

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
FORTY-SIXTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (46)  
NOVEMBER 12, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Wednesday, November 12, 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 amend **today's agenda**, to table the abatement on parcel #1034430024. Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman updated the Board on motorcycle testing and new DOT equipment. October 30 was the last day for the motorcycle testing season. Haberman stated that the DOT is revamping the 2010 software used in Motor Vehicle and Drivers Licensing. A new check-in scheduling system for the Driver's License Department will be coming first. The DOT will be paying for the equipment, which includes a 50" TV and a kiosk. Haberman stated that individuals will be able to walk in and use the kiosk to make appointments or there will be a number to call to make an appointment.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 11/4/2025 as presented, and accepting the following **reports**: November Safety Committee minutes, October Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, October Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, May-Aug VA Commission minutes, and Post-Election Audit Report & Auditor Certification. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **transfer** \$102,614.64 from Fund 1540 Capital Projects-Secondary Roads/Platinum Crush to Fund 0020 Secondary Roads for reimbursement of Phase 2 and Phase 3 expenditures paid before bond proceeds came in. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to accept the Assessor's recommendation for allowance of the **2025 Family Farm Credits**, as per Iowa Code Section 425.3. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and sign the **14-day waiver** of the construction permit of Doug White-Rice in Section 25 Hayes Township. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-11-12-A** Approval of waiver of Buena Vista County's Rights to Appeal Issuance of Final Construction Permit for the Construction of Confined Animal Feeding Operation by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for Doug White-Rice in Section 25 Hayes Township. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2025-11-12-A**  
Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors

**APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY'S RIGHTS TO APPEAL ISSUANCE OF FINAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Section 1. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has received notice from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that **Doug White-Rice** has been issued a draft permit for the construction of confined animal feeding operation building(s) located in the **SW1/4 of the NW1/4 in Section 25 T90N R37W Hayes Township** in unincorporated Buena Vista County.
- Section 2. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors reviewed the construction permit application and the manure management plan and determined that both appeared to be in compliance with the requirements of the Master Matrix, Iowa Code Section 459 and Iowa DNR rules and recommended approval of said application on **10/3/2025**.
- Section 3. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby waives its right to appeal the issuance of the final permit within the fourteen (14) day limit from the time of receipt of notice of the issuance of the draft permit.
- Section 4. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors encourages the Iowa DNR to issue the Final Permit immediately upon notification of this waiver.
- Section 5. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Board Chairman to notify the Iowa DNR of this waiver.
- Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check #331667**, dated 9/9/2025 to Lacey Anderson in the amount of \$24.75. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize all members to sign their respective **Public Official Bond Renewal**. Carried.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen was present for the canvass of the City/School Election. Ahrendsen stated that there was a 20.71% turnout for this election. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to declare the results of the **canvass** of the 2025 Regular City-School Election held November 4, as follows:

City of Albert City:

MAYOR (2 YR)

Dale Skog	70 elected
Scattering	1

COUNCIL MEMBERS (2 - 4 YR.)

Kenneth Krohn	68 elected
Bruce Forbes	64 elected
Scattering	3

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City of Alta -

MAYOR (2 YR)

Desi Suter	343 elected
Jonathan Hansen	163
Scattering	7

COUNCIL MEMBERS (2 - 4 YR)

Alyson Sievers	269 elected
Laura Millard	224 elected
Michael Miller	210
Tom Lane	103
Linda Pickett	77
Jerry Stone	51
Scattering	21

COUNCIL MEMBER TO FILL A VACANCY (1-2 YR)

Peggy Hinkeldey	412 elected
Scattering	37

PARK BOARD (2 – 6 YR)  
 Anna Speers 461 elected  
 Brian Schreck 8 elected  
 Scattering 25

PARK BOARD TO FILL A VACANCY (1 – 4 YR)  
 Shannon Strand 401 elected  
 Scattering 20

**For Public Measure CI** – Shall the City of Alta, in Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, enter into a loan agreement and issue general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding \$1,250,000 for the purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of constructing, furnishing and equipping a municipal library?

Yes 208  
 No 315

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 City of Lakeside -  
 MAYOR (2 YR)

Troy Mayland 53 elected  
 Scattering 6

COUNCIL MEMBERS (3 - 4 YR)

Charlie Larson 49 elected  
 Steve Brashears 42 elected  
 Diane Fulcher 40 elected  
 Geneva Brungardt 36  
 Scattering 1

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 City of Linn Grove -  
 MAYOR (2 YR)

Aaron Anderson 35 elected  
 Scattering 4

COUNCIL MEMBERS (5 – 2)

Eugene Johnson 33 elected  
 Wade Withers 32 elected  
 Steven C. Jessen 31 elected  
 Jud Graesing 30 elected  
 Denny Graesing 26 elected  
 Melissa Merida 24  
 Scattering 7

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 City of Marathon -  
 MAYOR (2 YR)

