

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIRST MEETING, 2025 SESSION (1)
JANUARY 2, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met for the first meeting of the 2025 session on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten and Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting.

Prior to the start of today's meeting, Supervisors Merten and Hartman completed the **count of cash in the Treasurer's** office.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, and Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder , to approve today's agenda as printed. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve the **minutes** of the 12/31/2024 meeting as presented and to adjourn the **2024 session**. Carried.

The first order of business for the 2025 session was the election of the Chairperson of the Board and Vice-chairperson. Chairperson Ringgenberg called for nominations for **Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors**. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to nominate Paul Merten as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg to cease nominations. Carried. Merten was then elected Chairperson of the Board by the following vote. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, and Snyder. Nays: None. Abstention: Merten. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg to nominate Croker as Vice Chairperson. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten to cease nominations. Carried. Croker was elected as Vice Chairperson by the following vote: Ayes: Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, and Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: Croker.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, that **Robert's Rule of Order Revised** (2011) shall govern the proceedings of the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, including the use of a second for all motions. Carried.

Depository Resolutions 2025-01-02-A

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, that the updated Depository Banks by the Treasurer, Recorder, & Sheriff will be used during 2025 in the amounts stated below, and, that the appropriate elected official be and is hereby authorized to deposit the designated office funds in amounts, not to exceed in the aggregate, named for said bank:

Treasurer:	Citizen's First National Bank, Storm Lake	\$1,500,000.00
	Central Bank, Storm Lake	\$2,500,000.00
	Security Trust & Savings Bank, Storm Lake	\$36,000,000.00
Recorder:	Security Trust & Savings Bank, Storm Lake	\$100,000.00
Sheriff:	Central Bank, Storm Lake	\$250,000.00
	Citizen's First National Bank, Storm Lake	\$50,000.00
Attorney:	Central Bank, Storm Lake	600.00

and, that the 2025 Federal Depository Bank shall be Security Trust and Savings Bank, Storm Lake, with the payroll deposits to be made by wire transfer.

Matrix Construction Evaluation

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution 2025-01-02-B** adopting the matrix construction evaluation process. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2025-01-02-B
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2025, and January 31, 2026, and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Environmental Health Department is hereby designated as the contact persons for the county for DNR site investigations for animal confinement building construction applications.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January 2025.

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

Official Newspapers

Having received a request for official newspaper designation from each newspaper, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to designate the following as official newspapers for legal publications for 2025: The Storm Lake Times Pilot and Buena Vista County Journal, and to direct the Auditor to publish all motions of the Board, any actions resulting in a consensus of the Board, on a quarterly basis - the list of claims paid from the minutes of the Board meetings, and annually - the list of salaries paid. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, that Buena Vista County is the **Employer of Record** for the Rolling Hills CEO Dawn Mentzer, Office Administrator Kelsey Allen, & Coordinator of Disability Services Caylyn Bishop thru June 30, 2025. Carried.

Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response.

Board Appointments

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to appoint the following persons as delegates and representative to the committees, commissions and boards as noted for 2025, with changes, and pending any changes that may need to be made later. and to designate all the remaining Supervisors as alternates:

Snyder- representative on the **Third Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Advisory Board**.

Snyder–delegate, all the remaining Supervisors as alternates, to the **Local Emergency Management Commission** (Chapter 29C.9).

Snyder-representative, all the remaining Supervisors as alternates, to the **Region III Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC)**.

Snyder-representative, all the remaining Supervisors as alternates, to the **Buena Vista E-911 Service Board**.

Hartman–delegate all the remaining Supervisors as alternates, to the **Buena Vista Solid Waste Commission**.

Croker and Hartman-representatives, to the **Lake Improvements Commission**.

Merten to the **Friends of Little Lake Discovery Center Board**.

Ringgenberg–representative, to the **3-County Early Childhood Iowa Board**,

Ringgenberg–representative, to the **Buena Vista Local De-Cat Board**.

Ringgenberg-representative, to the Board of Directors of the **Storm Lake United Development Board**.

Merten and Croker as members of the board of **Storm Lake United Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund**.

Croker -delegate, to the **Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation**.

Bret Wilkinson, technical representative, Justin Anderson-alternate, to the **Region 3 RPA Transportation Technical Committee**, Snyder–Board's representative, all other board members as alternates, to the **Region 3 RPA Transportation Alternatives Committee**.

