

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (44)
OCTOBER 28, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, October 28, 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.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to renew the **lease** on the building in Linn Grove, to Eagles Landing, LLC, for 3 years, FY'26, FY'27, and FY'28, at \$600 per year. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: The work on the box culvert on Phase 2, working on 80th Ave., continues. The final payment will be made next week on Phase 1. Bond proceeds will be coming in next week for the Phase 2 project.

Secondary Roads Report: They have been working on driveways, concrete, hauling limestone to stockpiles, and cleaning up road ditches. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he met with DOT on the IA Transportation Funding Steering Committee, and the DOT's 20-year projection is a shortfall of \$600M per year for the next 20 years.

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

EMA Director Aimee Barritt informed the Board that the Opioid Committee had met and discussed some uses for the Opioid Funds. Barritt would like to use some of the Opioid Funds to replace the AED electrodes in county buildings and Sheriff Department vehicles. Barritt stated that currently there are 32 AEDs, and the electrode sets have different expiration dates, most of them need replacing now or in 2026. She also informed the Board that there is a need for 3 additional AED units in county facilities. The Opioid Committee approved a standing approval to use Opioid Funds to replace electrodes and batteries in the existing AEDs, and to purchase 3 additional AEDs. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to authorize using up to \$12,000 of **Opioid Funds** to purchase AED's and updates for the existing AED's. Carried.

The Chair opened the public hearing for the 1st **FY'26 budget amendment**, Notice was published as required. Croker asked questions about the amendments submitted by Conservation, particularly about the proposed transfer from General Basic to the new Marina Improvement Fund. Conservation Director Greg Johnson was online to answer the question, stating that the Conservation Board would like to place some of the past two years carryover for the Marina budget to a separate fund that would accrue interest so that when docks need to be replaced, there would be a fund to pay those expense from. The Board suspended the public hearing until later in the meeting when Johnson would be available in-person.

Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of David R. Turnquist and Laura L. Turnquist, in Section 14-91-38. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-10-28-B**. Carried.

RESOLUTION # 2025-10-28-B

WHEREAS David R. & Laura L. Turnquist have presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

DESCRIPTION LOT E

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 38 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14; thence South 89° 36' 00" East (assumed bearing), on the south line of said Southeast Quarter, 582.00 feet to the Southeast Corner of a parcel which appears of record in Book 49, Page 871 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder, also being the Point of Beginning; thence North 00° 01' 39" East, on the east line of said parcel, 299.00 feet to the Northeast Corner of said parcel; thence continuing North 00° 01' 39" East, 104.62 feet; thence South 89° 38' 27" East, 425.45 feet to the Northwest Corner of Lot B which appears of record as document number 062983 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder; thence South 00° 00' 57" West, on the West Line of said Lot B, 403.93 feet to the south line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 89° 36' 00" West, on said South Line, 425.53 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot E in Section 14, Township 91 North, Range 38 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 3.94 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

WHEREAS, the final plats meet with the approval of the Board subject only to the following if any: **None**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County, Iowa Board of Supervisors that:

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is hereby accepted subject to the following if any; **None**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be affixed to the final plat of:

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Hereafter known as Lot E in Section 14, Township 91 North, Range 38 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa;

and copies of said final plats shall be of record in the appropriate County offices.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of October 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairman Board of Supervisors...../s/ Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Public Health Assistant Administrator Lacey Anderson informed the Board of an employee that is need of donated time, as they are having a non-elective surgery in November, and they have been employed less than six months and don't have any sick leave yet. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to allow county employees to **donate time** to an employee in the Public Health Office, who doesn't have any sick leave yet. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson reviewed the 2025 Weed Commissioner's Report. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **2025 Weed Commissioner's Report**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 10/21/2025 as presented, and accepting the following **reports**: September NW IA YES Center minutes, October CIJDC minutes, and CIJDC FY'23 Audit Report. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the supervisors to sign **Operation Green Light for Veterans Proclamation**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the slate of officers for the **Iowa Lakes Corridor Directors**, voting for the five candidates on the ballot. Carried.

Supervisors Croker had requested time on the agenda to update the public on the **Marina**. Those in attendance were Charles Hernandez, Lindsay Kruse (Storm Lake Radio), Conservation Director Greg Johnson, Conservation Board Member Jeff Kestel, Michael Pertzborn II, Tony Pertzborn, Jared Brashears, and Mike Wilson. Croker reviewed the recent public survey conducted by the marina subcommittee, which showed 80% of the respondents preferred using the lakefront building at the Marina for public events and community education. The remaining 20% backed the Conservation Board's proposal for offices and environmental programming. Croker stated that the subcommittee met for two years and couldn't come to a consensus of the use of the lakefront area of the Marina building. Croker stated that she was on the subcommittee and favors restoring the lakefront building to a public gathering space. Johnson stated that he would like to move the Conservation offices from the Buena Vista County Park, which is 30 miles away, to the Marina. Johnson presented a drawing of an expansion, stating that the site could serve dual purposes, hosting events while also providing workspace for staff. Croker commented that the county shouldn't ask taxpayers to fund an addition. Croker stated that she would like to remodel the back buildings

at the marina to be used for workspace, keeping the lakefront part of the building available for public events. Merten stated that the supervisors wanted to have public input on the Marina project, stating that a compromise needs to be worked out and then determine where the funds will come from.

The Board continued the public hearing on the FY'26 County budget amendment. No written objections were submitted, and no objections were offered during the hearing. Motion by Snyder second by Ringgenberg, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the 1st **FY'26 budget amendment** as published, to authorize the Chair to sign the Budget Amendment certification, and to approve the following appropriations:

Increase activity	0300	General Basic (0001) Transfer to 0038	Dept 90	\$130,000
Increase activity	0220	Capital Project (1520)	Dept 22	\$186,371
Increase activity	1000	Special Law Enforcement (0026)	Dept 17	\$4,500
Increase activity	1100	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 04	\$37,268
Increase activity	3200	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 21	\$3,000
Increase activity	6100	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 22	\$4,500
Increase activity	6110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 22	\$22,420
Increase activity	8000	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 02	\$1,932
Increase activity	8010	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 02	\$7,000
Increase activity	9030	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$3,300
Increase activity	9040	MHDS Fund (0006)	Dept 61	\$18,996 Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-10-28-A**, amending the FY'26 Annual Budget. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10-28-A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY'26 ANNUAL BUDGET
BY ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Departmental Appropriations on June 24, 2025 for all departments, of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 in accordance with

Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has held the necessary hearing after having caused to be made the publication and notice required by law; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the budget amendment #1 for FY'26, as presented by the County Auditor, increasing appropriations by \$419,287; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors believe the aforesaid budget amendment #1 proposed for FY'26 to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County.

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

SECTION ONE: That the FY'26 budget for Buena Vista County, Iowa, on file in the County Auditor's Office is hereby amended and approved.

SECTION TWO: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law, and the County Auditor is directed to make the filings required by law and to set up the books in accordance with the summary and details as adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 28th day of October, 2025, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors.

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

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Non-Disclosure Agreement** for Central Insure. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. until Tuesday, November 4 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.