

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
SIXTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (6)  
JANUARY 28, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 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 Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the proposal by resolution for **Parcel #1002178015**, Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6), in the Village of Truesdale, Iowa, with eight unidentified callers present electronically. Chairman Merten asked if there were any questions, either from the Board or the callers online, and there were none. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution #2025-01-28-A requesting sealed bids for the sale of Buena Vista County Parcel #1002178015, Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6), in the Village of Truesdale, Iowa. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2025-01-28-A**

**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; and

**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**, on December 24, 2024 the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors proposed by resolution #2024-12-24-A to request sealed bids for the sale of the above described property; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 28, 2025, a public hearing was held on the proposal to request sealed bids for the sale of the above described property after notice in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.361(2)(a); and

**WHEREAS**, no objection was had at the public hearing on the proposal and no other proposals made.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, by this resolution, hereby requests sealed bids for the sale of 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.

Buena Vista County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and any conveyance shall be made by quitclaim deed.

Bids should include any amounts and terms for consideration by the Board and should be submitted to the Buena Vista County Auditor by 4:00 p.m. on February 21, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chair.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the utility permit for the City of Linn Grove, to replace all their water lines, and permitting them to use the Secondary Road right-of-way along M36/Weaver Street, from Hight Street to Main Street. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve and authorize all the supervisors to sign Resolution #2025-01-28-B Awarding Project STP-S-CO11(119)--5E-11 to Heartland Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$2,734,420.33 and naming Engineer Bret Wilkinson as the designated person to sign the contracts in connection with this project let through the DOT for this county. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2025-01-28-B**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the Project STP-S-C011(119)--5E-11, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Buena Vista County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as HMA Resurfacing/Cold-in-Place Recycling of 6 miles of C49 east of Hwy 71; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Buena Vista County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the Board to accept the bid from Heartland Asphalt Inc in the amount of \$2,734,420.33 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Bret Wilkinson, the County Engineer for Buena Vista County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Dated at Buena Vista County, Iowa, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairman of Board of Supervisors, /s/ Kathy Croker, /s/ Dan Hartman, /s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, /s/ Kelly Snyder.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that Curt Johnson is retiring February 28, and he would like permission to advertise to hire and E01, and to fill Johnson's E03 position from within the department. Merten stated that he would like the new hire to be someone who can do a good job on

the roads, as he has received numerous complaints. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize Engineer Wilkinson to **advertise for an E01 position**. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report:** They have been stockpiling gravel and cutting brush in the ditches; Engineer Wilkinson is working on the Title VI paperwork after the audit; Engineer Wilkinson is working on paperwork for the new FEMA representative, having to start over, as the previous representative swapped the information on the two disasters; the TIF Committee met last week regarding amending the Urban Renewal Plan soon in order to obtain additional funds for the road project around the Platinum Crush plant.

Richard Marshall was present and asked the Board if he could speak. Marshall discussed the plans to **pave 590<sup>th</sup> St. from M27 to C49**, stating 590<sup>th</sup> pavement ends at M27. Marshall would rather have traffic on the State highway and let the State maintain it. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he is not moving forward with the plans. Daryl Millard was present and stated that he agreed with Richard Marshall and stated that if 590<sup>th</sup> is resurfaced, that is three roads in four miles. Millard stated that C63 is not up to grade, and he would rather see dollars spent somewhere else.

Sheriff Kory Elston requested that Rob Danielson be allowed to carry over 35 hours of vacation, over the 40 hours allowed, with his intention to use the hours in February. Elston stated that Jennifer Morse would like to carry over 7.25 hours over the 40 hours allowed with intention to use those hours soon. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the request of Rob Danielson to carry over an additional 35 hours of **vacation** over the 40 hours allowed, and for Jennifer Morse to carry over an additional 7.25 hours of vacation over the 40 hours allowed, with both employees using up their extra time soon. Carried.

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

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 1/14/2025, as presented, today's **claim approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **reports:** December BV County Landfill Commission minutes, December Conservation Board minutes, December Board of Health minutes, Quarterly Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for Oct-Dec 2024, September E911 Commission minutes, and FY'24 Audit Report for Plains Area Mental Health, Inc. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that he had met with the Hayes Township Clerk regarding the **fire services assessment** he received from the City of Storm Lake, which is higher than what the township can levy for. Allen stated that there should be 28E Agreements with the townships and the city where they receive their fire services, and some don't exist. Allen stated that Iowa Code 331.385, the Board of Supervisors have the responsibility to negotiate the rates for fire services on behalf of the townships. The consensus of the Board was to direct the County Attorney to contact the City Attorney for Storm Lake to develop a 28E Agreement for fire services provided to Hayes Township.

Payroll Clerk Yvonne Sandhoff informed the Board that county departments had budgeted a 15% increase for **health insurance for FY'26**, but the actual increase came in at 8.37% for Wellmark. Sandhoff asked the Board if they wanted the departments to recalculate their insurance numbers for the budget, and the Board said yes they would like the insurance recalculated for the budget.

Motion by Croker, seconded by Snyder to approve the Chairman to sign the **letter of engagement with Northland Securities**. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. until Tuesday, February 11 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. (no meeting is planned for February 4).