

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TENTH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (10)  
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 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 approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he would still like to do four 10-hour days from April 6-October 2 for the Secondary Road Department summer hours, including the office staff. Wilkinson informed the Board that he contacted six surrounding counties about their summer hours, and all six of the counties work four 10-hour days varying from 3-6 months of time. Merten commented that he had contacted the same six surrounding counties and asked them if they staffed their office on Friday and was told that they all have someone in their offices on Friday. Hartman suggested maybe compromising and working four 9-hour days and 4 hours on Friday. Ringgenberg commented that if they are going to have a presence in the office on Friday, she would like to see them there for eight hours. Wilkinson stated that he has different scenarios of how to staff the office on Fridays. Croker stated that she would like to see the office staffed every Friday. Merten stated that he was not in favor of the four 10-hour days for a six-month period. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve **Secondary Road Department summer hours** to be four 10-hour days for the road crew from April 6-October 2, with the office open on Fridays for eight hours. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten. Motion carried.

**Secondary Road Report**: They have been busy cutting brush and removing trees from the ditches and treating stumps. The motor graders have been hitting the bad spots on the gravel roads. Wilkinson stated that communications are going back and forth with DOT on the 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Hwy 7 intersection.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme and Assistant to the Engineer Eric Yunginger discussed a work order for Jt. DD #16-30-92 tile investigation in Sections 14 & 15 Douglas Township in Sac County. The cost estimate is \$2,500. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign work order S-13-2025 on **Jt. DD #16-30-92**, for a tile investigation in Sections 14 & 15 Douglas Township in Sac County, with a cost estimate of \$2,500. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme and his assistant Eric Yunginger discussed with the Board Senate File 593 which requires the Auditor's Office to provide information to the County Recorder's Office. A list must be provided that includes each parcel which is within a watershed boundary of a Drainage District. To assist with this task, the Drainage Department would like to request digital computer file information from ISG Inc. Watershed boundaries for 13 BV districts were defined during previous projects, and the digital files would improve the accuracy and efficiently produce the required list. The Drainage Department has received an estimate for the project from ISG which includes work for Buena Vista, Calhoun and Sac Counties on a time and materials basis of \$2,100.00, and an average cost per district of \$87.50. The Drainage Department requested that the Board approve the development of a work authorization with ISG to provide the digital files for BV County, matching the approvals received from Calhoun and Sac. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to authorize the development of a work authorization with ISG to receive the digital files of 13 BV **Drainage District watersheds**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign work order BV-01-2026 for proposed sediment bar removal in Section 5 Newell Township, in **DD #1 Lat 1**, with an estimated cost of \$1,500. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme presented the Board with the Joint Drainage Engineer's FY'27 employment contract. Blomme stated that this was discussed at a joint meeting of Board representatives with the three counties that are a part of this shared position, and 3% increase was the approved salary increase for FY'27. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the whole Board to sign the shared **FY'27 employment contract**, with Buena Vista, Calhoun, and Sac Counties, for Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, with a salary of \$122,380. Carried.

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

Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of Rheta L. Dean Trust, in Section 4-93-38, referred to as Stoner's Addition. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2026-02-17-A**, the Minor S/D request of Rheta L. Dean Trust in Section 4-93-38, referred to as Stoner's Addition. Carried.

#### **RESOLUTION # 2026-02-17-A**

**WHEREAS** Rheta L Dean Trust has presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

Legal Description (Stoner's Addition):

A parcel of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 93 North, Range 38 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Buena Vista County, Iowa, described as follows to wit: Commencing at the southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 93 North, Range 38 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Buena Vista County, Iowa, and running from this point north 90° 00' 00" east (north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east) along the south line of the Southwest Quarter of said Southeast Quarter a distance of 30.00 feet to the point of beginning and continuing from this point of beginning north 90° 00' 00" east a distance of 340.00 feet; thence north 00° 53' 56" west a distance of 340.00 feet; thence north 28° 45' 05" east a distance of 387.97 feet; thence north 07° 42' 47" west a distance of 126.20 feet; thence south 64° 12' 28" west a distance of 113.34 feet; thence south 51° 45' 48" west a distance of 162.38 feet; thence south 43° 59' 11" west a distance of 314.23 feet; thence south 34° 42' 44" west a distance of 108.63 feet; thence south 00° 53' 56" east a distance of 340.00 feet to the point of beginning. All bearings stated in this description are based on the assumption that the south line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 4 has a bearing of north 90° 00' 00" east.

The area of Stoner's Addition is 5.261 acres which includes 0.261 acres of Highway Right-of-Way, 33 feet in width along the south line of the above described parcel of land.

**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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east a distance of 387.97 feet; thence north 07° 42' 47" west a distance of 126.20 feet; thence south 64° 12' 28" west a distance of 113.34 feet; thence south 51° 45' 48" west a distance of 162.38 feet; thence south 43° 59' 11" west a distance of 314.23 feet; thence south 34° 42' 44" west a distance of 108.63 feet; thence south 00° 53' 56" east a distance of 340.00 feet to the point of beginning. All bearings stated in this description are based on the assumption that the south line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 4 has a bearing of north 90° 00' 00" east.

Hereafter known as Lot B in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 93 North, Range 38 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa;

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 B in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 93 North, Range 38 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 17th day of February 2026.

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

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 2/10/2026 as corrected, and accept the following **reports**: January Conservation Board minutes, January BV County Solid Waste Commission minutes, and February Safety Committee minutes. Carried.

The Board had a **budget work session**.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. until Tuesday, February 24 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.