

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
SIXTEENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (16)  
APRIL 8, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 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 Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to amend **today's agenda**, adding a request from the City of Sioux Rapids for a donation of sand for their park. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Coop, Estherville, IA, for the accommodation of an underground primary cable, to upgrade their existing facilities along 170<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 190<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Sections 14 and 15, Providence Township, and Sections 24 and 19, Newell Township, from the west right-of-way line to the east right-of-way line, under 170<sup>th</sup> Ave., along the north right-of-way of 630<sup>th</sup> St. and under 190<sup>th</sup> Ave. along the south right-of-way of 630<sup>th</sup> St. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Interstate Power & Light (Alliant), Storm Lake, IA, to install a new electric utility service along CR M36 (Weaver St.) to service a new structure at 407 Weaver St., Linn Grove, IA. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson (present virtually) presented a quote for a gravel retriever (CAT 140M Grader) from Road Machinery & Supplies Co., in the amount of \$21,995.00. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the purchase of a CAT 140M Grader, **gravel retriever**, from Road Machinery & Supplies Co., in the amount of \$21,995.00. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he had requested a quote from Heartland Asphalt, Inc., for paving back from Hwy 110 on the county road intersections, since Heartland Asphalt will be paving Hwy 110 from Schaller to Frank Starr Park. The total quote is \$199,308.37 for paving the intersections of nine gravel roads, six hard surface roads, in addition to the curves. Merten asked if they could pave the entire triangle from the curve on C65 by the airport. Wilkinson stated that he could ask Heartland Asphalt to add that to the request. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the quote from **Heartland Asphalt, Inc.**, Mason City, IA, to pave back 50' on none gravel road intersections (650<sup>th</sup>, 640<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 620<sup>th</sup>), pave back 50' on two paved road intersections (West Marina Road, C63), and pave back 400' on four paved road intersections (C65 at curves), for a total of \$199,308.37. There would be an additional cost for the amended area to pave by the airport. Carried.

Snyder informed the Board that he received a request from the City of Sioux Rapids for 30 ton of donated sand to be used at the Sioux Rapids Park, ball diamond, and playground equipment area. Croker asked Engineer Wilkinson what the cost would be for this sand. Wilkinson stated that the county's cost would be \$6 per ton. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the request from the City of Sioux Rapids for 30 ton of **donated sand** to be used at the Sioux Rapids Park, ball diamond, and playground equipment area. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report:** Their summer hours have started; they have been working on crossroad culverts and hauling gravel; PCI has been hauling rock to the roadway by Platinum Crush to

bring the road back up a couple inches after the winter. They will be closing 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 600<sup>th</sup> Street on April 15 to do the final trim work, and plan to pave the week of April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Chairperson announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing and meeting on the matter of the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$3,500,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, in order to provide funds to pay the costs of capital projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including approximately 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site, including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7 and approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7 (the "Roads Project"), for essential county purposes, and that notice of the proposed action by the Board to institute proceedings for the authorization of the Loan Agreement and the issuance of the Notes had been published as provided by Sections 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa. The Chairperson then asked the Auditor whether any written objections had been filed by any resident or property owner of the County to the issuance of the Notes. The Auditor advised the Chairperson and the Board that no written objections had been filed. The Chairperson then called for oral objections to the issuance of the Notes and none were made. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the time for receiving oral and written objections to be closed. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the hearing on the authorization of entering into a Loan Agreement and the issuance of the Notes to be closed, on a motion by Croker, and second by Hartman. Carried.

The Board then considered the proposed action and the extent of objections thereto.

Whereupon, Board Member Snyder introduced and delivered to the Auditor the Resolution hereinafter set out entitled "RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES", and moved: that the Resolution be adopted. Board Member Ringgenberg seconded the motion. The roll was called and the vote was, AYES: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the measure duly adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION #2025-04-08-A**

#### **RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to notice published as required by law, the Board of Supervisors has held a public meeting and hearing upon the proposal to institute proceedings for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$3,500,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, for the essential county purposes, in order to provide funds to pay the costs of capital projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including approximately 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site, including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7 and approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7 (the "Roads Project"), and has considered the extent of objections received from residents or property owners as to the proposed issuance of Notes; and following action is now considered to be in the best interests of the County and residents thereof.

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

Section 1. That this Board does hereby institute proceedings and take additional action for the authorization and issuance in the manner required by law of not to exceed \$3,500,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, for the foregoing essential county purposes.

Section 2. This Resolution shall serve as a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 and shall be maintained on file as a public record of such intent. It is reasonably expected that the general fund moneys may be advanced from time to time for capital expenditures which are to be paid from the proceeds of the above Notes. The amounts so advanced shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of the Notes not later than eighteen months after the initial payment of the capital expenditures or eighteen months after the property is placed in service. Such advancements shall not exceed the amount authorized in this Resolution unless the same are for preliminary expenditures or unless another declaration of intention is adopted.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 8th day of April, 2025.

