers to and includes wind towers, wind turbines, wind generators, windmills or wind energy conversion system.

SECTION 3- GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Location and Height.

CWEDs shall not be permitted within any defined residential zoned district. CWEDs shall be limited to a total height of 250 feet within 1,200 feet of any residential zoned district. No height limitations shall apply in all other zoning districts, except that no WED, meteorological tower or other associated structures shall be permitted to extend into approach zones, clear zones or other restricted air space required for the protection of any airport.

SWED are exempt from any zoning height limitations, except that no WED, meteorological tower or other associated structures shall be permitted to extend into approach zones, clear zones or other restricted air space required for the protection of any airport.

2. Setbacks.

CWEDs shall be set back a distance equal to 110% its total height from any public right of way and overhead utility lines or adjacent property lines not under the same ownership unless written consent is granted by the property owner or entity with jurisdiction over the street, utilities or adjacent properties. With

that stated, those WEDs that are located on land adjacent to property under the same ownership may have the property line setback requirement waived; however, the setbacks still apply to overhead utility lines and public right-of-ways. CWEDs shall be setback a distance of no less than 1,200 feet or 1.5 x height, whichever is greater, from the wall of any Permanent Residential Dwelling.

SWEDs located on a freestanding pole or other tower structure must maintain a setback distance equal to 110% of its total height from any public street or road right-of-way, overhead utility lines or adjacent property lines not under the same ownership unless written permission is granted by the property owner or entity with jurisdiction over the street, utilities or adjacent properties. With that stated, those WEDs that are located on land adjacent to property under the same ownership may have the property line setback requirement waived; however, the setbacks still apply to overhead utility lines and public right-of-ways.

3. Placement or Spacing.

CWED spacing will vary depending on common industry practice and manufacturer specifications. The Owner shall consider the public interest and the natural environment and maintain the intent and purpose of this ordinance.

SWEDs designed for residential or personal use shall be erected on either a freestanding pole or tower. In all residential zoned districts, no SWED or accessory structures shall be permitted within the front yard.

4. Public Lands or Waterways. It is required that the Owner of any WEDs have an Environmental review with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Buena Vista County Conservation Board early in the planning stages of all WED projects located in Buena Vista County. This review will allow the IDNR and/or County Conservation Board to comment and offer suggestions regarding the siting of WEDs near wildlife habitats. The review will also allow IDNR staff or the County Conservation Board to identify sensitive environmental concerns near public lands or waters, and to work with the Owner to voluntarily identify alternative siting options that minimize negative impacts to environmentally sensitive areas.

5. Electrical Wires. All electrical wires associated with any WED, other than wires necessary to the operation of the wind turbine itself shall be located underground, unless approved by the County. In the instance of commercial wind energy projects, transmission lines or high-capacity electrical lines from substations transferring cumulative energy resources from a wind energy project shall not be required to be placed underground.

6. Lighting. Any WED shall not be artificially lighted unless such lighting is required by the Federal Aviation Administration.

7. Appearance, Color and Finish. Any WED shall remain painted or finished the color or finish that was originally applied by the manufacturer, unless approved in the special use permit. Finishes shall be matte or non-reflective.

8. Signs. All signs shall be prohibited other than the manufacturer or installer's identification sign and appropriate warning signs. Documentation showing any signage is required with the application. Signs indicating the 911 rural addressing of each CWED or grouping of multiple WEDs shall be placed at each WED site and/or the entry points of access roads as per the Buena Vista County 911 rural addressing signage requirements. Owner point of contact information shall be included on signage for emergency events, complaints, or questions from the general public.

9. Complaint Logs. The owner shall log and respond to all complaints alleging non-compliance with this ordinance within a reasonable time, not to exceed 72 hours, and shall take necessary actions to resolve all objectively verified complaints. Log information shall include the name, address, and reason for

the call. The Owner shall provide the complaint log to the Zoning Administrator upon reasonable request, to the extent allowed by the law.

10. Access. All ground mounted electrical and control equipment shall be labeled and secured to prevent unauthorized access.

11. Code Compliance. Any WED shall comply with all applicable state construction and electrical codes, and the National Electrical Code.

12. Utility notification and interconnection.

CWEDs that connect to the electric utility shall comply with all local, state and federal regulations regarding the connection of energy generation facilities.

SWEDs shall not be installed until evidence has been given that the utility company has authorized interconnection of the small wind device to its electric distribution or transmission, under an agreement approved by and subject to regulation adopted by the Iowa Utilities Commission. SWEDs not connected to a public utility system shall be exempt from this requirement.

13. Sound. Sound produced by any WEDs under normal operating conditions, as measured from a permanent residential dwelling shall not produce sound at a level that would constitute a nuisance. Industry standards support that noise created by a CWED should not exceed 50dba at the nearest exterior wall of a Permanent Residential Dwelling.

14. Climbing Apparatus. Any CWED tower must be designed to prevent climbing within the first ten feet (10').

15. Change of Ownership. Any CWED, whether singularly or within a group of multiple WEDs, shall submit to the Buena Vista County zoning administrator notification upon change of ownership of CWEDs. Requirements and responsibilities of this Ordinance are transferable to all future Owners.

16. Communications Interference. Any WED shall be designed and constructed so as not to cause radio, communication or television interference of a signal that exists at the time of the zoning compliance permit. If it is determined that the WED is causing interference with radio, communication or television signals, the Owner, at their expense, shall take the necessary corrective action to eliminate this interference or provide an alternate service, subject to the approval of the appropriate county authority. A zoning compliance permit granting a WED may be revoked if radio, communication or television interference from such device becomes evident and is not corrected by the Owner.

17. Minimum Ground Clearance. The ground clearance for rotors or blades shall be no less than fifty feet (50').

SECTION 4 – NOTIFICATION:

The Owner shall be responsible for obtaining and submitting Buena Vista County an abstractor's or attorney's certificate, at the time the application is made, showing the names and last known addresses of the Owners of all property within 1200 feet of the parameter of the total project development site containing WED(s). Prior to the public hearing for such special use permit, notice from the Owner shall be given by ordinary mail to all adjacent property owners and owners of property within 1200 feet of the proposed site(s) for which the special use is requested.

SECTION 5 – SPECIAL USE PERMIT:

CWEDs, wind energy towers or meteorological towers erected in any zoning district may be granted as a special use and approved by the Board of Adjustment after a public hearing. The Zoning Administrator shall perform an assessment of the issues raised as a result of erecting WEDs and issuing special use permits in the zoning district prior to any public hearing and any action by the Board of Adjustment. Any

conditions or requirements issued as part of the special use permit shall not be more lenient than the stated wind energy requirements in this Ordinance. Additional conditions or requirements for the acceptable erection and operation of WEDs in any zoning district shall be clearly stated in the special use permit.

SWEDs designed, marketed and sold explicitly for personal or private residential or business applications, which has a nameplate capacity of 100kw or less shall be considered a special use in all zoning districts. For SWEDs only, if such device is used expressly for agricultural purposes or to supply power for agricultural purposes and not intended to be connected to an electrical grid and sold for profit or power credit, then the WED is determined to be farm exempt, and not subject to these regulations.

