

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (25)
JUNE 10, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, June 10, 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that MidAmerican Energy is not accepting the **Relocation Agreement** verbiage request to add a maximum amount of reimbursement, not leaving it open ended. Wilkinson has talked with MidAmerican's engineer, but not their legal team. Croker suggested that County Attorney Paul Allen talk with their legal team. Merten stated that he does not want to risk that MidAmerican's estimate is off, and that the reimbursement they request will be a lot higher. Jim Eaton was in attendance and informed the Board that he has talked to the contractors and says that the estimate of MidAmerican is a good one, stating that he does not want the project to be held up. The consensus of the Board was to delay any decision on the Relocation Agreement until next week.

Secondary Road Report: Engineer Wilkinson stated that the centerline has been painted around the Platinum Crush; PCI finished up the driveways and are working on cleanup; the crew has been working on driveways in the Platinum Crush area; Wilkinson stated that they still need permanent signs up and the seeding needs to be done before the road work signs come down; the Railroad has activated the temporary lights at 70th Ave.; Wilkinson stated that the Rise Agreement needs to be modified in order to allow the State to do the intersection work and railroad crossing. Wilkinson stated that after the RISE Agreement is modified, then the county will receive the RISE funds for the work done on Phase 1 and the State will get the rest of the RISE funds that were awarded for the project; the C49 cold-in-place was finished on Friday and must set for a while. Once Heartland is done paving on Hwy 110, they will move to C49 to pave over the cold-in-place in July; crew has been working on shouldering, hauling material, and tile repairs.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson reviewed the **SS4A Safety Grant** project forms from Kimley Horn. These include upgrading to 4' shoulders on 630th St. between Hwy 110/C65 and US 71, a 2' shoulder with safety edge on 630th St. between the west County line and IA 110, and safety upgrades to Co Rd C65/630th St. and 120th Ave. Merten asked if rumbles could be removed by residences, and Wilkinson stated that he will check on the application to see if they can be removed.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson reviewed the FEMA summary on **DR4796**, which was the June 2024 disaster. The FEMA Program Delivery manager reported that they are nearing the completion of this disaster.

Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme reviewed with the Board two claims submitted for approval for work done in Jt. DD #143 Lat 3. Blomme stated that the work was all done in Lat 3 which is in Varina, but there is not a separate assessment schedule for Lat 3, the whole Jt. DD #143 will pay for it. Motion by

Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the **Jt. DD #143 Lat 3** claim to Luft & Sons, Inc. for \$14,237.50. Carried. Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve the **Jt. DD #143 Lat 3** claim to Pocahontas Co. Secondary Roads for \$9,291.93. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme informed the Board that Drainage Watchman Eric Yunginger is taking classes to obtain a **drone flying license** to be used in the Drainage Department. Blomme stated that they would not be ready to purchase a drone for three years.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 6/3/2025 as corrected, and accepting the following **reports**: May Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, May Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, and April Board of Health minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **payroll change notices** for the non-elected department heads, for the FY'26 salary increases. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to appoint Jake Heuton to the **Lincoln Benefitted Fire District Board of Trustees**, as of July 1, 2025, replacing James Nelsen who is resigning at 6/30. Heuton's term will expire 6/30/2028. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the Special Class B Retail **Native Wine License application** for Basement Winery LLC. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #329628 issued 4/8/25 to Denison Police Department for \$35.00. Carried.

Supervisors meeting reports: Merten attended the Department Head meeting last Thursday and will attend a meeting in Sac City tomorrow with representatives from Sac and Calhoun Counties along with Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme to discuss Blomme's contract for FY'26; Croker will attend the Conservation Board meeting today at the Marina; Ringgenberg attended the Board of Health meeting; Hartman attended the Safety Committee meeting last Wednesday.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m. until Tuesday, June 17 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.