Mary Brooks 28 elected  
 Scattering 9

COUNCIL MEMBERS (2 - 4 YR)

Dakota York 27 elected  
 Douglas L. Enger 23 elected  
 Jon A. Carlsen 16  
 Terry Swisse 13  
 Scattering 1

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 City of Newell -  
 MAYOR (4 YR)

Justin Lyman 110 elected  
 Wayne Westergaard 73

COUNCIL MEMBERS (3 - 4 YR)

Larry Nielsen 127 elected  
 Stephen Taylor 117 elected  
 Quinten Robinson 35 elected  
 Scattering 30

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 COUNCIL MEMBERS (3 - 4 YR)

Daymon Lynn Hickman 22 elected  
 Michael Siebrecht 21 elected  
 Natasha Hickman 6  
 Justin Harrington 15 elected  
 Scattering 6

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 City of Sioux Rapids -  
 MAYOR (4 YR)

COUNCIL MEMBERS (2 - 4 YR)

Michael Katschman 92 elected  
James Wise 73  
Scattering 1

Susan Mathe 48 elected  
Christy Wernimont 38 elected  
Angie Gunderson 28  
Scattering 40

COUNCIL TO FILL VACANCY (1 – 2 YR)

Kevin Thompson 139 elected  
Scattering 8

City of Storm Lake -  
MAYOR (4 YR)

Meg McKeon 301 elected  
Charles Hernandez 158  
Scattering 131

COUNCIL MEMBERS (2 - 4 YR)

Margaret Martinez 502 elected  
Richard Riner 404 elected  
Dalton Walker 393  
Scattering 20

COUNCIL MEMBER (1 – 2 YR)

Don Piercy Jr. 581 elected  
Scattering 41

City of Truesdale -  
MAYOR (2 YR)

Mike Paulsen 8 elected  
Scattering 1

COUNCIL MEMBERS (5 - 2 YR)

Melinda Barkley 8 elected  
Needra Ripke 7 elected  
La Tonya Weiland 7 elected  
Kevin Weiland 9 elected  
Vaughn Barkley 7 elected  
Scattering 8

***All school results will not be final until November 18<sup>th</sup>, after the second-tier canvas-***

Albert City-Truesdale School District:

For School Board Director - elect 3

Roman De La Torre 92  
Kayla McCarthy 101  
Megan Lovin 104  
Scattering 4

Alta- Aurelia Community School District:

For School Board Director - elect 2

Jayden Van Berkum 426  
Thomas Hinkeldey 500  
Lindsay Brown 211  
Scattering 9

Galva Holstein School District:

For School Board Director, At-Large - elect 1

Reuben DeLaO 0  
Tyler Vohs 0

For School Board Director, District 1 - elect 1

Jeff Witzke 0

For School Board Director, District 2 - elect 1

Jamie Whitmer 0

For School Board Director, District 5 – elect 1

Matthew Wittrock 0

Laurens/Marathon School District:

For School Board Director - elect 2

Mason Reed	25
Amanda J. Martz	26
Scattering	1

Newell-Fonda School District:

For School Board Director, District 1 - elect 1

John Sievers	172
Scattering	5

For School Board Director, District 2 - elect 1

Amanda Johnson	165
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Schaller Crestland School District:

For School Board Director, District 1 - elect 1

Matt Cress	0
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For School Board Director, District 2 – elect 1

Steven R. Mason	0
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Sioux Central School District:

For School Board Director, District 2 - elect 1

Randy Ripke	256
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For School Board Director, District 3 – elect 1

Jennifer Thomsen	234
Scattering	2

For School Board Director, District 5 To Fill a Vacancy - elect 1

Scattering	26
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**For Public Measure CJ** – Shall the Sioux Central Community School District change the method of electing school directors from using 5 director districts to having 3 director districts and 2 directors elected at large.

Yes	195
No	62

Storm Lake School District:

For School Board Director - elect 2

Steven Mills	660
Erika Dierking	745
Scattering	12

Motion carried.

Iowa Central Community College:

For Director, District 2 – elect 1

Brandon Wessels	912
Scattering	6

For Director, District 3 – elect 1

Larry Hecht	742
Scattering	4

Iowa Lakes Community College:

For Director, District 6 – elect 1

Patrick Kibbie	38
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**For Public Measure VT** – Shall the Board of Directors of the Iowa Central Community College in the Counties of Boone, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Carroll, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Humboldt, Ida, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Sac, Webster and Wright, State of

Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation bonds to provide funds to remodel, improve, repair, construct, erect, furnish, and equip buildings and additions to buildings for educational and workforce training, to make improvements to sites and acquire land, to contract indebtedness therefore, and issue its school bonds in an amount not exceeding \$35,000,000 for those purposes?

Yes	1,169
No	816

Western Iowa Tech Community College:

For Director, District 2 – elect 1

Brad Griffin	4
Scattering	1 Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. until Tuesday, November 18 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier canvass for the School portion of the City/Election. Carried.