

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FOURTH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (4)
JANUARY 9, 2026**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Friday, January 9, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder (online at 8:45 a.m.), 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, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

FY'27 budget requests were received from the following departments: Tracy Sunquist & Tom Jorgensen (virtually)-DHS, Kory Elston-Sheriff, Jail, Communications Center, K-9, and LEC, Paul Allen-County Attorney, Joe Keller-Buildings and Grounds, Ben Mueggenberg-Environmental Health and Zoning. The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. to hear the remainder of the FY'27 budgets: Karla Ahrendsen-Insurance, Curt Reis-Recorder, Tracy Gotto and Lacey Anderson (virtually)-Public Health, Homemaker, General Relief and Community Services, Susan Lloyd-Non-Departmental/Miscellaneous budgets.

County Attorney Paul Allen asked the Board, during his budget review, if he could budget some funds to be used to buy **food and water for witnesses** and staff present during trials. Allen stated that some trials are lengthy, and these people are often unable to leave to get food for themselves. The consensus of the Board was to allow County Attorney Paul Allen to budget \$500 to be used to purchase food and water for witnesses and staff.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue** check #331797 dated 9/23/25 to Iowa Chapter of Nena for \$150.00. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue** check #332149 dated 10/21/25 to Office Elements for \$101.72. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 4:01 p.m. until Tuesday, January 13 at 8:30 a.m. for regular session. Carried.