

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY FIRST MEETING, 2025 SESSION (21)
MAY 13, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, May 13, 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 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 Croker, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to **hire** William Henrich as a seasonal employee for the Secondary Road Department, beginning May 19, 2025, at \$ 20.00/hour. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson asked to have a 2009 Mack Semi Tractor declared as excess and be allowed to sell it. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **2009 Mack Semi Tractor as excess and to be sold**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Amendment of IDOT budget** for FY'25, allowing the spending and receiving of the \$3.3 million loan proceeds. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Amendment of IDOT 5-year Construction Program** reflect the Platinum Crush Project and moving up a bridge project for a federal grant application. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Wilkinson told the Board that they are still working on blading, hauling gravel, and fixing signs. The 3rd leg of the paving project by Platinum Crush has started and they are paving south from the railroad tracks to the ready-mix plant on 70th Ave. If the weather holds, they should complete the main paving part and move on to hand work that needs to be completed. Temporary lights have been put in by the Railroad crossing but will not be turned on until the Railroad and IDOT have signed an agreement on them. Wilkinson has heard back from Mid American on the right of way purchase but has not seen the agreement that they were going to send. He will continue to reach out to them until the documents have been received.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented information, requesting suspension of taxes on three parcels, due to receiving a DHS/SSU request for the suspension, and for two additional parcels. Haberman stated that when the property sells, the county gets paid first for the suspended taxes. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the **suspension of taxes** on parcel #1033382007 in Storm Lake, parcel #1403277021 in Storm Lake, parcel #1617479006 in Newell, parcel #1404232005 in Storm Lake, and parcel #1620128005 in Newell. Carried.

Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none. Haberman did tell the Board that there was only 1.53% of taxes left to collect as of this morning. This is the best collection in several years.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 5/6/2025 as corrected, and accepting the following **reports**: Safety Meeting Minutes May 2025, Veterans Affairs Commissioner Meeting Feb 2025. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve hiring **Shawn Nagel as a Medical Examiner Investigator (MEI)**. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m. until Tuesday, May 20 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.