SECTION 6- PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMISSION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

A zoning compliance permit shall not be granted by the Board of Supervisors for a WED or CWED project unless and until the following procedures have been fulfilled:

1. Approval of Special Use Permit from the Board of Adjustment.

2. Agency notice/review. Prior to submitting an application for a Special Use Permit for any WED, the Owner shall be responsible in notifying state, federal, and county agencies of the planned project and allowing each agency 90 days advance notice to do a preliminary review. Documentation of notification of these agencies, and any reports from the agencies are to be provided to the county when the application is submitted. If any agency does not act within 90 days, the plan may be deemed approved by the agency that failed to act upon proof of notice. It is recommended that any issues be addressed prior to the public hearing. Buena Vista County staff will discuss with the applicant or Owner and establish and agree to a list of the applicable following agencies to which Buena Vista County will require notice from the Owner prior to considering an application for a specific wind energy project.

3. Public Hearing - Within 60 days of receiving the official zoning compliance permit application for a WED, the Board of Supervisors shall schedule a public hearing regarding the zoning compliance permit request. Notice shall be given to the public no less than 10 days and no more than 30 days prior to the public hearing by publication for two consecutive weeks in the official newspaper(s) of Buena Vista County as well as publication in a newspaper within the general vicinity of the proposed project site.

The Owner is responsible for publishing a public notice of the hearing that shall include at a minimum the name of the proposed project, a contact person for the project, the location of the project, the time and place of the public hearing and a description of the project activities.

Prior to the public hearing, the County Zoning Administrator shall provide notice by ordinary mail to all adjacent property owners and all property owners located within 1,200 feet of each proposed wind energy device for which the permit is requested.

4. The Board of Supervisors may prescribe additional appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with this ordinance and other ordinances of the county.

5. A zoning compliance permit fee of \$1,000.00 per WED must be received and acknowledged prior to approval of said application by the Board of Supervisors.

A concurring vote in the affirmative of the majority of present members of the Board of Supervisors grants approval of the zoning compliance permit. Approval of the zoning compliance permit for a WED shall be valid for a period no longer than two (2) years from the date of issuance, unless construction has commenced, or the Board of Supervisors specifically grants a longer period of time for the building permit.

The approval and issuance of a zoning compliance permit for the construction or installation of a WED under this ordinance shall not relieve any Owner from compliance with all legal requirements, nor relieve the Owner of any liability for damage or loss resulting from the placement, construction or

maintenance of such WED. Buena Vista County assumes no liability whatsoever by virtue of the issuance of a WED zoning compliance permit.

SECTION 7- MITIGATION AND DAMAGES:

1. Drainage system. The Owner of the WED shall remedy any adverse effect on any duly established drainage tile caused by construction or repair of such project. A separate Drainage District agreement which clearly lays out the rights and obligations of the Districts and the Owner with respect to the construction, maintenance and use of easement in connection with the development project will be required prior to construction start date.

2. Roads. Costs of repair from damage or maintenance to county roads, rights-of-way, or any county infrastructure resulting from the construction or repair of WEDs shall be the responsibility of the Owner of such project. A separate roads agreement which clearly lays out the rights and obligations of the County and the Owner with respect to the construction, maintenance, and use of roads in connection with the development project will be required prior to construction start date.

SECTION 8- DISCONTINUANCE OR ABANDONMENT:

Each application for a CWED shall have a decommissioning plan outlining the anticipated means and proposed financing methods adequate to remove such structure(s) upon becoming a discontinued use. Any CWED that is out-of-service for a continuous one (1) year period will be deemed to have been abandoned and discontinued for use. At such time the WED is determined to be abandoned, the Owner shall remove the WED at the Owner's expense within one (1) year of receipt of notice. If the Owner fails to remove the WED, the zoning administrator may pursue legal action against the Owner of such WED(s). If the WED has been out-of-service for more than one (1) year due to supply chain issues, the Owner may send a repair schedule to the zoning administrator for review. The repair schedule shall include documentation of the parts ordered to repair the CWED, when the parts will be received, and when the parts will be installed to bring the WED back into service. The Owner shall make the following financial assurances to the County: A. Financial assurance may be in the form of cash deposited with County, a corporate guarantee, a performance bond, or surety bond, as long as the form of the financial assurance is mutually agreeable between the County and the Owner, and the security is equal to or greater than the net amount set forth in the decommissioning plan. Review of the adequacy of the financial assurance shall be every 36 months and shall subject to change if deemed by the County as being inadequate at the time. A financial assurance report shall be completed by a third-party engineer at the cost of the Owner. B. Such financial assurance shall be adjusted corresponding to the decommissioning plan updates and the minimum amounts provided for in this article. C. If the cost of the restoration of the project exceeds the salvage value and financial assurance amounts, the Owner shall be responsible for any differences. D. If any financial assurance required hereunder lapses or the Owner otherwise fails to post the same, the Owner shall be obligated to do so within twenty (20) days of written notice from the County to do the same or otherwise shall be considered in default hereunder. E. Such financial assurance shall be released after the project has been decommissioned or removed and a certificate of completion has been provided and accepted by the County. A utility regulated by the Iowa Utilities Commission, with ratepayers in the state of Iowa and in good financial standing, shall not be required to provide financial assurance.

SECTION 9- JURISDICTION:

The jurisdiction shall be considered any unincorporated area within Buena Vista County exterior boundaries.

SECTION 10- PENALTY:

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to construct, install, or operate a WED that is not in compliance with this ordinance or with any special conditions contained in the special use permit. The zoning administrator may enter any property for which a permit has been issued under this ordinance to conduct an inspection to determine whether the conditions stated in the permit have been met. Any person who fails to comply with any provision of this ordinance or an approved special use permit for any WED shall be deemed a county infraction and punishable by a civil penalty of not less than \$100.00 but not to exceed \$750.00 plus court costs for the first offense and not less than \$500.00 but not to exceed \$1,000.00 plus court costs for each repeat offense. Buena Vista County may seek all relief prescribed by State law for county infractions. The Buena Vista County Auditor and the Buena Vista County Zoning Administrator are the officers authorized to enforce this ordinance by issuance of civil citations for county infractions. Each WED determined to be in violation will be considered a separate infraction. Each day that a violation occurs or continues to exist constitutes a separate offense.

WEDs installed prior to the adoption of this WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM ORDINANCE #6.9 are exempt from this Ordinance and any future updates.

Any existing previously permitted WED may continue with normal operation, maintenance, and repair or repowering and replacement utilizing the same WED location, that may increase the total height of the WED.

SECTION 11 - REPEALER: Any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12 - SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 13 - EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective after its final passage and approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of December 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors...../s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

First reading 11/04/2024, Second reading 11/19/2024, Third reading 12/03/2024

Chairman Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen presented the Urban Renewal Annual Report and asked the Board for approval to have the chair sign. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve the **Urban Renewal Annual Report** for the county and allow the Chair to sign. Carried.

Suana Wessendorf, President of the **Newell Historical Society** was present to update the Board on the past year and to ask for continued support in the future year. She gave a summary of all the activities that have taken place over the last year and a brief update of future plans.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson informed the Board that the temporary management agreement for the Marina would be expiring at the end of December 12,2024. Johnson stated that it will be a while before a transfer agreement is done, so he would like to extend the temporary agreement until December 31, 2025, or upon completion of the transfer of portions of the included property from the DNR to the County whichever occurs first. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and allow the Chair to sign the **Temporary Management Agreement** for the Marina. Carried.

