

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY- FIFTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (35)
AUGUST 19, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 9:15 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.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, to bore under 100th Ave. between Sections 21 and 22 Washington Township, from east to west to install a 1.5" 250 PSI PE Pipeline for the transmission of water, to serve the Lenhart family. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to install underground facilities for the transmission of electricity along 480th St. in Section 5 Lincoln Township, boring under 480th St. north to south, upgrading their facilities. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to install underground facilities for the transmission of electricity along 120th Ave. in Sections 35 and 36 Washington Township, to provide power to a hog site. Carried.

County Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented the plans and bid documents to the Board, for Phase 2 of the paving project near Platinum Crush. Wilkinson stated that the plans are for paving east on 600th St. from the existing pavement, adding a new curve onto 80th Ave. and then paving north on 80th Ave. to 500' south of the tracks. Wilkinson stated that this is a local bidding project, with bids due back at 1:00 p.m. on September 18, and then the Board would make their decision on awarding the bid on September 23. Wilkinson stated that there will be a pre-bid meeting on September 3 at the Engineer's Office. Wilkinson stated that the completion date is September 15, 2026. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the plans and bid documents for **Project L-PAV24--73-11**, which is Phase 2 around the Platinum Crush plant, paving east on 600th St. from the existing pavement, adding a new curve onto 80th Ave. and then paving north on 80th Ave. to 500' south of the tracks. Carried.

Secondary Roads Report: The crew have been picking up trees, shouldering, edge rutting, and hauling rock; shoulder stone is being placed along Hwy 110, and then that project should be wrapped up tomorrow; the painting crew will be on C49 tomorrow and then the road should be open for traffic by the end of the day on Wednesday; Engineer Wilkinson is going to Des Moines for ISAC this week.

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

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 8/12/2025 as corrected, and accepting the following **report**: July Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and allow the Chair to sign the BV County Flexible Benefit Plan Amendment #1 to the Dependent Child Care Assistance Program, to allow the maximum amount of \$7,500 for an employee to withhold for **Dependent Care**. Carried.

10:00 a.m.—The time having arrived for a joint meeting online with Calhoun and Sac Counties, as the Joint Board of Trustees for **Jt. DD #16-30-92**. All members of the Boards were present, along with Sac County Auditor Jim Dowling, Sac County Deputy Auditor Renee Roland, Drainage Watchman Eric Yunginger, Calhoun County Auditor Robin Batz, Buena Vista County Auditor Susan Lloyd, Drainage Clerk Lynnette Jacobs, Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, and Lindsay Kruse-Storm Lake Radio. A motion was made and seconded for Ranell Drake-Sac County to be the Chair and Renee Roland-Sac County to be the Secretary of the meeting. Ayes all, the motion carried. A claim for engineering services, in the amount of \$360, was presented for the joint boards consideration for payment. Motion by Wissler (Sac County), second by George (Calhoun County) to approve the claim of the Jt. BV, Sac, Calhoun Drainage Fund, for engineering services of Brian Blomme, in **Jt. DD #16-30-92 MOD** in the amount of \$360.00. Carried. Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme presented information to the Joint Boards regarding an MOU, which would allow the Boards to take care of action items, within a certain dollar amount, without a joint meeting. Blomme stated that Drainage Code 468 does not allow the joint boards to act individually, without an MOU. Merten asked Jacobs (Calhoun County) if IDDA would approve, and Jacobs stated that this is what was suggested, to have an MOU between the joint counties. Blomme stated that there needs to be an MOU with each county that is part of a joint district and suggests a limit of \$2,500. Blomme stated that he would like a consensus today, and then he will draft an MOU and come back together with the Joint Boards to approve. Sac County would like a \$5,000 limit, as they already have an MOU with Webster County with \$5,000 but stated that Pocahontas wants \$2,500 as the limit. The consensus for BV County was to go with the \$5,000 limit, and the consensus for Calhoun was in favor of \$5,000. Blomme will draft an MOU and then there will be another conference call to discuss and approve. There was a motion and a second at 10:22 a.m., to adjourn the joint meeting of the three Boards. Motion carried. Following their completion, minutes of the meeting will be forwarded to Calhoun and Buena Vista Counties. (The full set of minutes will be included in the respective Jt. Drainage District records.)

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. until Tuesday, August 26 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.