Snyder--representative, all the remaining Supervisors as alternates, to the **NW IA Juvenile Detention Center (YES)**.

Merten-representative, to the **Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center**.

Becki Drahota, Don Diehl, and Sara Monroy Huddleston, to the **Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission** for 6-yr terms expiring 12/31/2026.

Tom Ryherd (12/31/25), Don Diehl (12/31/29), and Dave Patton-appointed by the County Attorney (12/31/25) to the **BV County Civil Service Commission**. (341A.2)

Lee Dutfield-representative, to the **Regional Housing Authority** until 12/31/2028.

Croker and (1 vacancy) to the **Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund**.

Merten-as the Board representative on the **BV County Coop/COG Planning Committee** (Continuity of Operations).

Hartman-delegate, to the **Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. Board**.

Snyder-delegate, to the **NW Iowa Planning and Development Commission**.

Dale Arends-citizen representative to the **NW Iowa Planning and Development Commission**.

Snyder-representative, to the **S.H.I.E.L.D. Board (12 County)**.

Merten-as a non-voting member of the **Plains Area Mental Health Board**.

Merten-representative, to the **Rolling Hills Community Services Region Governance Board**.

To the County **Safety Committee** (including the Right-to-Know program): Hartman, Kory Elston, Dan Bailey (as Bret Wilkinson's designee), Nathan Rubendall, Justin Anderson, Tracy Gotto, Joe Keller, Hunter Knudtson, Yvonne Sandhoff, Greg Johnson, Aimee Barritt, Tyler Van Houten, Louie DeRoos, Stacey Blee, Connie Jesse, Jo Fitchett, and Brian Blomme, with Mike Raner as Safety Coordinator.

Snyder-delegate to the **Regional Transit Board (RIDES)**.

Croker and Laura Hanks-delegates to the **Western Iowa Tourism Council**.

Gary Armstrong as the Buena Vista County **Drainage Attorney**.

Snyder-delegate, to the **Drainage District #181, #274, #14-42, #22, & #150 Interim Boards**.

Merten as Buena Vista County **Equal Employment Opportunity Officer**.

Chairman-representative, for all county **labor negotiations**.

Danelle Haberman, Dan Hartman, and Susan Lloyd to the Buena Vista County **Deferred Compensation Board**.

Bret Wilkinson, Kory Elston, Joe Keller, Aimee Barritt, Paul Merten, and Kelly Snyder to the **Weather Committee**.

Board of Supervisor's Chair, Bret Wilkinson, Kory Elston, Danelle Haberman, Susan Lloyd, and Yvonne Sandhoff as members of the **Personnel Committee** (includes employee handbook updates).

Sheriff, Bldg./Grounds Supt., County Auditor, County Attorney, Clerk of Court, Member of the Board of Supervisors (Snyder), and District Court Judge Andy Smith to the **Courthouse/Judicial Security Committee**.

Curt Reis, Susan Lloyd, Joe Keller, Bret Wilkinson, Tyler Van Houten and Merten, to the **Buena Vista County Facilities Committee**.

Merten–Board's representative for **Whitney Pit Farm and South Hayes Pit Farm** for leases and Merten and Bret Wilkinson for grain sales at the South Hayes Pit.

Susan Lloyd-**ADA Coordinator**.

Public Health Administrator Julie Sather, Sheriff Kory Elston, County Attorney Paul Allen, Supervisor Kelly Snyder, and EMA Director Aimee Barritt to the **Opioid Abatement Committee**

Joe Keller as the **Lock-out/Tag-out Program** Coordinator for the Courthouse, DHS Annex, E. Richland Annex, Geneseo Annex. E5th/Seneca Annex and Cayuga St. Annex.

Alison Myrtue as the primary contact person, and Bret Wilkinson as the secondary contact person for **Drug and Alcohol Testing Alliance**.

Ben Mueggenberg as Buena Vista County **Zoning Administrator** and **Buena Vista County Floodplain Coordinator**).

Planning & Zoning Commission members: Kyle Hansen, Richard Marshall, Gary Sundblad, Marvin Engel, Melanie Anderson

Zoning Board of Adjustment members with 5-year terms as follows: Richard Langner-12/31/26, Mitch Sievers-12/31/29, Greg Sundblad-12/31/27, Steve Lind-12/31/28, and Jason Meyer-12/31/25.

