

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY- SIXTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (36)
AUGUST 26, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 26, 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 Hartman, second by Snyder, to amend **today's agenda**, adding another action item, voting on the slate of candidates for the IMWCA Board of Trustees. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, 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 110th Ave. between Sections 10 and 11 Washington Township, boring under 110th Ave. to provide service for a grain bin site. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: Phase 2 is out for letting. There will be a pre-bid meeting at the Engineer's office at 1:00 p.m. on September 3. Bids are due September 18 at 1:00 p.m. and will be on the agenda September 23 for awarding the project. Engineer Bret Wilkinson would like to have the initial paperwork from Northland Securities on September 23, to start the bond process. Wilkinson stated that Phase 3, the two intersections at 70th Ave. and 80th Ave. and Hwy 7, the HNTB responded back this morning about different options. Wilkinson stated that the onsite meeting that DOT had scheduled for August had been rescheduled for September 16, but now that date may also be pushed back.

Secondary Roads Report: Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that C49 was opened last Wednesday, and he is working on finishing the project paperwork. The Board informed Wilkinson that they have received several complaints about the paint job on C49, that the lines are crooked, and asked Wilkinson to make a note in his file not to use this same company in the future. The crew has been working on shouldering, working on some driveways, tile repairs, and culvert repairs. An online caller, Mitch Sievers, stated that the Farm Bureau membership is complaining about the lack of gravel on the roads. Sievers commented that they used to have gravel placed on the roads at least once a year, but for some roads it has already been three years without gravel being placed on them.

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

Joint Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme started the discussion with the Board about DD #13 which the City of Storm Lake are the Trustees of. Blomme showed a map of the DD #13 area, which is mostly Expansion Blvd. The City of Storm Lake is looking at three options for this district, either to make repairs in the estimated amount of \$655,000, or an estimated \$1.5M improvement plan, or an estimated \$2.4M improvement plan. Blomme stated that the district was installed in the 1900's for ag purposes and now it is ag and urban. Blomme stated that this proposal is for a large facility and lacks discussion of those downstream that will be getting the water, and they can't handle the flow of water. Blomme stated that he provided a letter to the Storm Lake City Council and their engineer for the project, back in April, and heard nothing back for a response. The public hearing was scheduled for 9/2, but during today's meeting, information was received from the City of Storm Lake that the meeting has been rescheduled for October 6, with new notices to be sent out. Blomme has been working with Engineer Bret Wilkinson to prepare a

remonstrance, to be sent to the Storm Lake City Council, to try and stop the project from going forward. If 50% of the landowners owning 70% of the land in the drainage district objects, the project would stop. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, directing Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme to prepare remonstrance documentation for **DD #13**, and authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 8/19/2025 as presented, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **report**: July NW IA YES Center minutes. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Certificate of Appreciation** for Dawn Mentzer for her 31 years of working for Buena Vista County as the Mental Health Director and later becoming CEO of the Rolling Hills Mental Health Region. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Auxiant Disclosure Statement**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to authorize the Chair to sign the **IMWCA** vote for up to three members to the IMWCA Board of Directors, with their votes being cast for the three members on the ballot. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. until Tuesday, September 9 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried. (no meeting is planned for September 2)