

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
ELEVENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (11)
MARCH 11, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Hartman, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker, Ringgenberg.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to **amend today's agenda**, adding finding space for the probation officers. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Evertek, Inc., Everly, IA, to install fiber optic telecommunications cable along 650th and 660th Streets from Hwy 71 to approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile east along 650th and 660th Streets, for the transmission of telephone and internet services. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They plowed snow Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The gravel roads got soft, so they were out firming up the gravels today; Engineer Wilkinson will be interviewing on Friday and Saturday for the E01 position; RPA meeting will be today and they will be voting on projects five years out, and Engineer Wilkinson will be waiting to see if the county will be awarded any funds; the IDOT and Engineer Wilkinson working on the plans for the lights and arms on 70th Ave, and once the plans are ready, they will turn them in to the railroad. Engineer Wilkinson stated that the layout for the intersection and south side of Hwy 7 at 70th Ave. is okay, the issue is with the north side of Hwy 7; Engineer Wilkinson will be talking with Cedar Valley about when they want to start paving; the pre-con meeting on the State Hwy 110 project was last week. Wilkinson stated that the State plans to have the major project wrapped up around July 4th.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 2/25/2025, as corrected, today's **claims approval list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **reports**: February Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, and Post-Election Audit and Certification for the Special Election held 3/4/25. Carried.

Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone present or online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. Bev McGriff was online and wanted the Board to know that the Summit surveyors were in the northeast part of the county last week. McGriff wanted to know who the advocate is to help these landowners. Snyder informed McGriff that the surveying doesn't meet the Code on trespass. Snyder stated that according to the Iowa Criminal Code on trespass, it must meet two elements, and surveying does not meet them. McGriff asked if the restrictions on drainage would be filed with the Iowa Utilities Board. Chairman Merten informed McGriff that he would check with the Drainage Engineer about her question and let her know.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Revised Schedule A-Fee & Commission Disclosure Statement for **Auxiant**. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to set a public hearing for a FY'25 BV County **budget amendment**, for April 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Chairman Merten informed the rest of the Board that it was the recommendation of the Facilities Committee, after meeting with the probation Officer and the Director of the 3rd Judicial District, to relocate

the room used by the probation/parole officers from the Sheriff's Office to the lower level of the Courthouse, in the former election storeroom. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the Facilities Committee recommendation to allow the **probation officers** to use the former election storeroom in the lower level of the Courthouse, during regular business hours., effective March 12, 2025, to be re-evaluated after 6-months to see how it is working. Carried.

Pursuant to Chapter 50.24 of the 2025 Code of Iowa, motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to declare the results of the **canvass** of the Storm Lake Community School Special Election (Physical Plant & Equipment Levy PPEL) held March 4, as follows:

Storm Lake Community School District: total voters – 143 2.56% turnout

For Public Measure CI	YES.....	133	(93.00%)	Approved
	NO.....	10	(7.00%)	
	Undervote.....	0		
	Overvote.....	0		

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Huseman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m. until Tuesday, March 18th at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.