

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SIXTH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (6)
JANUARY 20, 2026**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding and the following other members present Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder (virtually), 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 Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented an Addendum to IA DOT Agreement 2023-R-002 for the RISE Project RC-CO11(118)--9A-11. Wilkinson stated that the Addendum states that the County will be reimbursed for Phase 1 with RISE dollars, and then the remainder of the RISE dollars would be used by the DOT and applied to the intersection of Hwy 7 & 70th Ave. Wilkinson stated that this releases any financial responsibility on the Hwy 7 & 70th Ave. intersection. Lake Creek residents Terry Bauer and Jeff Stark were present for this discussion, and Bauer stated that by the County signing this Addendum, it was giving the State more control. Wilkinson stated that the County did not have control anyway, since it is a state project. Wilkinson recommended that the Board sign the Addendum. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Addendum to IA DOT Agreement 2023-R-002** for the **RISE Project RC-CO11(118)--9A-11**. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The guys are working in the shops due to the bitterly cold temperatures. They do not like sending the equipment out when it is so cold. Engineer Wilkinson reviewed a list of current FY equipment and his re-estimation of new equipment. Wilkinson asked the Board if they would like him to bring forward quotes for two new pickups, and the Board would like to see the quotes. Wilkinson stated that he is working on a list of excess equipment that he will bring to the Board for approval to sell.

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

Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg brought forward a Construction Permit Application for review on The Marathon Site (Jason & Jill Martins) in Section 4 Poland Township. Mueggenberg stated that this is an existing site, with no new construction, they are increasing the head from 3,300 to 3,500, and the pit is large enough to handle the extra manure. Becky Sexton, Twin Lakes Environmental Services, was present and stated that she handles the MMP for Martins and informed the Board that a matrix is not required. Sexton asked the Board to consider waiving the 14-day wait period when the draft comes from the DNR as Martins would like to start as soon as possible. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Construction Permit Application for **The Marathon Site** (Jason & Jill Martins) in Section 4 Poland Township. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 1/13/26 as presented, and accept the following **reports**: Quarterly Recorder's Report (Oct-Dec) and December Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22 Branch 79** claim to Rouse Excavation & Construction in the amount of \$765.00 for tile repairs. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22 Lat 19-9** claim to Rouse Excavation & Construction in the amount of \$1,135.24 for tile repairs. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22 Branch 79** claim to Kent Malm in the amount of \$60.00 for inspections. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22 Lat 19-9** claim to Kent Malm in the amount of \$60.00 for inspections. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Merten attended the 3-county drainage meeting last week in Sac City, discussing the Joint Drainage Engineer's budget and salary increase. Merten and Hartman attended the Conservation Board meeting last week.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 a.m. until Tuesday, January 27 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.