

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
THIRTEENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (13)  
MARCH 25, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen 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, and Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

The Chair opened the **Public Hearing** on the Proposed Property Tax Levy for the FY'26 Buena Vista County budget, with Mike and Mary Jo Olthoff, Kevin Cone, Kathy O'Toole, Rick Wimer, Richard Marshall, and Kevin Jesse present and sixteen people online. Rick Wimer told The Board he had just moved back from CA and feels that property taxes were cheaper there and would like to see more buildings put back on the rolls instead of being used for government purpose especial the Marina. Olthoff agreed that they would like to see the Marina put to different use and wondered what happened to the 3<sup>rd</sup> party interested in it. They also questioned why their individual parcel had jumped substantially since purchasing it 7 years ago and felt that they were not getting a good explanation for this. Kevin Cone commented on that he felt the Board needs to get the county spending under control instead of just raising taxes. He said that with the continued increase it was getting hard to live in Buena Vista County. Kathy O'Toole just wanted to add that she felt the County was doing a good job and wanted to make sure the Board knew she was supporting them. Croker explained to the group that they did not support the HF718 letter because it is not a complete representation of what is happening in the county and that you cannot just use that to support or question the Boards' decisions. Croker explained that Iowa Legislation is working on a new property tax bill that will completely change how taxes are figured and there would be more to come on that. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to close the public hearing. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 a.m. until Tuesday, March 25 at 9.10 a.m. for a regular session.