

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SECOND MEETING, 2025 SESSION (2)
JANUARY 7, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, 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.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen requested that the Board declare 22 laptops, that were used for Precinct Atlas, to be declared as excess equipment, and to allow their disposal by pulling the hard drives for shredding and then recycling the remaining parts. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the request to declare 22 laptops, that were used for Precinct Atlas by the Auditor's Office, as **excess equipment** and authorize their disposal. Carried.

Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 1/2/2025 as corrected, and accepting the following **reports**: October, November, and December Veterans Affairs Commission minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #923359, dated 8/16/2024 to James Peterson for \$18.47, as it has been lost. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the **Jt. DD #14-42** claim for Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$2,518.16 to mobilize and clean rip rap from the channel and place new rip rap. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the **Jt. DD #14-42** claim for Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$575.00 to mobilize and repair the ditch bank. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the **Jt. DD #14-42 Lat 243E** claim for Terry Gunnarson, in the amount of \$2,850.00 for tile replacement. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Ringgenberg attended the Board of Health meeting last night.

Emergency Management Director, Aimee Barritt, presented her FY'26 funding request. Barritt is requesting \$65,000 for **Emergency Management** and \$22,000 for Hazmat. The Hazmat contract is with Sioux City Fire for \$1/person based on the 2020 population. The contract runs through 2027. Barritt updated the Board on activities her agency has been involved with over the past year and on initiatives for the coming year.

Buena Vista County EMS Association President, Kirk Reetz, presented their FY'26 funding request. Reetz thanked the Board for their support and is asking for \$10,000, which is the same as the

current year. The funds they receive from the county is primarily allocated for EMS provider training in the county. The EMS Association pays for initial education, as well as the continuing education required to maintain certification. They also put the funds towards any equipment costs to keep equipment up-to-date. The Board thanked Reetz and stated that they appreciate all they do.

Storm Lake United Executive Director Laura Hanks introduced herself to the Board and reviewed what Storm Lake United does and why they do it. Hanks is requesting \$60,000 for FY'26, which is over their current approved amount of \$35,000. Hanks stated that the additional funding from the county will allow them to promote the commercial, industrial, and tourism opportunities that the city and county have to offer. Hanks stated that one of the main goals guiding their strategic plan is to expand the reach outside of Storm Lake into the surrounding communities in Buena Vista County, adding additional meaning to Storm Lake United. The Board thanked her for coming in.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m. until Thursday, January 9 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session and Departmental budget reviews.