

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-THIRD MEETING, 2025 SESSION (23)
MAY 27, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, May 27, 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. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

Deputy Auditor Sharon Henkel and representing the Wellness Committee, reviewed the FY'25 Wellness Program activities, and presented an allocation request of \$20,000 for wellness activities in FY'26, keeping the amount reimbursed to employees for a physical at \$150, and allowing up to 3 hours paid time off for their physical. Henkel stated that the asking was \$5,000 less since the whole amount had not been used. Henkel stated that it would be the Board's decision whether to reduce it or leave it at the current \$25,000 as they hope to have more participants in the next fiscal year. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve an **allocation** of \$25,000 for Wellness activities in FY'26, continuing the amount reimbursed to employees for a **physical** at \$150, and allowing up to 3 hours of **paid time off** for their physical. Carried.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen presented the insurance Statement of Loss regarding the storm damage at the Courthouse and the Marina. Ahrendsen stated that the loss is \$15,933.14 and there is a \$1,000 deductible. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to accept the loss and authorize the Chair to sign the **Statement on Loss** on damages to the Courthouse and Marina during the high wind event. Carried.

Payroll Clerk Yvonne Sandhoff reported to the Board that the **Insurance Committee** had met last week and discussed recommendations to the Board on the county's dental and vision plans. Sandhoff stated that there is an 18% increase in the dental rate and 10% increase in the vision rate. The committee will begin looking at other options in July, for the next fiscal year, and they would also like to send out a survey to all employees, to get a sense of what their concerns are. Sandhoff stated that County Attorney Paul Allen has reviewed the survey questions and has approved, along with adding some additional questions. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve an **insurance survey** to go out to the employees. Carried.

Hear the Public: Jim Eaton was present and informed the Board that he is disappointed with the county roads and stated that someone needs to be in charge. Eaton stated that he has been on the list for driveways for seven years. Eaton commented on the summer hours for the Secondary Road Department, stating that someone should be at the Engineer's Office every day of the week, some could have Mondays off and others could have Fridays off. Eaton also stated his frustration with weed control, which he realizes is under the Conservation Department, but said that he has been spraying weeds. Croker asked Eaton if he was happy that Platinum Crush was here, and Eaton stated that having the plant here is great, his complaints are with the county and their roads.

The Chair opened the public hearing for the 3rd **FY'25 budget amendment**, Notice was published as required. No written objections were submitted, and no objections were offered during the hearing. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the 3rd **FY'25 budget amendment** as published, to authorize the Chair to sign the Budget Amendment certification, **Resolution #2025-05-27-A**, amending the FY'25 Annual Budget, and to approve the following appropriations:

Increase activity	1030	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 05	\$26,335
Increase activity	1030	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 05	\$10,884
Increase activity	1040	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 37	\$52,796
Increase activity	1040	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 37	\$20,443
Increase activity	1050	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 29	\$10,000
Increase activity	1110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 28	\$10,000
Increase activity	6210	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$3,600
Increase activity	6310	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$320
Increase activity	6320	Platinum Crush TIF Fund (0037)	Dept 68	\$3,901
Increase activity	9030	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$4,575
Increase activity	9100	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 51	\$6,300
Increase activity	9100	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 67	\$7,302
Increase activity	9110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 52	\$52,153
Increase activity	9210	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 97	\$50,000
Increase activity	0300	Platinum Crush TIF Fund (0037)	Dept 90	\$2,101 Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05-27-A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY'25 ANNUAL BUDGET
BY ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #3

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Departmental Appropriations on June 25, 2024 for all departments, of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has held the necessary hearing after having caused to be made the publication and notice required by law; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Budget Amendment #1 on September 24, 2024, thereby increasing appropriations by \$1,238,429, for a total budget after the amendment of \$39,114,133; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Budget Amendment #2 on April 1, 2025, thereby increasing appropriations by \$7,050,724, for a total budget after the amendment of \$46,164,857; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has held the necessary hearing after having caused to be made the publication and notice required by law; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the budget amendment #3 for FY'25, as presented by the County Auditor, increasing appropriations by \$243,415; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors believe the aforesaid budget amendment #3 proposed for FY'25 to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County.

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

SECTION ONE: That the FY'25 budget for Buena Vista County, Iowa, on file in the County Auditor's Office is hereby amended and approved.

SECTION TWO: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law, and the County Auditor is directed to make the filings required by law and to set up the books in accordance with the summary and details as adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 27th day of May, 2025, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, Auditor

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, to bore under 580th St. in Sections 24 and 25 of Grant Township, from private property to private property, for the accommodation of a water pipe. Carried.

Assistant to the Engineer Justin Anderson, presented the Road Use Agreement with Allete Clean Energy. Josh Yernatich, Allete Clean Energy, was online to answer any questions. Croker asked about the decommissioning and if all the towers would be taken down and what their weight would be for hauling away. Yernatich stated that the old equipment will be taken down and moved, and they are lighter than the new towers will be. Yernatich stated that there is no need for heavy haul permits, as they are all under the limit. Yernatich stated that once this agreement is signed, it is a rubber stamp on everything coming, no sooner than 2027. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to table the Road Use Agreement with Allete Clean Energy until next week. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to transfer \$10,000 from the General Basic Fund (0001) to Conservation Land Acquisition Trust Fund (CLAT) (0027) for the FY'25 budgeted transfer. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to transfer \$505 from the General Basic Fund (0001) to Conservation Land Acquisition Trust Fund (CLAT) (0027) for the FY'24 boat title fees. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to transfer \$239,424 from the General Supplemental Fund (0002) to reimburse the General Basic Fund (0001), based on the 2023 Cost Advisory Services, Inc. (CASI) Report of the allocated costs of the Clerk of Court Office and District Court. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to transfer \$51,858.41 from the Platinum Crush TIF Fund (0037) to Debt Service Platinum Crush Fund (2022) for the TIF revenue received. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the minutes of 5/20/2025 as presented, and accepting the following reports: March and April VA Commission minutes and May EMS Association Treasurer's Report. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m. until Tuesday, June 3 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.