

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTY-THIRD MEETING, 2025 SESSION (53)
DECEMBER 30, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 30, 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 Snyder, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson brought back to the Board his request to order two tandem **truck chassis** now, to be paid for out of the FY'27 budget and to order the snow equipment that will be mounted on the trucks. Wilkinson stated snow equipment delivery is 490 days out, and they need to have the chassis ordered so that they know what kind of snow equipment to order that will be mounted on the chassis. The cost of the two tandem truck chassis is \$339,552 and the cost of the snow equipment is \$366,708. Wilkinson stated that he intends to sell two trucks out of the fleet when the new ones arrive. Wilkinson stated that he will take delivery in July/August and be outfitted later in 2026 or early 2027, with the warranty not starting until the snow equipment is mounted. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the purchase of 2-**Western Star 47X tandem truck chassis** from Truck Center Companies, Fairmont, MN for a total of \$339,552. Carried. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve ordering **snow equipment** for the two new tandem truck chassis, from Crysteel Truck Equipment, Lake Crystal, MN for a total of \$366,708. Carried.

Secondary Roads Report: They have been working on fixing equipment in the shop, and finishing mounting brine tanks on three trucks and getting them working. They are also be hauling gravel to stockpiles. They have placed a temporary stop ahead sign on 70th Ave. as the previous sign disappeared.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that the **SS4A Federal Grant** has been awarded, which includes the totals submitted by BV, Clay, and Pocahontas Counties, with Clay County being the lead county and handling the funds. Wilkinson stated that BV County was awarded \$2.86M, with Federal share of \$2.288M, with \$572,000 local match. All three projects for BV County would be adding 4' shoulders on each side of C65 from Hwy 71 to Hwy 110, widening of the intersection of C65 and 120th Ave. including purchasing additional right-of-way, and adding 2' shoulders on each side of C65 from Hwy 110 to 10th Ave.

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

The Chair opened the public hearing for the 2nd **FY'26 budget amendment**, Notice was published as required. 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 Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the 2nd **FY'26 budget amendment** as published, to authorize the Chair to sign the Budget Amendment certification and **Resolution #2025-12-30-A** amending the FY'26 Annual Budget, and to approve the following appropriations:

Increase activity	0300	Capital Projects-Platinum (1540) Transfer to (2026)	Dept 90	\$82,544
Increase activity	0300	Capital Projects-Platinum (1540) Transfer to (0020)	Dept 90	\$102,615
Increase activity	0300	TIF (0037) Transfer to Debt Service (2022)	Dept 17	\$247,058

Increase activity	1110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 28	\$ 15,000
Increase activity	3520	Opioid Fund (0036)	Dept 66	\$106,000
Increase activity	0110	Debt Service Fund (2026)	Dept 85	\$ 82,544
Increase activity	0200	Capital Project Fund (1540)	Dept 81	\$3,228,564
Increase activity	0200	Capital Project Fund (1540)	Dept 85	\$ 36,250 Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12-30-A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY'26 ANNUAL BUDGET
BY ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

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 approved Budget Amendment #1 on October 28, 2025, thereby increasing appropriations by \$419,287, for a total budget after the amendment of \$39,183,038; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the budget amendment #2 for FY'26, as presented by the County Auditor, increasing appropriations by \$4,030,575; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors believe the aforesaid budget amendment #2 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 30th day of December, 2025, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to transfer \$82,544 from Fund 1540 Capital Projects to Fund 2026 Debt Service, to pay the interest on Bond Issie 2025B. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to transfer \$130,000 from Fund 0001 General Basic to Fund 0038 Marina Capital Improvement. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve the minutes from 12/23/2025 as presented, a today's claim approval list, stamped warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements, and accept the following reports: October SHIELD Board minutes, September 911 Service Board minutes, September NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, September NWIPDC Transportation Policy Committee minutes, FY'25 Audit Report for NW IA Planning & Development Commission. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston presented a request to allow Sgt Joey Speers to carry over 17.2 hours of vacation in addition to 43 hours past his anniversary date of January 2, and to allow Capt. Rob Danielson to carry over 68.8 hours of vacation in addition to 43 hours past his anniversary date of January 30. The carryover hours will be used by the end of February. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to allow

Sgt Joey Speers to carry over 17.2 hours of additional vacation and Capt. Rob Danielson to carry over 68.8 hours of additional vacation. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve the Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service & Sunday Sales, for The Little Sioux Golf and Country Club. Carried.

Dominique Sherrod, Family Heritage, presented information to the Board about supplemental insurance he would like to offer to the county employees. Sherrod currently works with other counties in Iowa, and wanted the Board to know that it is not a payroll deduction, he would work with the employees individually. Sherrod stated that the supplemental plans are 100% refundable if not used for 25 years, and even if the policies are used, the refund would equal the amount that was paid for the policy for 25 years less any amount of claims paid. Sherrod requested that the Board allow him to contact the employees, in the spring to see if anyone is interested. The consensus of the Board was to allow Sherrod to contact employees in the spring regarding his supplemental insurance policies.

Dana Christen, Co-President of the Buena Vista County Fair Board, brought in their FY27 funding request of \$30,000, the same as the current fiscal year. The BV County Fair is scheduled for July 8-12, and they are bringing back a night of rodeo, and will also have the popular demo derby, tractor pull, and they are working on a country concert. Christen informed the Board that they are bringing the inflatables back in 2026. He said this will be the final year of a 3-year contract with Trent Chinn to run the racetrack and operations again. Christen concluded by thanking the Board for their continued support.

Dick and Charlotte Aronson, and Gary and Julie Hogrefe, Albert City Historical Society, presented their FY27 funding request of \$1,000, which is the same as the current fiscal year. Arons and Hogrefes thanked the Board for their past allocation, which is used for day-to-day expenses. The Board thanked Arons for all that they do.

The Board worked on their own departmental budget and turned it in to the Auditor.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. until Friday, January 2 at 8:30 a.m. for their organizational meeting of 2026 and a special session. Carried.