Dawn Mentzer to the **Cherokee MHI Advisory Council**.

Dr. Garrett Feddersen, **County Medical Examiner**, and Tim Speers-Chief Deputy Medical Examiner, and independent MEs Greg Ebersole, Doug Simons, Jennifer Hustedt, John Dahl, & Dave Patton, as **Deputy Medical Examiners** (Chapter 331.801). Terms expire 12/31/2025.

Hartman as representative to the **BV County Trails Advisory Council**.

Andrew Kelly (6-30-27), Corey Diischer (6-30-25), Paul Sennert (6-30-26), Ron Witham (6-30-26), and Lee Meth (6-30-27) to the **Veterans Affairs Commission** for the 2025 year, and until their terms expire (Chapter 35B).

Bret Wilkinson--**Title VI Coordinator**

Bret Wilkinson as **County Engineer** and authorized to close roads as necessary.

Greg Johnson as **Weed Commissioner**.

Brian Jones as **Deputy Weed Commissioner**.

Local Board of Health-members with 3-yr. terms as follows Dr. Robert Whitmore 12/31/2025, Julie Sievers-12/31/27, Shelly Rock-12/31/26, Rhonda Ringgenberg-12/31/26 and Jon McKenna-12/31/2027.

BV Co Conservation Board-Jeff Kestel-12/31/29 Erica Larson -12/31/25, Rick Meyer-12/31/26, Sarah Vanderhoff-12/31/27 Tyrone Seaman-12/31/28.

BV County Wellness Committee: Lacey Anderson, Jen Fulcher, Angie Wilkinson, Kathy Croker, Sharon Henkel, Eric Chase, Alison Myrtue, Angela Lai, Isabel Andrade.

BV County Insurance Committee: Ashley Herrig, Ashlyn Norse, Jon Buss, Josh Nielsen, Rob Danielson, Greg Johnson, Ben Mueggenberg, Yvonne Sandhoff, Lacey Anderson, Curt Reis, Rhonda Ringgenberg, Mark Van Hooser, Bret Wilkinson, and Tyler Van Houten.

EMS Board: Kelly Snyder, all the remaining Supervisors as alternates

Mike Raner as Buena Vista County **Safety Coordinator**.

Greg Johnson to the **B.V. Co. REAP Committee**.

Merten-representative to the **North Raccoon River Watershed Management Coalition Board**.

Croker and Snyder as Board of Supervisor representatives to the **Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee**.

James R. Nelsen with a term expiring 6/30/2025 Tim Heuton with a term expiring 6/30/2026, and Mark Herrig with a term expiring 6/30/2027 to the **Lincoln Benefited Fire District Board of Trustees**.

Kathy Croker to the **SRFDC Committee** held Spring and fall at the ISAC meetings.

Croker and Merten with Hartman as alternate for the **Marina subcommittee**.

County Auditor, and in her absence the Deputy Auditor, as **Custodian of Supervisors' records** (including Supervisors Minutes, annual reports of County Departments and other organizations required to file their reports with the Board of Supervisors, Drainage District Minutes, Ordinances, Warrant Book, Claims Registers, Precinct Maps.)

The vote on the above appointments was carried.

Pursuant to Chapter 22.1.2 of the 2024 Code of Iowa, the Auditor informed the Board that she has named herself and her Deputies, Sharon Henkel and Karla Ahrendsen, as the lawful custodian of the records which are considered 'open records' in the Buena Vista County Auditor's office. (Records and Code of Iowa references: Bonds of Public Officers (62.6), Election records (62.3 and others), Budgets adopted by local taxing jurisdictions (331.502.3) Township records (331.502.30), Drainage Minutes & Assessment Schedules (331.502.33), record of Election results (50.39 & 50.40), Lost Property Record (556F), Mental Health Accounts prior to 1994 (230.26), assistance to Veterans (34B.10, Claims against the Board 331.504.4), Assessment Rolls (441.26), Tax Rate Book (444.6), Real Estate Transfer Books-Index-Plat Books (558.60-67), Survey Plats (354.25), Treasurer's report of Receipts & Disbursements (335.504.4), Valuation Report (331.510), Annual County Financial Report.

