

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTIETH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (20)
MAY 6, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Vice Chairman Croker presiding (as Merten was leaving at 9:00), and the following other members present Hartman, Merten, 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, Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Phase 2 & 3 of the Platinum Crush Road Project: Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities and Steven Nadel, Ahlers & Cooney joined the meeting remotely to give a little background as to how IDOT taking over Phase 3 of the road project would affect the borrowing. Nadel started by explaining that by IDOT taking over Phase 3 there could be delays beyond the county control and that the Board will need to decide if they want to move forward with Phase 2 without a total from DOT on Phase 3 given that they only have approval to borrow up to \$11 million at this time. Wilkinson presented his updated numbers and the information given to him by IDOT for a total of \$5.8 million for both phases. Merten questioned how accurate the numbers were and the timing of everything. Heidi reminded the group that whatever was not paid off with RISE dollars of the \$3.5 million issuance would then go to debt service since this would change the RISE dollars pay out. After much discussion and Steve reminding the Board of the overages so far on the project the Board decided to move forward for now and move to bid letting Phase 2 and then review all the numbers again before accepting the bids and moving forward with the borrowing. Merten told Wilkinson that the main priority was getting the last right of way purchased so that it could go to bid letting.

Merten left the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

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

Emergency Management Director Aimee Barritt requested additional funding for the Dry Hydrant Project in the county. Barritt explained to the Board that when Dennis Williams started working on the actual design of the Dry Hydrant, they found that not all the supplies given to them from the DNR would work. He was especially worried about the 90-degree angle pipes and felt that 45 degrees would not cut down on the water flow as much. He also said that the connectors provided would not work with equipment currently being used by the fire departments. Barritt received a quote from Feld Fire for the additional parts needed to complete the project for \$1,385.73. This will put the project \$564.84 over what was budgeted. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman to approve the additional request for \$564.84 for the **Dry Hydrant Project** bringing the total project to \$8,064.84. Carried.

Environmental Health/Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of Bruce Edwards Lot E in the NW NE Section 32-92-37 Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Vice Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-05-06-A**. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-05-06-A

WHEREAS Bruce Edwards has presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

DESCRIPTION LOT E

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 92 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 32, thence South 00° 00' 00" West (assuming bearing) on the west line of said Northeast Quarter, 842.70 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89° 29'01" East, 432.27 feet to the west line of a previously recorded parcel which appears of record as document number 971474 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder; thence following a common boundary with said previously recorded parcel the following two (2) courses and distances: South 00° 48' 13" East, 363.97 feet; thence South 00° 29' 01" West, 189.33 feet to the east line of a 1.15 acre tract pf land previously surveyed by Darel D. Burns; thence North 00° 01' 54" West on said east line, 79.96 feet to the north line of said previously surveyed tract; thence South 89° 42' 18" West on said north line, 249.99 feet to the west line of said Northeast Quarter, thence North 00° 00' 00" East on said west line, 283.06 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot E in Section 32, Township 92 North, Range 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 3.19 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

WHEREAS, the final plats meet with the approval of the Board subject only to the following if any:
None

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County, Iowa Board of Supervisors that:

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Hereafter known as Lot E in Section 32, Township 92 North, Range 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa; is hereby accepted subject to the following if any; None

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be affixed to the final plat of:

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and copies of said final plats shall be of record in the appropriate County offices.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May 2025.

/s/ Kathy Croker, Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors...../s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the minutes of 04/29/2025 as corrected, today's claim approval list and Auxiant disbursements, and accepting the following reports: March NW IA YES Center minutes, April Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, and April Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected. Carried.

Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities joined the meeting again to review the financial plan for the \$3.5 million GO Bonds. Kuhl started by reviewing the timing of the issuance and the structure of the borrowing. She reminded the group that this issuance was a little unique as it was payable at any time with a 30-day notice but matured June 1, 2030. She also reminded the group of earlier discussions that this would need to be refinanced after the RISE payment is received. Northland will go to pricing on May 19th and Kuhl will be back to the Board May 20th to sign the Loan Agreement Contract and June 3rd issuance will be adopted with proceeds available June 18th. No action was needed at this time.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice Chair to sign the utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for horizontal directional drilling West to East under 160th Ave sections 27 and 28 of Grant township just North of 1301 38th Ave W. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The guys are out putting gravel on the roads and picking up debris in ditches from the storms a couple of weeks ago. One mower will be starting May 19th, and they are still deciding if they will be hiring a second mower this summer. The paving has started around Platinum Crush starting from C63 working north on 70th Ave to the redi-mix plant and west on 600th St to the intersection. Once this is completed it will have to be cured depending on the conditions for at least 48 hours. This will then be opened as they start 50 feet south of the railroad tracks and work south to join the pavement. The signage will remain up, but the road will not be completely shut off from the south for access to the plant and the homes along the road. The construction signage will remain up until the project is completed, reminding people that caution is still needed when traveling down the road.

Vice Chairperson Croker asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during Hear the Public, with no response.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to set a public hearing for a FY'25 BV County **budget amendment**, for May 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #14-42 MOD** claim for Ryan Smith, in the amount of \$100.00 for beaver trapping. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was on the phone for his appointment. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to go into **closed session** (at 10:07 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(j) of the 2025 Code of Iowa, to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to go out of **closed session** at 10:36 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. until Tuesday, May 13 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.