The Board then questioned Director Johnson about setting up interviews with the applicants for the appointment of the Conservation Board Member. Supervisors Croker and Hartman volunteered to do the interviews. Croker and Hartman would reach out to Johnson to set up dates and times to do these interviews and then report back to the Board of Supervisors.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to go into closed session (at 10:29 A.M.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to go out of closed session at 11:25 A.M. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m. until Tuesday, December 10 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (48)
DECEMBER 10, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, 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, Snyder, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to approve the utility permit for the Alta Municipal Utilities, Alta, IA, to install a 10" water main along Lake St., in Section 23 of Nokomis Township from Industrial Road to approximately 415 south of Industrial Road, for the transmission of potable water. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been hauling limestone to stockpiles and placed some down on 600th St. and 70th Ave.; they have been blading gravel roads and working on a couple crossroad tile repairs; PCI continues working on 70th Ave., north of 600th St. widening the road and getting rock down. The trucks coming in and leaving Platinum Crush are utilizing 80th Ave. and 600th St. for approximately two weeks; the contractor will keep working on the bridge abutment projects, take some time off for Christmas and then start up again.

Colleen Schwanz and Chris Ehlers with the **Buena Vista County Soil and Water Conservation District** presented their 2024 Report and came to ask for continued support in the FY'26 Budget. They use the county funds to support the conservation education programs in Buena Vista County. Schwanz stated that they utilize the County Park for one of their programs, which worked well. Schwanz wanted to thank

Conservation Director Greg Johnson and Secretary Angie Wilkinson for accommodating them. The board thanked the group for all they provided to the communities.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the minutes of 12/03/2024 as presented, and accept the following reports: October Central IA Juvenile Detention Center Board minutes. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Merten attended the Board of Adjustment and Planning & Zoning meeting last Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, at the hog buying station.

Chairman Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during Hear the Public and there was none.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to go into closed session (at 9:30 A.M.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to go out of closed session at 9:45 A.M. Carried.

Stephanie Henrich, Executive Director with CAASA, along with her two bilingual advocates, presented their FY65 funding request. Henrich stated that they use the funding for responding to crisis calls. In 2024, 36 people from Buena Vista County alone contacted CAASA for assistance after being sexually assaulted. Henrich stated that they are your neighbors, your friends, your families, and your children and they need your support. CAASA and its advocates provide advocacy services to sexual assault survivors and prevention education seminars to schools and community groups in BV County and 18 other counties. All those services are free of charge, with funding coming from city, county, state, and federal funds, as well as donations from businesses and individuals. Henrich stated that they are requesting \$8,500 from Buena Vista County, an increase of \$1,000 over the current fiscal year. They thanked the Board for their continued support and handed out pamphlets telling them if they needed anything just to call.

Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller gave a department update: The Auditors Office Building had a clay tile collapse, and he asked Peterson Septic to come in and look. It was determined that the city street would have to be dug up to fix the problem. Keller informed the Board that the City of Storm Lake does the street work and will work on it tomorrow. Keller also informed the Board that this is all county expense, with charges from Peterson Septic, Weise Plumbing, and the City of Storm Lake submitting invoices. Keller is hoping that \$7,000 will take care of the invoices. Keller stated that the elevator was inspected last week, the generator checked, fire extinguishers serviced, and the panic buttons checked. Keller stated that his department is ready for snow.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. until Tuesday, December 17 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-NINTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (49)
DECEMBER 17, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, 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, Snyder, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson requested that the Board Chair sign a Safety Action Plan, which is a requirement if the County applies for funds from the SS4A Grant. Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Safety Action Plan**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson requested that the Board declare Parcel #1002178015 as excess property, which was a county shed building in Truesdale, that is no longer needed. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to declare Parcel #1002178015 as **excess property**, located in the City of Truesdale. Carried. Merten stated that he would like to advertise and take sealed bids on the Truesdale property, with the county having the right to reject all bids. The consensus of the Board is to advertise, take sealed bids until 8:30 a.m., on February 11, 2025, then open the bids at that time at the Supervisors Meeting on 2/11/25.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson requested the Board to allow him to purchase three **tandem trucks** to be used for plowing, and one **semi tractor**. The quote Wilkinson has is for a cost of \$167,937 per truck chassis and \$181,942 for the semi-tractor. Wilkinson stated that he would still have to order snow equipment, but that would be paid out of the FY'26 budget. Merten asked why Wilkinson wanted to purchase three tandems. Wilkinson stated that he would like to have the Allison transmissions, so that all the equipment would be the same, but they are hard to get, so he would rather order three instead of two. Merten commented that he could get a good used semi tractor for a better price. Wilkinson stated that he would rather put the purchase of the semi tractor off and get the three tandems. Wilkinson stated that it has been three years since he ordered tandems, so he is behind on replacing them. Merten asked about trade-ins, and Wilkinson stated that normally he does not trade trucks in, he usually sells them. Chairperson Ringgenberg asked Wilkinson if he could come back later to continue this discussion as they were getting behind on the schedule. Wilkinson will stop back later in the meeting.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to go into **closed session** (at 9:24 A.M.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to go out of **closed session** at 10:04 A.M. Carried.

Snyder stepped out of the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Chairman Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

Shelly Sindt, CEO of **Elderbridge Agency**, presented the agency's annual report. Elderbridge supports the 60 and over population in BV County, helping them to stay in their own homes rather than going to a nursing home. Sindt stated that during the pandemic, they had a 30% increase in funding, but that is now gone, so they are trying to do more with less. In 2024, they have \$1.2M less to serve their folks. In 2025, they will have to cut \$1.5M. (Snyder came back to the meeting at 10:13 a.m.). They are asking for \$3.20 per senior in county support for the FY'26 budget allocation for a total of \$14,403, up from \$13,277 in FY'25. Sindt thanked the board for past and future support to the seniors of our county and informed them that she would be retiring in June.

Emily Bodholdt, Director of **Ready, Set, Grow, Inc.**, a non-profit daycare, presented information about their funding request for FY'26. Bodholdt is requesting \$10,000 to be used for ongoing operational costs to sustain their childcare center. Bodholdt stated that regulations in child to adult ratios maintain the safety of their care, but also limits their income. Despite increasing their rates in August 2024 to coincide with state reimbursement rates, their overhead costs continue to outweigh their income. Bodholdt stated that their current enrollment is 41, and they have a waiting list of 20. The Board thanked Bodholdt for all she does.

Sheriff Kory Elston informed the Board that Sioux Rapids approved their law enforcement agreement and that he also met with the City of Newell, and he expects a decision by the end of the year. Elston requested that the Board allow him to hire another deputy, to cover the agreement for law enforcement services in Sioux Rapids. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve Sheriff Elston's request to **hire** an additional deputy, due to adding law enforcement services for the City of Sioux Rapids. Carried.

Gary Sundblad, **Albert City Thresherman** was present to request \$5,000 for FY'26. He stated that the money would be used for advertising in local and national publications. Sundblad stated that this coming year, they will be hosting two national Case clubs and will be featuring Case equipment. Sundblad stated that they will have the Case 150hp steam engine coming to their show which will be a huge attraction and draw in many additional people. Sundblad stated that they are looking to potentially bring in a record crowd to their show if the weather cooperates. They generally draw 12,000-17,000 people to their 3-day show.

Ginny and Rusty Smith of the **Sioux Rapids Historical Society** informed the Board that their summer plans were halted due to the flood event that hit Sioux Rapids. Ginny Smith stated that the furnaces need to be replaced due to flooding. Ginny Smith stated that they were able to find matching carpet for the entryway, and said they were grateful that the floodwaters didn't reach the first floor of the theatre. They are requesting \$1,000 in funds for FY'26 and thanked the Board for their support each year. The Board thanked them for all their hard work.