Holiday, Vacation, and Sick Leave Policy

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, that the Buena Vista County Employee Handbook with the effective date of January 1, 2020 and amended 04-18-2023, along with the various Departmental Rules, Job Descriptions, and any amendments be declared the governing policy for all Buena Vista County employees under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors for Buena Vista County, and that the Medical History, Physical Examination, and County Work Release forms be used in conjunction with the Handbook. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, that **election workers** for 2025 be paid \$14.00/hr. and chairpersons \$15/hr., effective this date. Carried.

Meal and Mileage Rate Reimbursements

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the following reimbursement:

meal cost reimbursement to employees, and to others serving on boards and in other appointive positions, shall be meals eaten out of county during approved schools or meetings may be reimbursed at their actual cost, minus alcoholic beverages, up to a maximum of \$60.00 per diem which includes a gratuity and any additional charge for using a credit/debit card, following the handbook policy. (Reimbursements for meals, when no overnight stay is involved, will show on the employee's W-2). No reimbursement will be made for alcoholic beverages. To receive reimbursement, detailed receipts must be submitted. If the per diem is exceeded due to a meal/meeting, that fact shall be noted on the reimbursement claim. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the following reimbursement and the Lodging Expense policy:

mileage reimbursement rate for sheriff's service fees at the current IRS rate \$.70/mile on 1/1/2025.

mileage to employees (including deputy medical examiners, township elected officials, and election workers) at the rate of \$.04 cents under the current IRS standard mileage rate (.66), for each mile traveled by private vehicle (not for county owned vehicles) for county business in 2025.

The **Hotel Reimbursement & Human Trafficking Policy** which applies to county employees wanting reimbursement for hotels they stay in while under County employment for meetings and training went into effect January 1 of 2022 and remains in effect indefinitely. Carried.

Drainage Resolutions and Assessments

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, that the County Drainage Attorney is hereby directed to research drainage and other assessments due and payable on parcels of Buena Vista County property prior to putting them on the list of properties for scavenger auction; to establish 5% as the rate of interest to be paid during 2025 on all stamped warrants, and charged on Improvement Certificates and Drainage

District waivers, effective this date (for Buena Vista County drainage districts only); that the beaver control policy in 2025 shall be payment of \$50 per beaver tail for beavers trapped in drainage districts as adopted January 1, 1986, and, the beaver control program shall be \$50/beaver tail for the non-drainage district areas of the county; these programs require that the claimant possess a fur-bearer's license as required by law, and with a payout limit of \$2,000 in non-drainage districts areas in each fiscal year. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m. until Tuesday, January 7 at 8:30 a.m. for a special meeting.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SECOND MEETING, 2025 SESSION (2)
JANUARY 7, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, January 7, 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, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen requested that the Board declare 22 laptops, that were used for Precinct Atlas, to be declared as excess equipment, and to allow their disposal by pulling the hard drives for shredding and then recycling the remaining parts. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the request to declare 22 laptops, that were used for Precinct Atlas by the Auditor's Office, as **excess equipment** and authorize their disposal. Carried.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 1/2/2025 as corrected, and accepting the following **reports:** October, November, and December Veterans Affairs Commission minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #923359, dated 8/16/2024 to James Peterson for \$18.47, as it has been lost. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the **Jt. DD #14-42** claim for Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$2,518.16 to mobilize and clean rip rap from the channel and place new rip rap. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the **Jt. DD #14-42** claim for Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$575.00 to mobilize and repair the ditch bank. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the **Jt. DD #14-42 Lat 243E** claim for Terry Gunnarson, in the amount of \$2,850.00 for tile replacement. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Ringgenberg attended the Board of Health meeting last night.

Emergency Management Director, Aimee Barritt, presented her FY'26 funding request. Barritt is requesting \$65,000 for **Emergency Management** and \$22,000 for Hazmat. The Hazmat contract is with Sioux City Fire for \$1/person based on the 2020 population. The contract runs through 2027. Barritt updated the Board on activities her agency has been involved with over the past year and on initiatives for the coming year.

Buena Vista County EMS Association President, Kirk Reetz, presented their FY'26 funding request. Reetz thanked the Board for their support and is asking for \$10,000, which is the same as the current year. The funds they receive from the county is primarily allocated for EMS provider training in the county. The EMS Association pays for initial education, as well as the continuing education required to maintain certification. They also put the funds towards any equipment costs to keep equipment up-to-date. The Board thanked Reetz and stated that they appreciate all they do.

