

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
EIGHTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (8)  
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, February 18, 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 Croker, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a 28E Agreement for the Board to consider, for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project, through the Iowa County Engineer Grant Program. Wilkinson stated that many bridges across the state qualify. BV County Bridge #54 was chosen as one of the higher rankings and is bundled with Ida County. The engineer's estimate on the bridge is \$700,000, and the county should receive 80% Federal reimbursement. Wilkinson stated that all the agreements must be signed first before the application is sent in. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **28E Agreement** for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-02-18-A** In Support of the Joint CHBP Grant Agreement and Letter of Support for the Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project. Carried.

Resolution No. 2025-02-18-A  
In Support of the Joint CHBP Grant Agreement  
&  
Letter of Support for the  
Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project

**Whereas**, Buena Vista County, Iowa bridge FHWA number(s): 085740, has been identified as being part of a joint Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project, and

**Whereas**, Iowa bridge FHWA number(s) 085740 have been included in a Bundle, as detailed in Exhibit B, and

**Whereas**, we accept the Contracting Authority for the bundle as detailed in Exhibit B, and acknowledge the roles and responsibilities of each party as detailed in Section 3 and 4, and

**Whereas**, it is desired by and in the interest of Buena Vista County to participate fully in the CHBP project activities as a Sub-recipient and provide all requisite information necessary to bring to completion all project phases through final completion, and

**Whereas**, we are in support of the Iowa DOT providing Primary Recipient roles and duties, and

**Whereas**, we understand and accept the Sub-recipient roles and responsibilities as defined in the "28E Cooperative Agreement for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project", including its referenced Exhibits, and

**Whereas**, each County as shown in Section 4, paragraph A shall be responsible for all matching funds and accept any costs exceeding the funds requested in the CHBP Grant application for their respective structure, and

**Whereas**, it is the intent of Buena Vista County, upon award of CHBP funds, to enter into a Federal-aid Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa hereby approves and directs the Chair to sign this Letter of Support for the Bridge Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project and the 28E Cooperative Agreement for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project, and to provide all pertinent correspondence and project information to:

Attn: Nicole Stinn, P.E.  
Secondary Roads Engineer  
Iowa DOT Local Systems Bureau  
800 Lincoln Way  
Ames, IA 50010

Adopted this 18th day of February, 2025.

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a Region III Transportation Projects application. The application is for Cold-in-Place Recycle and HMA Overlay 7 miles of M54 (210<sup>th</sup> Ave) from Hwy 3 north to Hwy 10. The estimated cost of the project is \$3.4 million, requesting 80% (\$2,720,000) as a Federal reimbursement, with a local match of \$680,000. Wilkinson stated that this is eligible for Farm-to-Market funds for the local match. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Application for Region III Transportation Projects**, M54 from Hwy 3 north to Hwy 10 in Northeastern Buena Vista County. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report**: They were out moving snow, with the motor graders out yesterday, and plows out over the weekend on hard surface roads; Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he had a conversation with the DOT, and he is trying to get someone from the railroad to come in and talk to the Board. Croker asked when the utilities will know about the intersection, and Wilkinson responded that they have earlier plans. Croker stated that the sooner the utilities know about the intersection, the sooner they can make their plans. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he needs one signature on 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. Wilkinson will try and have a conversation with IDOT in Ames when he is there on Friday.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented the 2025 DOT Roadway Maintenance Agreement from April 15, 2025 and ending November 15, 2025. This agreement is for a spring application and a fall application for weed abatement and control spraying of highway right-of-way along IA Highway 3, IA Highway 7, IA Highway 110, and US Highway 71 in Buena Vista County. Johnson stated that the same area is covered, and the amount charged the State is the same at \$45,000. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **DOT 2025 Roadside Maintenance Agreement**. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson started the discussion of the **Marina** transfer and presented the Board with some options. Johnson stated that the State provided a copy of an abstract on one of the parcels, the remaining parcels do not have an abstract. Johnson stated that a report of liens and ownership and a title opinion could be done, or the county could pay to have an abstract done for those parcels. Croker suggested starting with a survey first, of the area outside of the abstract. The last abstract was done in 1966. The consensus of the Board was to start with a survey and suggested that Johnson contact ISG.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson informed the Board that the Judge ruled in the county's favor on the **Linn Grove Dam** arbitration for Disaster DR4421 (2019) and DR4796 (2024). Johnson stated that there is still an RFI (request for information) on the park, but they were awarded the full amount on the Dam, which was \$3,000,000.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme reviewed with the Board, the video inspection that was done on DD #151 Tile Main and Lateral 1, located in Section 1 and 2, Scott Township, and Section, Barnes Township. Blomme stated that there were no repair recommendations for the Main Tile at this time. Blomme stated that Lateral No. 1 was found to be in good condition for the age of the tile, however, the connection point of Lateral No. 2 into the tile of Lateral No. 1 showed misalignment of the tile segments. Blomme recommended that the tile connection of DD #151 Lat. 2 be repaired by the BV County Secondary Roads Tile Department. Blomme also recommended payment of the invoice to ISG for performing the video inspection of the DD #151 tile facility, which will be submitted with the next claims, and after he contacts ISG for a correction to the invoice. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to direct the Drainage Department to coordinate with the BV County Secondary Roads Department to complete repairs to **DD #151 Lat. 2**. 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 2/11/2025, as presented, and accepting the following **reports**: January Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings and January Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Board Member Ringgenberg introduced the following **Resolution #2025-02-18-B** entitled "RESOLUTION DECLARING AN OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER TREASURY REGULATION 1.150-2 TO ISSUE DEBT TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR CERTAIN ORIGINAL EXPENDITURES PAID IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIED PROJECTS" and moved that it be adopted. Board Member Snyder seconded the motion to adopt, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

#### **Resolution #2025-02-18-B**

#### **RESOLUTION DECLARING AN OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER TREASURY REGULATION 1.150-2 TO ISSUE DEBT TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR CERTAIN ORIGINAL EXPENDITURES PAID IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIED PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the County anticipates making cash expenditures for one or more capital improvement projects, generally described below (each of which shall hereinafter be referred to as a "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the County reasonably expects to issue debt to reimburse the costs of a Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes it is consistent with the County's budgetary and financial circumstances to issue this declaration of official intent.

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

Section 1. That this Resolution be and does hereby serve as a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2.

Section 2. That it is reasonably expected that capital expenditures will be made in respect of the following Project(s), from time to time and in such amounts as this Board determines to be necessary or desirable under the circumstances then and there existing.

Section 3. That the County reasonably expects to reimburse all or a portion of the following expenditures with the proceeds of bonds, notes or other indebtedness to be issued or incurred by the County in the future.

Section 4. That the total estimated costs of the Project(s), the maximum principal amount of the bonds, notes or other indebtedness to be issued for the foregoing Project(s) and the estimated dates of completion of the Project(s) are reasonably expected to be as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Fund from which Original expenditures are to be Advanced</u>	<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Amount of Borrowing Anticipated</u>	<u>Estimated Date of Completion</u>
<u>Phase 1</u>	<u>0020 Secondary Roads</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>6/30/2025</u>

Section 5. That the County reasonably expects to reimburse the above-mentioned Project costs not later than the later of eighteen months after the capital expenditures are paid or eighteen months after the property is placed in service, but in no event more than three (3) years after the original expenditure is paid.

Section 6. That this Resolution be maintained by the County Auditor in an Official Intent File maintained in the office of the Auditor and available at all times for public inspection, subject to such revisions as may be necessary.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 18th day of February, 2025.

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

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. until Tuesday, February 25 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.