Vernon Winterhof, **Hanover Historical Society**, presented their funding request of \$1,500 for FY'26, an increase of \$500 over FY'25, and stated that they appreciate the financial assistance from the county. Winterhof stated that they started 27 years ago, and that their property has 11 buildings, most of which are over 100 years old. There are always repairs that are needed, and currently they have some windows that need replacing. Winterhof stated that they recently had a \$15,000 big expenditure on one of their buildings, due to a rotting frame. The Board thanked Winterhof for everything they do.

The Board drew the names of the elected offices out of a box to determine whether their newly appointed Compensation Board representatives would have a 2-year term or a 4-year term. The 4-year terms were drawn first, with the Auditor, Recorder, and both Supervisor representatives drawn, leaving the Attorney, Sheriff, and Treasurer representatives to serve an initial term of two years. Motion by Snyder,

second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-12-17-A** Establishing a County Compensation Board. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2024-12-17-A
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COUNTY COMPENSATION BOARD

A resolution by Buena Vista County to establish a county compensation board as authorized by Iowa Code Section 331.905.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.905, as amended in 2024 by Senate File 2442, the county board of supervisors may vote to establish a county compensation board.

WHEREAS, pursuant to this same Code Section, when the board of supervisors establishes a county compensation board, the compensation board shall be comprised of seven members who are residents of the county. Two members shall be appointed by the board of supervisors, one member each by the county auditor, county attorney, county recorder, county treasurer, and county sheriff. The members of the county compensation board shall not be officers or employees of the state or a political subdivision of the state and shall serve staggered terms.

WHEREAS, lots were drawn to determine the duration of initial staggered terms for members of the county compensation board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Buena Vista County hereby establishes a county compensation board for the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Buena Vista County directed each of the elected officials to submit their respective appointments to the board of supervisors by December 13, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the representatives of Auditor, Recorder, Supervisor, and Supervisor shall serve an initial term of four years and the representatives of Attorney, Sheriff, and Treasurer shall serve an initial term of two years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall apply retroactively to July 1, 2024.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Buena Vista County on this 17th day of December, 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson, Paul Merten, Vice-Chair, Kathy Croker, Dan Hartman, Kelly Snyder,
Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 12/10/2024 as presented, today's **claim approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, including a correction to an incorrect vendor and changing a beaver bounty claim from non-drainage to a drainage check, and accepting the following **reports**: November Conservation Board minutes, November Engineers Summary Report for the Landfill, December Landfill minutes, December Safety Committee minutes, FY'24 Plains Area Mental Health Audit Report, and FY'24 Elderbridge Annual Report. Carried.

County Engineer Bret Wilkinson came back to the meeting to discuss his request for three plow trucks and a semi tractor. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the Engineer to purchase three **plow trucks** and one **semi tractor**. Snyder asked whether the semi tractor would be new or used. Wilkinson stated that the semi tractor would be new, and he would sell the current one. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to add an additional \$2,400 to the **non-drainage district beaver bounty** line item on the next budget amendment. Carried.

Motion by Crocker, second by Hartman, to approve the 2023 **Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center 28E Agreement**. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg. Nays: Snyder. Motion Carried.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Storm Lake Times Pilot request letter to be an **“official paper”** for 2025. This will be addressed at the January 2, 2025 meeting.

EMA Aimee Barritt and Conservation Director Greg Johnson were present for the discussion regarding the remaining **ARPA** funds. All the ARPA funds need to be committed by 12/31 and spent by 2026. Conservation has a large share of the remaining funds for projects that have not been completed yet. Barritt stated that MOU’s could be done for the remaining funds to list the projects that are contracted to be spent. (Merten left the meeting at 12:27 p.m.) This topic will continue in the next Board meeting, to discuss further the remaining funds and prepare MOU’s. (Snyder left the meeting at 12:54 p.m.) Auditor Lloyd will send out information to the Departments, asking if their ARPA projects are complete or if they still owe on their project. The Board will have decisions to make at their next meeting regarding uses of the remaining funds.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 1:01 p.m. until Tuesday, December 24 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTIETH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (50)
DECEMBER 24, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Vice-Chairman Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Ringgenberg.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve **today’s agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to set a **public hearing** on the Proposal by Resolution to dispose of the Truesdale County Shed property, Parcel #1002178015, for January 28, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **Proposal by Resolution #2024-12-24-A** considering disposing of Parcel #1002178015 by accepting sealed bids. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2024-12-24-A
PROPOSAL TO DISPOSE OF REAL ESTATE**

WHEREAS, Buena Vista County holds title to Buena Vista County Parcel # 1002178015, in Truesdale, Iowa, and legally described as:

Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6), in the Village of Truesdale, Iowa.

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has declared the above described property as excess and of no longer use to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.361, subsection 2, considers disposal of said property to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors proposes to request sealed bids for the sale of the above described property; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors will reserve the right to reject any or all proposals and any conveyance shall be made by quitclaim deed.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, a public hearing on the proposal by resolution to dispose of the above stated property by accepting sealed bids shall be held on the 28th day of January, 2025, after which time, the Board of Supervisors will make a final determination on the proposal by resolution.

/s/ Paul Merten, Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors...../s/ Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that they will be **removing the “road closed” signs** on Thursday, opening 70th Ave. and 600th St. for three months. Wilkinson also stated that he will be submitting Phase 1 expenditures today to receive part of the RISE Grant reimbursement.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **Proof of Loss** for ICAP on the 2018 Chevrolet Silverado pickup due to collision dated 8/14/2024, with the amount claimed from ICAP of \$23,300, and the county keeping the vehicle to repair. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented his 2024 Annual Conservation Report. Johnson stated that 2024 was an interesting year, as they added the Storm Lake Marina to the county park system through a management agreement with the DNR, a cattle grazing project was commenced at BV Park to assist in habitat management objectives, the Bur Oak Campground Renovation Project was started, and multiple flood events occurred resulting in additional damage to the Linn Grove Dam Area. Johnson reviewed the environmental education programs for FY’24, various park updates, the bait shop, and the roadside and natural resource management program. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to accept the **2024 Annual Conservation Report**. Carried.

Lucille Fitzsenry and Kristen Watts, **Buena Vista Historical Society & Genealogy Library** thanked the board for the contribution to the historical society. Fitzsenry stated that since the museum is on the National Register, they must keep the building in good condition. Fitzsenry stated that two areas that need attention are replacing some windows and replacing panes in several other windows, with a cost of \$10,000, and then the bathroom needs some repairs and updates, with an estimated cost of \$3,000. They are requesting \$13,000 for FY’26, an increase from the current allocation of \$2,000.

Sheriff Kory Elston informed the Board that Rembrandt approved the law enforcement agreement with the Sheriff’s Department. Previously, Rembrandt received law enforcement services from the City of Sioux Rapids. Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **28E Law**

Enforcement Agreement with the City of Rembrandt from December 11, 2024 until December 11, 2029. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **28E Law Enforcement Agreement** with the City of Newell, from December 1, 2024 until December 1, 2029. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston requested that the Board allow him to hire another deputy, to cover the additional agreements for law enforcement services in Rembrandt and Newell. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve Sheriff Elston's request to **hire** an additional deputy, due to adding law enforcement services for the City of Rembrandt and the City of Newell. Carried.

Vice-Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 12/17/2024 as corrected, and accepting the following **report**: September 911 Service Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check #327376**, dated 10/8/2024 to HGM Associates, Inc., for \$1,040.70, as it has been lost. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair and Auditor to sign the **engagement letter** of Winther Stave & Co. to perform a Compliance Review of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF Funds) for FY'24. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22** claim for Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$350.00 for tile repairs. Carried.