Storm Lake United Executive Director Laura Hanks introduced herself to the Board and reviewed what Storm Lake United does and why they do it. Hanks is requesting \$60,000 for FY'26, which is over their current approved amount of \$35,000. Hanks stated that the additional funding from the county will allow them to promote the commercial, industrial, and tourism opportunities that the city and county have to offer. Hanks stated that one of the main goals guiding their strategic plan is to expand the reach outside of Storm Lake into the surrounding communities in Buena Vista County, adding additional meaning to Storm Lake United. The Board thanked her for coming in.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m. until Thursday, January 9 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session and Departmental budget reviews.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRD MEETING, 2025 SESSION (3)
JANUARY 9, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Thursday, January 9, 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, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

FY'26 budget requests were received from the following departments: Danelle Haberman-Treasurer, Susan Lloyd-Auditor & Elections, Melissa Nation (virtually)-DHS, Brian Blomme-Drainage, Louie DeRoos and Jerry Weiland-Veterans Affairs, Greg Johnson-Conservation, Weed Dept., Bait Shop, and Marina, and Non-Departmental/Miscellaneous budgets.

The board recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. to hear the remainder of the FY'26 budgets.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 p.m. until Friday, January 10 at 8:30 a.m. for departmental budget reviews.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FOURTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (4)
JANUARY 10, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Friday, January 10, 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, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to amend **today's agenda**, to include any follow-up with departments that did not get through their whole budget to review during their allotted time. Carried.

FY'26 budget requests were received from the following departments: Julie Sather-Public Health, Homemaker, General Relief and Community Services, Paul Allen-County Attorney, Curt Reis-Recorder, Joe Keller-Buildings and Grounds, Tyler Van Houten-I. T., Ben Mueggenberg-Environmental Health and Zoning, Karla Ahrendsen-Insurance, Kory Elston-Sheriff, Jail, Communications Center, K-9, and LEC, Bret Wilkinson-Engineer, and Danelle Haberman-Treasurer revenues.

The board recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. The Board reconvened at 12:50 p.m. to hear the remainder of the FY'26 budgets. Chairman Merten stepped out of the meeting at 3:55 p.m. and Vice-Chair Croker conducted the remainder of the meeting.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. until Tuesday, January 14 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (5)
JANUARY 14, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 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, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to amend **today's agenda**, to include any follow-up budget discussion with any departments, at the end of today's scheduled appointments. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been hauling gravel to stockpiles and doing some chainsaw work; the plow trucks were out on the hard surface roads today; Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he has an employee that will be retiring soon, and once the date is known, he will be advertising for an EO1 position; Wilkinson will be going through the applications that were received for the administrative assistant position, and then setting up interviews; Wilkinson informed the Board that the pickup (unit 60) has been fixed, and they took photographs of the repairs and will send them off to the insurance company. Merten asked if the truck had to be "certified", and Wilkinson stated that they got the codes from Chevy to reset various things and will wait to see what the insurance company has to say about the repairs made; Wilkinson has his Title VI audit tomorrow; a FEMA representative will be here today to work on the project. Wilkinson stated that the FEMA project was mostly debris removal and repair to one culvert north of Sioux Rapids, with a total over \$300,000 for the claim to FEMA.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson went over his revenues and transfers for the **FY'26 budget** with the Board and will come back in at the end of the meeting to answer any other questions they may have.

Hear the Public: Terry Murray was present during the County Engineer's agenda time and stated that he appreciated Supervisor Croker's comments and questions of Engineer Bret Wilkinson regarding the Secondary Road budget. Murray also wanted to inform the Board of the poor condition of the gravel road that goes by his place, that it is wash boarded. Murray asked the Board if there was any training for the maintainer operators and stated that it is a concern of the County Farm Bureau on the conditions of the gravel roads. Chairman Merten stated that there was a trainer here for half of the guys and said that they will have training in the spring for the remainder of the guys. Murray asked if they have training from the companies when they purchase new equipment. Engineer Wilkinson was online and commented that he didn't know if the company offered training, but the person that did the training is from Sac County and does

the training himself and has worked with the DOT on training also. Murray commented that the operators are causing the washboards on the roads. Murray informed the Board of one more issue, and that was the new buying station on Hwy 71. Murray stated that the buying station is putting large rocks on the approach, and as trucks leave, the rocks are coming out on the roadway, which is a hazard.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the minutes of 1/7/2025, 1/9/2025, and 1/10/2025 as presented, today's claim approval list, and Auxiant disbursements, and accepting the following reports: January Safety Committee minutes, December Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, and December Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected. Carried.