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

Board Member Croker introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025A, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF", and moved that the same be adopted. Board Member Snyder seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was, AYES: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2025-04-08-B**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,500,000  
GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025A,  
AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, Buena Vista County, State of Iowa ("Issuer"), is a political subdivision, organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa, and is not affected by any special legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Issuer is in need of funds to pay costs of capital projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including approximately 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site, including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7 and approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7 (the "Roads Project"), and it is deemed necessary and advisable that General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025A, in the amount of \$3,500,000 be issued; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has taken such acts as are necessary to authorize issuance of the Notes.

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

Section 1. Authorization of the Issuance. General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025A, in the amount of \$3,500,000 shall be issued pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Sections 331.402 and 331.443 for the purposes covered by the hearing.

Section 2. Levy of Annual Tax. For the purpose of providing funds to pay the principal and interest as required under Chapter 76.2, there is levied for each future year the following direct annual tax upon all the taxable property in Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, to wit:

FISCAL YEAR (JULY 1 TO JUNE 30)	
AMOUNT	YEAR OF COLLECTION
\$133,388.89	2025/2026
\$140,000	2026/2027
\$140,000	2027/2028
\$140,000	2028/2029
\$3,640,000	2029/2030

Principal and interest coming due at any time when the proceeds of the tax on hand are insufficient to pay the amount due shall be promptly paid when due from current funds available for that purpose and reimbursement must be made.

Section 3. Amendment of Levy of Annual Tax. Based upon the terms of the future sale of the Notes to be issued, this Board will file an amendment to this Resolution ("Amended Resolution") with the County Auditor.

Section 4. Filing. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the County Auditor of County of Buena Vista, State of Iowa, who shall, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 76.2, levy, assess and collect the tax in the same manner as other taxes and, when collected, these taxes shall be used only for the purpose of paying principal and interest on the Notes.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 8th day of April, 2025.

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

Trevor Smith and Joanne Follon of the Iowa Lakes Corridor updated the Board on their activities and reviewed their annual report. Follon stated that they are working with UNI to compile a labor shed survey, with the new labor shed report coming in the fall, showing wages and benefits in the area.

Hartman left the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

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

Public Health Administrator Julie Sather discussed the Public Health alignment with the Board. Sather stated that Public Health will not regionalize, and they will remain employees of the county. Sather stated that they will become part of a district model, and that the changes will not be seen until FY'27.

County Attorney Paul Allen presented a quit claim deed for the Chair to sign, conveying Parcel #1002178015, Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6) in the Village of Truesdale to Joey Post, for \$10,500. February 25, six bids were opened on the Truesdale property, with Joey Post having the highest bid. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the quit claim deed, conveying Parcel #1002178015, Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6) in the Village of Truesdale to Joey Post, for \$10,500. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that he had received a Notice of Application for Voluntary Annexation of Property to the City of Alta, and the public hearing notice on the same, scheduled for April 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. The property requested to be annexed is land owned by the City of Alta, and under the management and control of the Alta Municipal Utilities. The Board and the Auditor also received the notice. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to authorize County Attorney Paul Allen to notify the Alta City Attorney that the Board of Supervisors are neutral on this voluntary annexation of property to the City of Alta. Carried.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen presented the property and casualty insurance application to the Board for the Chair's signature. Ahrendsen has reviewed the application and updated the list and informed the Board that there are significant increases on properties and work comp. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **property and casualty insurance application** for ICAP. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston and Jailer Alyson Sievers requested that the Board allow the use of Opioid Funds that the county has received to install medical monitoring sensors in the Jail. The sensors would monitor heart rate, respiratory rate, and movement, which would help determine if and when a prisoner would need to be transported to the hospital. Elston stated that each unit is \$4,000, and with installation, the cost would be \$38,000, with a yearly maintenance cost of \$900 per unit (\$5,400). Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the request of Sheriff Elston to purchase medical monitoring sensors for the jail, at a cost with installation of \$38,000, with annual maintenance of \$5,400, to all be paid for with **Opioid Funds** that the County has received. 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 Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 4/1/2025, as corrected, today's **claim approval list and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: April Safety Committee minutes, March Treasurer's Reports, FY'24 Audit Report, FY'24 Audit Report for Regional Transit Authority (Region III), June NW IA Planning & Development Transportation Policy Committee minutes, and December NWIPDC Policy Council minutes. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to change the date of the Public Hearing on the **FY'26 County Budget** to April 29, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Auditor Susan Lloyd reviewed the **FY'26 budget** with the Board one more time, and asked the Board if there were any changes that they wanted to make before the notice is published.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. until Tuesday, April 15 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.