EMA Aimee Barritt, Sheriff Kory Elston, Conservation Director Greg Johnson, Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller, and Engineer Bret Wilkinson were present for the ARPA discussion. Barritt prepared an MOU regarding obligation of SLFRF Funds for her remaining funds to be used for projects in her department, and Johnson prepared an MOU regarding obligation of SLFRF Funds of his remaining dollars to be used on specific projects, including the \$1M that was set aside for the Marina. Johnson wants to make a functioning facility at the Marina. Croker asked Johnson if he intended to put the Conservation Office there, which Johnson stated that he would like to move their office to the Marina, but right now, that isn't the priority. Johnson stated that the top priorities at the Marina would be to do more concrete work, repair the roof on the building, and installing launch pad docks, which would easily take the \$1M to do. Croker stated that she would like to remove "buildings" from what the funds could be used for. Johnson stated the he could modify the MOU to say that the funds will not be used for a nature center or office, but building work still needs to be done, and this would be investing in the development of the marina without using taxpayer dollars. The supervisors and Johnson finally agreed to adding that the ARPA funds for Conservation could not be used for the development of a nature center or office, The remaining ARPA funds of \$118,325.64 had not been previously committed to a particular project, and so various options were discussed as to what might be the best solution, and to prepare an MOU regarding obligation of SLFRF Funds for those remaining dollars, so that all of the ARPA funds would be designated by 12/31/2024. After discussion of using funds for a small project for Bldg/Grounds and the remainder to be used by the Sheriff, Keller stated that he would rather see the whole \$118,325.64 be obligated and used by the Sheriff. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **Memorandum of Understanding** Regarding Obligation of SLFRF Funds of no more than \$13,688.30 to the Buena Vista County Emergency Management Agency, to be used for updating and upgrading the AV systems in the fire stations, including any needed software, hardware, cabling and training materials, along with outfitting and upgrading the incident Response Trailer. Carried. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **Memorandum of Understanding** Regarding Obligation of SLFRF Funds of no more than \$1,123,811.33 to the Buena Vista County Conservation Board, to be used for installing public Wi-Fi internet service in parks and facilities, renovate and make improvements to Bur Oak Campground,

replacement of existing vault restroom near the South Shelter, making repairs and improvement to the Marina and its associated facilities and structures, and making repairs and improvements to the Linn Grove Dam Area in relation to flood damage and Federal Disasters. Carried. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **Memorandum of Understanding** Regarding Obligation of SLFRF Funds of no more than \$118,325.64 to the Buena Vista County Sheriff, to be used to purchase the necessary vehicles for public safety and all related equipment for those vehicles, including the costs of installation of the equipment. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. until Tuesday, December 31 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Vice -Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTY-FIRST MEETING, 2024 SESSION (51)
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, 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, Snyder, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

Secondary Road Report: Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that the "road closed" signs were removed and 600th St. and 70th Ave. are now open. The wide gravel road will be left as is and they will plow snow, then see when the contractor wants to come back in during the spring and do cleanup. Merten asked Wilkinson if all the criteria had been met for the incentive to be paid to the contractor, which Wilkinson replied yes; Wilkinson informed the Board that he is polishing up the plans on 80th Ave. and then will be ready for the local letting. Croker asked if an analysis had been done for what was needed for road and right-of-way. Wilkinson stated that the analysis was not in-hand yet. Croker asked if 80th Ave. would be elevated, and how much. Wilkinson stated that south of the railroad tracks, the road will be raised a little.

Chairman Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

Supervisor Croker stated five applicants had been interviewed for the Conservation Board member open seat and said that they were all excellent candidates. Merten had interviewed the candidates also, and agreed that all candidates were good, but his emphasis was on the candidates background of science and previous experience. Tyrone Seaman was the candidate recommended to the rest of the supervisors, due to his science background and he has served on various other boards. Motion by Merten, second by

Hartman, to appoint Tyrone Seaman to the **B. V. County Conservation Board**, replacing Jim Wischmeyer who had resigned, with his term expiring 12/31/28. Carried.

Jeff Stewart, Chairman for the Buena Vista County Compensation Board, presented their Board's FY'26 salary recommendations from their December 18, 2024 meeting. Stewart stated that due to the legislation change, they are required to show their work showing how they arrived at the recommendations. Stewart stated that each Compensation Board representative prepared documentation supporting their elected official's recommended salary increase, and it will all be included with the minutes. Chairman Ringgenberg asked if the supervisors would be able to see the documentation, and Stewart stated that they will be part of the minutes, so yes, they will be able to review them. Recommendations were as follows: 3.5% increase for the Supervisors, 4% increase for the Recorder and Treasurer, 5% increase for the Auditor, 6% increase for the Attorney, and a 6.1% for the Sheriff, and to continue Longevity for all Elected Officials and a \$2,000 stipend for the Board Chair, a \$500 stipend for the Board Vice-Chair, and a \$5,000 stipend for the Auditor, as the Board's Budget Director. The Board of Supervisors thanked Jeff for his time. The Board acknowledged receipt of the **Buena Vista Compensation Board** salary recommendations.

Motion by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 12/24/2024 as presented, today's **claim approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **reports**: NW IA YES Center FY'24 Audit Report, November NW IA YES Center minutes, September NWIPDC Policy Council meeting minutes, June SHIELD Board meeting minutes, and NWIPDC FY'24 Audit Report. The motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve the **minutes** of 12/24/2024 as presented, today's **claim approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, pulling and not paying the claim for BV County Secondary Roads of \$36,154.06 for hauling they did on the Platinum Crush road project, and accepting the following **reports**: NW IA YES Center FY'24 Audit Report, November NW IA YES Center minutes, September NWIPDC Policy Council meeting minutes, June SHIELD Board meeting minutes, and NWIPDC FY'24 Audit Report. Carried.

Assessor Joe Cronin stopped in to deliver 3 copies of the Assessor budget to the Board Chair. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to acknowledge receipt of 3 copies of the **Assessor FY'26 budget** that are required to be delivered to the Chairman of the Conference Board, which is the Board of Supervisor's Chairman. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #327383, dated 10/8/2024 to Jeremy Wickman for \$150.00, as it has been lost. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22** claim for Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$2,790.50 for tile repairs. Carried.

Jennifer Launderville, **Buena Vista County Fair Board**, brought in their FY26 funding request of \$30,000, the same as the current fiscal year. Launderville started off by thanking the supervisors for their past support and appreciated the increase to \$30,000 in FY'25. The BV County Fair is scheduled for July 9-13, with the popular demo derby, tractor pull, motocross and a concert by Sequoia Newland. Launderville informed the Board that they are bringing a carnival back in 2025 as well. She said this will be year two of a 3-year contract with Trent Chinn to run the racetrack and operations again. Launderville invited the supervisors to attend their Friends of the Fair fund raiser on January 25, at the Community Center in Alta, with a meal and live auction. Launderville concluded by thanking the Board for their continued support.

Dick Aronson and Sharlotte Aronson, **Albert City Historical Society**, presented their FY26 funding request of \$1,000, which is the same as the current fiscal year. Aronsons thanked the Board for their past allocation, which is used for day-to-day expenses. Dick Aronson stated that they had a fundraiser dinner and bake sale this past year, which turned out good for them. The Board thanked Aronsons for all that they do.

