BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-FIRST MEETING, 2025 SESSION (41)
OCTOBER 7, 2025

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 7, 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 Croker, second by Snyder, to approve **today's agenda,** and removing the 28e Agreement for the Lake Improvement Commission from action items. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson along with Sarah Tracy (IDOT District 3 Planner) discussed with the Board the **Hwy 7 & 70th Ave. intersection**. Lake Creek landowners present for this discussion included Dan Connell, Doug Heppner, Jeff Stark, and Terry Bauer. Lindsay Kruse, Storm Lake Radio was also present. Wilkinson stated that the Board previously recommended Alternative 1 on 70th Ave., but Tracy stated that Alternative 2 or 3 are more beneficial for safety, and there would be a long holdup with NRCS if they continued with Alternative 1. Tracy stated that Alternative 2 might be a good compromise with the State and the railroad. Tracy informed the Board that they will still have a railroad diagnostic meeting, which may still change things regarding the railroad crossing, but IDOT needs something to present to the railroad at this meeting as to which Alternative has been recommended. Tracy stated that DOT would like to set up the diagnostic meeting with the railroad as soon as possible, but they need to know which Alternative to present. Tracy stated that Alternative 2 would have a better chance of being approved by the railroad, over Alternative 1. Two other representatives from IDOT were online to talk about the NRCS and how going with Alternative 1 would significantly affect the timeline. IDOT prefers Alternative 3. Heppner stated that he would like to see the 70th Ave. intersection closed to truck traffic and said that what the DOT was proposing was invasive. Connell stated that there will be a drainage problem if they do Alternative 2, and that he thinks that the DOT can work with NRCS and said that he would bet that everyone will be back in 6-weeks and told they must go with Alternative 3. Bauer asked who owns the hedges, Peterson or are they in DOT right-of-way? Tracy stated that she thinks the hedges are in DOT right-of-way. Hartman stated that NRCS could take 18-24 months to get this done. Bauer stated that they should leave 70th Ave. alone and do 80th Ave. Hartman stated that there is a safety issue out there. Heppner told the DOT to install stop lights up and arms for the railroad. Croker asked the group if they thought the current intersection is safe now, and Connell said yes he drives it 5-days a week. Tracy stated that the traffic doesn't warrant having a traffic signal installed and stated that traffic signals are not a safety device. Merten commented that he would like to have a traffic light like what is on 90th Ave. Lake Creek resident, Scott Randall was present online and informed the Board that the road is coming closer to his house, and if the hedges are removed, this will cause a big safety issue for his property. Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to direct the IDOT to schedule the diagnostics meeting with the railroad, and state that the Board prefers Alternative 1 for **Hwy 7 & 70th Ave. intersection** but would compromise to Alternative 2 for the Hwy 7 & 70th Ave. intersection. Carried.

Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities, was present online to discuss **Resolution #2025-10-07-A** Directing the Acceptance of a Proposal to Purchase $3,135,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025B, and a contract to lock in the interest rate at 3.96%. Kuhl stated that the issuance resolution will be considered in two weeks, and funds will be available November 5.

Board Member Croker introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE $3,135,000 (SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT PER TERMS OF OFFERING) GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025B" and moved that it be adopted. Board Member Snyder seconded the motion to adopt, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10-07-A

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE $3,135,000 (SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT PER TERMS OF OFFERING) GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025B

WHEREAS, Buena Vista County, sometimes hereinafter referred to as the County, is a political subdivision duly incorporated, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary that the County should enter into a Loan Agreement and borrow the amount of $3,135,000 (Subject to adjustment per terms of offering) as authorized by Sections 331.402 and 331.443, Code of Iowa as amended; and

WHEREAS, proposals have been requested and received from financial institutions offering to enter into such Loan Agreement; and

WHEREAS, after a review of all the proposals received, it has been determined that the best and most favorable proposal is that of Northland Securities of Minneapolis, MN; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Board of Supervisors to enter into a Loan Agreement in accordance with said proposal dated October 7, 2025.

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

Section 1. That this Board of Supervisors does hereby accept the attached proposal of Northland Securities of Minneapolis, MN, and takes additional action to permit the entering into of a Loan Agreement.

Section 2. The Chairperson and County Auditor are authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the County to enter into such Loan Agreement, to negotiate the final terms of a Loan Agreement, to take all action necessary to permit the entering into of a Loan Agreement on a basis favorable to the County and acceptable to the Purchaser, and to proceed to meet the conditions of this accepted proposal.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors………………..Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented his quote for a Freightliner M2 106 Plus truck chassis. This would be a heavy-duty single axle truck to be used as a tile truck. The cost of the truck chassis would be $117,618.00 and Wilkinson stated that they would be mounting a flatbed, to be purchased from another company, later. Wilkinson stated that this truck could pull a backhoe to save time, and he plans to dispose of the current truck. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the purchase of a **Freightliner M2 106 Plus** truck chassis for the Secondary Road Department for a cost of $117,618.00. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he has had a request from some of his employees to participate in the uniform program, that currently only the mechanics participate in. Wilkinson stated that the employee would purchase their clothing, with the cost paid for by the employees through payroll deductions. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the request of Secondary Road employees to be able to participate in the **uniform program**. Carried.

Secondary Roads Report: Crews have also been working on tile repairs, installing driveways, brush cutting, and working on a stretch of ditch cleaning to help the flow of water. Wilkinson stated that they need to do dust control on the road by Albert City. Wilkinson stated that 80th Ave. is rough, but it will be closed when they do Phase 2 of the project, so they don't want to put anything down on it now.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: The pre-construction meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 10, on Phase 2 of the road project, at the County Engineer's Office. Engineer Wilkinson is continuing to work with Phase 1 with the contractor and DOT for the RISE dollars.

Chairman Merten brought up the subject of the Secondary Roads uniform program, as he thought of some questions as to how it was going to work through payroll. The amount that is going to be deducted from Secondary Roads participant's paycheck will have to be a set amount to match the monthly invoice from the vendor. Merten suggested that more information is needed and asked if the Board wanted to rescind the previous motion to approve. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to rescind the motion approved earlier regarding the **Secondary Roads uniform program**, and to wait for a study to be done. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to have a study done on the **Secondary Roads uniform program** that was requested by employees. Carried.

Snyder left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the **Proclamation** Recognizing Manufacturing Month. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 9/30/2025 as corrected, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements,** and accepting the following **reports:** July Lake Improvement Commission Minutes, and September Sheriff's Report of the Federal Inmate Billings. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. until Tuesday, October 14 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.