

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-SECOND MEETING, 2025 SESSION (42)
OCTOBER 14, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, October 14, 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 Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Cherokee Rural Water, Cherokee, IA, to install a water pipeline by boring under 20th Ave. south of 610th St., in Maple Valley Township, Sections 7 and 8. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: Engineer Bret Wilkinson attended the pre-construction meeting for Phase 2 last Friday. Gus Construction started working on the box culvert yesterday. Wilkinson stated that the estimated replacement will be 6-8 weeks, then they will backfill and open the road for winter. PCI will do the dirt work in the spring, widening the road and building the curve. For Phase 3, they are waiting on the railroad diagnostic, which will probably be in the first two weeks of November.

Secondary Roads Report: Normal operations for this time of year. They have been installing the snowplows and going through the trucks, making sure they are ready for winter. They have been mowing the ditches and cutting trees to increase site distance, Crews have also been working on tile repairs, installing driveways, and crossroad culverts. Engineer Wilkinson stated that he had three trucks in Minnesota to be outfitted with snowplows, and he hopes to have at least one back in January.

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 10/7/2025 as corrected, and accepting the following **reports:** September Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected and October Safety Committee minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to set the **Public Hearing** for Master Matrix for Doug White in the SW ¼ NW ¼ Section 25 Hayes Township for Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., and publish the notice in the official newspapers. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen updated the Board on the status of the State's transfer of title over to the County. Allen stated that originally, the State wanted a report of ownership on the Marina, but now they want a complete abstract and want the county to pay for it. Allen stated that currently there is a 50/50 split on the lift station maintenance, and the State wants the County to take over the maintenance. Chairman Merten commented that if the hatchery is going through the lift station, then the State should have to pay something. Croker stated that the State wants to retain ownership of the fishery, so they need to have some ownership of the lift station. Allen stated that this can be discussed with the State. Merten commented that he did not have an issue with having an abstract prepared, which the rest of the Board agreed with. Conservation Director Greg Johnson asked the Board if they wanted his department to pay for the abstract with the ARPA Funds, which the Board agreed to. Allen stated that after the abstract is done, then the State will create a land patent. Croker asked Johnson if Conservation were still planning to continue using the Marina, or if things change, would the Conservation Board want to give it up. Johnson stated that at

this time, the Conservation Board wants to continue with the plans at the Marina. Allen commented that according to the Code of Iowa, if the State transfers the property of the Marina over to the County, it must be used for a park under the direction of the Conservation Board. Johnson informed the Board that the current temporary management agreement will expire 12/31/25 so they will have to extend it since the transfer will not be completed by then. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve having an abstract created on the **Marina** property, and to discuss the lift station with the State. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that he had reviewed the current 28E Agreement on the **Lake Improvement Commission** and some changes that he would propose. Croker stated that she will take the suggestions to the next Lake Improvement Commission meeting and bring it back to the Board when it is ready to be approved.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m. until Tuesday, October 21 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.