The Board finished the meeting by working on their **FY26 budget**. Ringgenberg left at 11:00 a.m. and Merten took over the meeting as Vice-Chair.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. until Thursday, January 2 at 8:30 a.m. for a special & organizational session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson

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BUENA VISTA COUNTY
OCTOBER -DECEMBER 2024
CLAIMS LISTING

A & A AUTOMOTIVE 346.63; A & M SERVICES INC. 752.65; ABBE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH 13556.27; ABILITY UNITED LLC 500.00; ACCESS SYSTEMS 1014.83; ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING 471.19; ADVANCED DOOR SYSTEMS 183.70; ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS 23745.69; AFLAC 7481.72; AGSTATE 6321.54; AHLERS & COONEY, P.C. 187.00; ALBERT CITY CORP 4173.50; ALBERT CITY FIRE DEPT 204.43; ALBERT CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1000.00; ALISON HAUSER 2850.18; ALISON MYRTUE 166.13; ALL ABOUT COMPUTERS INC 1260.00; ALLIANT ENERGY /IPL 13247.05; ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CO. 5966.58; ALTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4297.00; ALTA CORP 4173.50; ALTA IMPLEMENT CO., INC 72.30; ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 1089.93; ALTA TEC 262.05; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 3072.96; AMERICAN LEGION POST 299 35.00; AMERICAN TIME 1844.52; ANDREA BEAN 34.02; ANDREW ALLERDINGS 150.00; ANDREW KELLY 199.14; ANGELA LAI 93.82; ANGIE WILKINSON 58.38; ANNA ZAMBRANO 13.23; ANNETTE KOSTER 521.42; APCO INTERNATIONAL INC 735.00; ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 702.26; ARCSEARCH LLC 7286.00; ASHLYN NORRIS 8.82; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IPERS 10500.44; ASSOCIATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES, PC 7695.00; AUGUSTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 900.00; AURELIA LUMBER COMPANY 52.50; AUXIANT 82791.16; B & H PHOTO-VIDEO 4740.63; B V COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION 2000.00; BALLOU HOLDINGS, LLC 25200.00; BAMWX LLC 3540.00; BARGEN INC 139299.00; BARRETT AGRI, INC. 514.23; BAXTER & WILD LAW OFFICES, PC 1483.85; BEN MUEGGENBERG 270.00; BLACK HAWK COUNTY SHERIFF 39.70; BLACKSTRAP INC 21668.19; BLACKTOP SERVICE COMPANY INC 10295.00; BLAIR & FITZSIMMONS PC 116.80; BOB BARKER COMPANY INC 246.10; BOBCATS, LLC 90.00; BOB'S GARAGE & AUTO SALES 560.75; BOMGAARS 6843.52; BONNIE HACH 15.12; BRAD NOBLE 200.00; BRENDA JEAN NICKOLISEN 208.20; BRET WILKINSON 96.60; BRIAN AHRENSEN 62.72; BRIAN BLOMME 210.00; BRIAN CATES 650.00; BRIAN JONES 169.00; BRIGHTLAND A PARTNERSHIP 200.00; BROWNS SHOE FIT 198.00; BRUCE FREDERICK 7.56; BRUCE KIRSCH 150.00; BUENA VISTA CO EMS ASSOCIATION 5000.00; BUENA VISTA CO TREASURER 18011.26; BUENA VISTA CO. CONSERVATION 1541.01; BUENA VISTA CO. SHERIFF 2782.75; BUENA VISTA COUNTY 84749.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY 2719.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY ENGINEER/ SECONDARY ROAD 265.21; BUENA VISTA COUNTY EXTENSION & OUTREACH 100.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY JOURNAL 2764.05; BUENA VISTA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & HOMECARE 150.00; BUENA VISTA REG MEDICAL CENTER 13816.14; BUENA VISTA REGIONAL HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION 570.00; BUENA VISTA RIFLE&PISTOL CLUB 1000.00; BUILDERS SHARPENING & SERVICE, LLC 58.04; BV CO AGRICULTURAL SOCIET BUENA VISTA COUNTY FAIR 15000.00; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 741927.12; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 23609.56; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 6223.21; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 34708.55; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 9675.03; BV CO HISTORICAL SOCIETY & GENEALOGY LIBRARY 2000.00; BV CO/DISASTER SERVICES/HAZMAT 43500.00; BV-CALHOUN-SAC DRAINAGE ENGINEER FUND C/O BV COUNTY TREASURER 16350.00; BVRMC PHARMACY 1363.45; C & B OPERATIONS, LLC 301.41; CALHOUN COUNTY 18764.00; CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF 572.32; CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC 30001.67; CAMPBELL SUPPLY COMPANY 251.89; CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES 112.32; CAPITAL ONE 83.26; CAROLYN ARMSTRONG 369.18; CAROLYN DEROOS 15.12; CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF 517.50; CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE 2062.47; CASSIE CRUM 319.41; CAYLYN BISHOP 651.96; CB HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS 284.26; CCP INDUSTRIES INC 1333.06; CDW GOVERNMENT INC 1788.60; CEDAR VALLEY CORP., LLC 1510298.38; CENTER FOR SIOUXLAND 6250.00; CENTRAL BANK 16559.74; CENTRAL IOWA DETENTION 5491.89; CENTURY LINK 1016.33; CERTIFIED POWER, INC 174.56; CHAMPION ELECTRIC 4613.49; CHARLENE PLAGMAN 12.60; CHARLES EADES 400.00; CHEROKEE COUNTY 29823.00; CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF 994.48; CINTAS FIRST AID AND SAFETY 1175.89; CITY OF ALBERT CITY 135.00; CITY OF FORT DODGE 6682.50; CITY OF LINN GROVE 971.74; CITY OF MARATHON 481.56; CITY

