

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
NINETH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (9)
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25, 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.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson opened the bids that were received on Parcel #1002178015, Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6) in the Village of Truesdale. Six bids were received: Barry J. Meyer bid \$1,500 and stated that he has mowed the property for 30+ years and hoped that the Supervisors would consider that in their decision, Joey Post bid \$10,500, Troy Mayland bid \$5,111, Claudia Hernandez bid \$10,000.03, Randy Wiley bid \$10,111, and Smith Concrete bid \$3,100. Merten estimated what mowing the property for 30 years would amount to and then added Meyer's cash bid of \$1,500 and came up with \$10,800. Merten asked Wilkinson if Meyer was asked to mow, and Wilkinson stated he was not asked to mow it. Croker stated that Meyer's bid was not enough to consider the additional mowing that he did, stating that if his bid would have been closer to the \$10,000 figure, she would have considered the additional for mowing. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to sell **Parcel #1002178015**, Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6) in the Village of Truesdale to the highest bidder, Joey Post, for \$10,500, and if Post backs out, then it would be offered to the next highest bidder. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten. Motion carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a certificate of appreciation for Curtis Johnson for his 26 years of working for the Secondary Road Department. Wilkinson stated that Johnson's last day will be Friday, and he has appreciated all he has done. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to authorize the Chair to sign the **Certificate of Appreciation** for Curtis Johnson for his 26 years of working for the Secondary Road Department. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been hauling gravel to the stockpile on M27; the new forestry head was received yesterday and has been calibrated. Wilkinson stated that it is the second one in the fleet and is much safer than the old one; Wilkinson met with DOT representative Stu Anderson and came up with the next steps on Phase 2 of the road project by Platinum Crush. Wilkinson is trying to get more response from the railroad; Wilkinson stated that he needs to get the plan on the intersection of Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. approved by District 3. Wilkinson has talked with Ulteig to update the plans and changes that the DOT made and get it back to District 3 to approve. Wilkinson stated that he expects both sets of plans this week. When asked if there would be more engineering for Phase 2, Wilkinson stated there would be some additional engineering for Phase 2, but it would be in the tens of thousands and not hundreds of thousands. Wilkinson state that there is one more right-of-way to purchase. Croker stated that more communication is needed with the utilities.

Chairman Merten 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 approve the **minutes** of 2/18/2025, as corrected, today's **claim approval list (removing the claim for \$190 to Lake Animal Hospital), stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements,** and accepting the following **reports:** November Central Iowa Detention

Commission minutes, December NW IA YES Center minutes, January Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, and January Conference Board minutes. Carried.

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

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the utility permit by Olsson Telecommunications for MidAmerican Electric of construction across established Buena Vista County Drainage Districts and established Multi-County Drainage Districts, **DD #25 and DD #46**. Carried.

The Board worked on their **FY'26 budget**, reviewing and making changes.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. until Tuesday, March 4 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.