

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (28)
JULY 1, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 1, 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 received a request from the Albert City Threshermen, for the county to install gravel and rock for a driveway around one of their building sites. The Threshermen are willing to reimburse the county for the work. Wilkinson estimates the cost to be about \$3,000. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the request of the **Albert City Threshermen** for the county to install gravel and rock for a driveway around one of their building sites. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Update: Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he participated in a phone call with IDOT and their engineering firm, HNTB, regarding the Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. intersection, the Hwy 7 and 80th Ave. intersection, and the road between the two. Wilkinson stated that the engineering firm is starting over with survey work and plans for the project. Wilkinson stated that B.V. County is tied to the Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. intersection, but not the 80th Ave. intersection. Wilkinson informed the Board that DOT has an estimate of the costs of Hwy 7 and 70th Ave., which will be used to form a new agreement with IDOT and B.V. County. Wilkinson told the Board that the engineering firm, BNTB, was told not to shut off both 70th Ave. and 80th Ave. at the same time, allowing Platinum Crush customers to have access to the plant.

Secondary Roads Report: They have been working on clearing large trees that are in the ditches; the C49 work will be finished today, and Heartland will come in tomorrow to shave off two hills. Thursday, Heartland will start to lay asphalt on C49; Wilkinson stated that he mailed out the relocation agreement to MidAmerican last week, but he has not received a signed document back. Croker asked if all the utilities have the plan, and Wilkinson stated that they all have the plan.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that at last week's meeting, when Michael Pertzborn, Stille, Pierce & Pertzborn Agency, referenced the number of **new pieces of equipment** that were added to the insurance policy without any items coming off the insurance, he wanted the Board to know what purchases and sales took place in his department. Wilkinson stated that he bought three dump trucks and sold three, he bought one semi and sold one semi, he bought five pickups and sold three pickups, and he purchased one big trailer.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 6/24/2025 as presented, today's **claims approval list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **reports**: None. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that his new software was supposed to be paid out of FY'25 budget, but he did not receive the last and final invoice until yesterday, too late to be paid out of FY'25. Allen requested that the Board allow him to use the FY'25 carryover funds for that account number, to pay for the final invoice for the software, and to include the amount in a future budget amendment. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the request of the **County Attorney** to allow him to use the remaining funds of 37,268 from his FY'25 budget line item for software in his FY'26 budget and to include the appropriation in a future budget amendment. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 a.m. until Tuesday, July 8 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.