

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWELTH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (12)
MARCH 10, 2026**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10, 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 Snyder, second by Hartman to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Chairman Merten started the meeting by **congratulating** the Newell-Fonda girls basketball team for their win at the Iowa State Basketball Tournament and congratulating the Storm Lake High School boys for advancing in the Iowa Boys State Basketball Tournament.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for MidAmerican Energy, to bury fiber optics along 80th Ave from 600th St in section 31 township 91N. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been working on some driveway. They have 4-5 crews working around the county cutting brush and trees and hauling the trees away. The trucks were sent out last Saturday morning due to slick roads. They have advertised for their seasonal help for the summer. Engineer Bret Wilkinson will be attending ISAC the remainder of this week. The DOT public information meeting for Phase 3 is scheduled for May 12 at the Alta Community Center from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 2/24/2026 as presented, today's **claim approval list and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports:** February Conservation Board Minutes, February BV County Solid Waste Agency minutes, February Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, March Safety Committee minutes. Carried.

Auditor Lloyd presented the property and casualty insurance application to the Board for the Chair's signature. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **property and casualty insurance application** for ICAP. Carried.

Steve Tate stopped into the meeting to ask the Board about the **Marina**, commenting that the boat ramp needs to be fixed. Tate stated that the ramp was never installed correctly. Croker advised Tate of the Conservation Board meeting this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. at the Marina and told him it might be worthwhile to attend.

Tony Pertzborn, Barb Wetherell, and Christian Grote, Stille, Pierce and Pertzborn Agency, presented the renewal document for the health insurance from Wellmark, which was a 6.29% increase. Payroll Deputy Yvonne Sandhoff explained the self-funded portion of the insurance and informed the Board about the meeting with the insurance committee. Sandhoff stated that the insurance committee would like to keep everything the way it is, and don't want to give up anything until they must give up something. Sandhoff stated that everyone is very appreciative of what we have. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker,

to authorize the Chair to sign the renewal document for the Wellmark premiums, and any future documents coming related to this. Carried.

Budget Work Session: Auditor Lloyd reviewed the proposed budget sheets and asked the Board whether they wanted any changes made to any portion of the budget including any changes to the health insurance numbers. The consensus of the Board was to leave the budget the way it is.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. until Tuesday, March 17 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.