OF NEWELL 288.97; CITY OF REMBRANDT 2363.53; CITY OF SIOUX RAPIDS 700.60; CITY OF SIOUX RAPIDS 45.04; CITY OF STORM LAKE 12448.44; COMMERCIAL APPRAISER'S OF IOWA 10000.00; COMMUNITY BROADCASTING INC 1775.64; COMMUNITY FIRST BROADCASTING 661.50; COMPUTER PROJECTS OF IL., INC 198.00; CONNIE DOONAN 32.76; CONNIE JESSE 150.00; COREY DIISCHER 116.38; COUNCIL AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE 1114.00; COUNSELING SERVICES, LLC 160.00; COUNTRY CARE CENTER CORP 6624.00; CRAWFORD COUNTY HOME HEALTH & 70085.98; CRAWFORD COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 5399.88; CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF 1085.62; CRIMMINS WELDING & FABRICATION, INC. 552.50; CRITTENTON CENTER 4245.15; CROGHAN & RUSSELL, CPA, PC 3570.00; CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIP INC 1336.12; CULLIGAN 264.35; CUTTING EDGE TRAINING 560.00; CYLINDER EXPRESS 92.50; D.I.A.L. / ELEVATOR SAFETY BUREAU 175.00; DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS, INC. 456.31; DAN BAILEY 150.00; DANE LENHART 200.00; DANELLE HABERMAN 3.21; DANIEL J HARTMAN 150.00; DARREN STEARNS 1900.00; DATA CENTER WAREHOUSE, LLC 3753.04; DAVE STRAND 14.00; DAWN MENTZER 446.73; DEAN K ELLINGSON 232.40; DEB JESSE 12.60; DEBBIE R FREDRIKSEN 6.80; DENCO HIGHWAY CONST. CORP. 328261.60; DETTMANN IMPLEMENT CO 629.80; DIANNA HARRER 400.00; DICKINSON COUNTY SHERIFF 68.00; DICKINSON, BRADSHAW, FOWLER, & HAGEN, P.C. 6500.00; DOREEN PEDERSEN 279.15; DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE CO 33.95; DTN, LLC 7963.20; DULTMEIER SALES, LLC 57.18; ECOLAB 1224.82; ECOSOLUTIONS, LLC. 1436.06; EDWARDS 197278.89; ELLISON EXTINGUISHERS 1477.01; EMMA AHRENDSSEN 83.16; ERIC CHASE 197.82; ERIC YUNGINGER 240.00; EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY MHS 3350.62; FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER 496.11; FAREWAY STORE 180.00; FILTERCARE OF NEBRASKA LLC 1065.75; FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LABORATORY, INC 855.50; FRATZKE & JENSEN FUNERAL HOMES 1900.00; FULLER AND SONS PAVING 24038.00; GARLAND A. OTTO 73.94; GARRETT FEDDERSEN 1200.00; GEO-COMM, INC. 4873.00; GERALD WEILAND 1480.88; GILL HAULING INC 407.45; GINGER BLATCHFORD 17.64; GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICAL 3803.25; GRAFFIX INC. WALL OF FAME 7557.50; GRAHAM TIRE CO 827.96; GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS 873.28; GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY 300.00; GREG L EBERSOLE 247.94; GROWS GARBAGE SERVICE 755.00; GRP & ASSOCIATES INC. 127.50; HANOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1000.00; HARGENS COURT REPORTING 16.50; HAROLD ROWLEY RECYCLE CENTER 32002.50; HEARTLAND TIRE 16990.47; HEATHER TOTTEN 140.50; HEINSOHN DIGGING & TILING INC 2000.00; HENRY M ADKINS & SON, INC. 25997.26; HGM ASSOCIATES INC 22196.59; HISEY LAW OFFICE 296.10; HOLIDAY INN DES MOINES AIRPORT 1945.44; HUB INTERNATIONAL 6385.00; HUMBOLDT COUNTY 23895.00; HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF 535.22; HUNTER KNUDTSON 180.00; HUNZELMAN PUTZIER & CO 13330.00; HY-VEE INC 103.38; IA LEIN 250.00; IAAO-INTERNATIONAL ASS'N OF ASSESSING OFFICERS 240.00; IAED - INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIES OF EMERGENCY DISPATCH 110.00; ICEA 1125.00; IDA COUNTY SHERIFF 1119.63; IDALS 1682.04; IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY USA LLC 2704.00; IEHA IOWA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSN 240.00; ILEA IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY 675.00; IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITES INC 23784.17; IMAGING SPECTRUM, INC. 269.95; IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PRE SCHOOL 1161.00; IMWCA 35345.00; INSIDE OUT WELLNESS AND ADVOCACY (I.O.W.A.) 108.06; INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR INC 5631.86; INTEGRATED TELEHEALTH PARTNERS 80023.95; INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF SIOUX CITY 3295.90; IOWA AUTOMOTIVE AND MACHINE 602.49; IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 166.25; IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 148.00; IOWA DEPT PUBLIC SAFETY 3513.00; IOWA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COUNCIL 192.25; IOWA HEALTH SYSTEMS 3436.50; IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP 2488.00; IOWA LAKES REGIONAL WATER 875.13; IOWA PLAINS SIGNING INC 2460.00; IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES 766.94; IOWA SPORTSMAN 325.00; IOWA STATE COMPTROLLER TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA 86161.32; IOWA STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER 4109.00; IOWA WEED COMMISSIONERS ASSN 227.00; IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 495.40; IPERS 365994.51; ISAA- IOWA STATE ASS'N OF ASSESSORS 1225.00; ISABEL ANDRADE 261.85; ISAC 1961.65; ISACA- IOWA STATE ASSOCIATION OF CO. AUDITORS 300.00; ISSDA - IOWA STATE SHERIFFS & DEPUTIES ASS'N 1550.00; ITSAVVY LLC 9075.00; J.R. JIM HOWE SEPTIC SERVICE 2550.00; J3RED MARKETING LLC 193.00; JACK'S OK TIRE SERVICE 3420.19; JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT 1584.76; JACOB STEFFEN 200.00; JAN KIER

65.52; JAN WORTHAN 10.08; JANET MARIE MAGNUSSEN 31.50; JCL SOLUTIONS/SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES 4233.72; JEAN L SASSMAN 505.25; JEAN MILLER 11.34; JEN FULCHER 150.00; JENNIFER MORAL 717.57; JEREMY WICKMAN 150.00; JIM ELIASON 764.68; JIM TEMPLE 200.00; JIM WISCHMEYER 29.61; JODY HARE 32.76; JOHN HEITHOFF LAW 131.40; JOHN SCHMIT 32.30; JOHNSTON AUTOSTORES 4627.96; JOLEEN ROBINSON 5.04; JON BUSS 60.00; JORDAN GUNNERSON 2000.00; JOSEPH CRONIN 408.93; JOSEPH KELLER 180.00; JOSH NIELSEN 204.75; JOSH PYLE 727.50; JT DD #146 23915.88; JUD GRAESING 200.00; JULIE SATHER 445.14; JULIUS CLEANERS 340.28; JUSTIN ANDERSON 12.00; KAREN CRILLY 11.76; KARLA AHRENDSEN 120.00; KASPERBAUER CLEANERS, INC. 113.75; KATHRYN STRUSS 68.82; KELLE BARNETT 150.00; KELLY SNYDER 635.04; KENDRA M OLSON ATTORNEY AT LAW 387.90; KENNETH KROHN 28.98; KEVIN CONE 380205.00; KIMBALL MIDWEST 3650.55; KISTLER CRANE & HOIST 1224.00; KnowBe4, INC. 3599.64; KRYGER GLASS COMPANY 997.22; KYLE BAILEY 14.00; LACEY ANDERSON 214.26; LANGUAGE LINK 60.43; LARSON OIL & DISTRIBUTING 13553.05; LEANNE LIVERMORE 700.00; LEE METH 153.78; LEIGH MADSEN 75.60; LEMMENES & DODGEN 136.80; LESLIE HARTFIELD 150.00; LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INS CO 9658.64; LINDA CULP 15.75; LINN GROVE CORP 4173.50; LISA MAZUREK 690.00; LISA VSETECKA 400.00; LOFFLER COMPANIES 2233.07; LONG LINES BROADBAND 10604.44; LORI ARENDS 22.68; LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM 2130.18; LOUIE DEROOS 283.87; LOUISE SCHMELING 150.00; LU ANN RIDOUT 8.82; LUKE WARKENTIN 150.00; LYNNETTE JACOBS 184.65; LYNNETTE RADKE 15.12; MAIL SERVICES LLC 2618.79; MAIN STREET SPECIALTIES, LLC 61065.52; MANUFACTURERS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY 54041.08; MARATHON CORP 4173.50; MARCO 563.32; MARCUS LUMBER 1422.18; MARK BURKITT 150.00; MARK VAN HOOSER 150.00; MARY KAY HUDSPETH 5.04; MARY REHNSTROM 28.98; MARY SPRICK 17.64; MARYANN MILLER 7.56; MATTHEW SEFCIK 150.00; MAVIS LOVING 28.98; MEDICAL PRIORITY CONSULTANTS 308.00; MEGAN PETERSON 7.56; MENARDS - SPENCER 334.26; MICHAEL FRANTZ 10.08; MID AMERICAN ENERGY 18497.82; MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY INC 27301.84; MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES INC 2175.84; MIDWEST COMPLIANCE ASSOCIATES 1500.00; MIDWESTERN MECHANICAL, INC 695.00; MILLBORN SEEDS INC 4998.00; MODERN IMAGING SOLUTIONS, INC. 729.50; MOSAIC 1500.00; MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO 2451.39; NACPRO 90.00; NACVSO 50.00; NATHAN RUBENDALL 144.44; NATHAN SCHUMANN 150.00; NATIONAL ASSOC OF COUNTIES 450.00; NATIONWIDE 1115.00; NEAL KUEHL 791.78; NETSMART TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 5745.05; NEW CENTURY FS 101110.68; NEW HOPE VILLAGE 2326.96; NEWELL CORP 4173.50; NEWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1000.00; NICK SENNERT 870.00; NORTH IOWA REPORTING 935.00; NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR 5030.08; NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRIBUTING, INC. 11770.97; NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS 535.07; NORTHWEST FIRE 1959.34; NW IA YES CENTER 9789.90; NWIPDC -NW IA PLANNING & DEV COM 3500.00; NYEMASTER GOODE, P.C. 51958.50; O'BRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF 245.50; ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC 192.93; OFFICE ELEMENTS 809.18; OLSEN WELDING & MACHINE 642.17; PAM JACOBSON 80.24; PATCHBOX LLC 8799.90; PATRICIA BJORKGREN 3.78; PATRICIA MOE 28.98; PAUL MERTEN 150.00; PAUL SENNERT 174.57; PAULA KLINDT 400.00; PAULETTE MCCALL 25.20; PEG ROHLK 15.12; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT 7170.77; PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC 1731.06; PITNEY BOWES INC 182.58; PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH, INC 459848.52; PLUMBING & HEATING 119.86; POCAHONTAS COUNTY 488.55; POCAHONTAS COUNTY 24892.69; POCAHONTAS COUNTY AUDITOR 15.95; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC 38126.47; POSTMASTER 146.00; POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY SHERIFF 35.00; POWER SOLUTIONS, INC. 2266.85; PQL 666.82; PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 39733.10; PRISCILLA A. JACKSON 440.00; PRISCILLA RENTERIA 23.43; QUALITY DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS LLC 47707.45; QUANDT AUTO SALVAGE, INC 725.00; QUILL CORPORATION 830.69; R & D INDUSTRIES INC 14348.76; RAINBOW BAIT, INC 235.00; RANDALL WILBUR ERICKSEN 8.82; RAQUEL BARAHONA 150.00; REBNORD TECHNOLOGIES INC 29735.80; REDING'S GRAVEL & 1096.20; REES TRUCK AND TRAILER, INC. 333.33; REIMER, LOHMAN, & REITZ 889.20; RELIANCE TELEPHONE INC 5430.25; REMBRANDT CORP 4173.50; RENT - ALL, INC. 932.00; RICOH USA, INC 73.79; RINKER MATERIALS 8114.40; ROAD MACHINERY & SUPPLIES CO. 2207.93; RON WITHAM 172.68; RR ELECTRIC LLC 294.32; RYAN ASSMANN 650.00; SAC COUNTY ENGINEER 423.93; SAC

COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES 24833.07; SAFELITE AUTOGLASS 815.76; SANDRA K HOYT 533.75; SANDRA K. SWEENEY 929.88; SANFORD CENTER 65182.50; SANOFI PASTEUR INC 232.32; SAVINGS BANK SECURITY TRUST & 282362.80; SAVINGS BANK SECURITY TRUST & 205072.06; SCHAEFFER MFG.COMPANY 1153.08; SCHULTE LAW FIRM, LC 2210.60; SECRETARY OF STATE 120.00; SECURITY TRUST 66036.80; SECURITY TRUST & SAVINGS BANK 268.72; SHARON KOCH 191.39; SIOUX CITY FIRE RESCUE CITY OF SIOUX CITY IOWA 10411.50; SIOUX CITY TREASURER 99.03; SIOUX LUMBER CASH & CARRY 21.43; SIOUX RAPIDS CORP 4173.50; SIOUX RAPIDS HISTORICAL ASSOC 1000.00; SIOUX RIVERS REGION 2900.00; SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC. 683508.00; SMITH CONCRETE SERVICE INC 7000.00; SNYDER AUTO BODY 1320.00; SPORTS REHAB & PROFESSIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATES, INC. 21964.53; ST MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH 45.00; ST. LUKES HEALTH RESOURCES 252.00; STACY BLEE 150.00; STANLEY LAW FIRM, LLC 4230.80; STANTON ELECTRIC INC 103.74; STEPHANIE J. EARLY 41.50; STERICYCLE, INC. / SHRED-IT 232.42; STEVEN BOTCHER 200.00; STOCKTON TROUT FARM, LLC 1578.00; STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT 540.77; STORM LAKE ACE HARDWARE 2112.02; STORM LAKE CORP 12521.00; STORM LAKE HEARING AID SERVICE, INC 1450.00; STORM LAKE HYDRAULICS 766.24; STORM LAKE TIMES PILOT 4684.27; STORM LAKE UNITED 17500.00; STRATEGIC HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS, LLC 4744.75; STRATFORD GRAVEL INC 495931.58; STREICHER'S 27.00; SUE EHLERS 56.20; SUSAN LLOYD 466.80; TESS ROBINSON 204.75; TESSIERS MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS 11974.12; THE LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT 899.62; THE PRIDE GROUP, INC 56620.01; THE SIGN SHED AND GRAPHICS 460.00; THERESA JOCHUM 543.36; THRESHERMAN & COLLECTORS ASSN. 2500.00; TIM HANSON 150.00; TIMOTHY REID 30.24; TODD ANDERSON 150.00; TRACY GOTTO 594.15; TREASURER STATE OF IOWA 23996.87; TREASURER STATE OF IOWA 2045.04; TREASURER STATE OF IOWA ATTN: ANGEL BANKS-ADAMS 2443.00; TREVOR ROBBINS 200.00; TRINITY MEDICAL CENTER 478.00; TRIVIUM LIFE SERVICES 7504.06; TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES 3777.43; ULTEIG OPERATIONS, LLC 83892.94; UNITED TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC. 11246.49; UNITY RIDGE LUTHERAN SCHOOL 5760.00; UPPER DES MOINES 3750.00; US CELLULAR 5363.10; US CELLULAR 550.00; VA CENTRAL IA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM GENERAL POST FUND 3610 3000.00; VAKULSKAS LAW FIRM PC 529.25; VANCE CORDS 60.00; VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC 248571.10; VERIZON WIRELESS 2637.89; VETTER EQUIPMENT CO 599.75; VFW POST 6172 70.00; VISA 17411.88; VISA 864.61; VISION CARE ASSOCIATES P.C. 1112.00; VISTA PAINTS 104.90; VISUAL EDGE IT, INC. 1440.83; VOGEL TRAFFIC SERVICES 5095.15; WAG'S EXHAUST PROS 10.00; WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO 3834.48; WAYNE SUMP 700.00; WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHI 652671.28; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING, INC. 453.00; WERNIMONT WELL, LLC 60.00; WESCO INDUSTRIES INC 204191.51; WESSELS OIL CO 1860.00; WEST PAYMENT CENTER 5206.65; WEX BANK 1239.92; WEX BANK 708.21; WIESE PLUMBING & HEATING INC 2574.27; WILLSON & PECHACEK, P.L.C. 219.00; WINDSTREAM 1291.63; WINDSTREAM CABS 307.71; WOODBURY CO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 500.00; WOODBURY COUNTY 76467.00; WOODBURY COUNTY SHERIFF 13396.00; YOUTH SHELTER CARE OF 79.58; YVONNE SANDHOFF 323.88; ZACHARY WEIER 200.00; ZIEGLER INC 11168.31

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