Rolling Hills Region CEO Dawn Mentzer informed the Board that since the State is eliminating all the mental health regions as of 6/30/25. Mentzer stated that she and her staff will still be working in the month of July, to pay all the last FY'25 claims. Mentzer stated that she has a small amount in the county's FY'26 budget for salaries and benefits to finish out the FY'25 fiscal year. Mentzer stated that Behavioral Health services was awarded to Iowa Primary Care Association, in Des Moines, who will have 30 employees to cover the state of Iowa, compared to the current 160 employees of the regions across Iowa. Mentzer stated that there are still unanswered questions as to unemployment for the existing region employees, and whether the State of Iowa will reimburse the counties for those costs associated with their employees of the Region or if it will be all county expense. Buena Vista County is "employer of record" for Mentzer and two other staff members. June, 2025 will be Mentzer's 31st work anniversary with Buena Vista County.

Sheriff Kory Elston informed the Board that he needs to replace the patrol deputies laptops, which are still on Windows 10. Elston presented a proposal from TD SYNEX to lease 14 laptops, for five years, for a total of \$21,116.88 per year. Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve the proposal of TD SYNEX and allow the Sheriff to proceed with a lease of 14 laptops for the patrol deputies, at a cost of \$21,116.88 per year, for five years. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Jt. DD #22 claim for Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$40.20 for engineering services for 2024 drone video prep and delivery. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to authorize the Auditor to void and reissue check #324967, dated 4/9/2024 to Street Cop Training for \$225.00, as it has been lost. Carried.

County Engineer Bret Wilkinson came back to the Board to review more of his FY'26 budget.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. until Tuesday, January 21 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2025**

NO BOARD MEETING HELD

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SIXTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (6)
JANUARY 28, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 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, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the proposal by resolution for **Parcel #1002178015**, Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6), in the Village of Truesdale, Iowa, with eight unidentified callers present electronically. Chairman Merten asked if there were any questions, either from the Board or the callers online, and there were none. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution #2025-01-28-A requesting sealed bids for the sale of Buena Vista County Parcel #1002178015, Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6), in the Village of Truesdale, Iowa. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-01-28-A

WHEREAS, Buena Vista County holds title to Buena Vista County Parcel # 1002178015, in Truesdale, Iowa, and legally described as:

Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6), in the Village of Truesdale, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has declared the above described property as excess and of no longer use to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.361, subsection 2, considers disposal of said property to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County; and

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2024 the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors proposed by resolution #2024-12-24-A to request sealed bids for the sale of the above described property; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2025, a public hearing was held on the proposal to request sealed bids for the sale of the above described property after notice in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.361(2)(a); and

WHEREAS, no objection was had at the public hearing on the proposal and no other proposals made.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, by this resolution, hereby requests sealed bids for the sale of Buena Vista County Parcel # 1002178015, in Truesdale, Iowa, and legally described as:

Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6), in the Village of Truesdale, Iowa.

Buena Vista County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and any conveyance shall be made by quitclaim deed.

Bids should include any amounts and terms for consideration by the Board and should be submitted to the Buena Vista County Auditor by 4:00 p.m. on February 21, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chair.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the utility permit for the City of Linn Grove, to replace all their water lines, and permitting them to use the Secondary Road right-of-way along M36/Weaver Street, from Hight Street to Main Street. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve and authorize all the supervisors to sign Resolution #2025-01-28-B Awarding Project STP-S-CO11(119)--5E-11 to Heartland Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$2,734,420.33 and naming Engineer Bret Wilkinson as the designated person to sign the contracts in connection with this project let through the DOT for this county. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-01-28-B

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the Project STP-S-C011(119)--5E-11, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Buena Vista County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as HMA Resurfacing/Cold-in-Place Recycling of 6 miles of C49 east of Hwy 71; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Buena Vista County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to accept the bid from Heartland Asphalt Inc in the amount of \$2,734,420.33 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Bret Wilkinson, the County Engineer for Buena Vista County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Dated at Buena Vista County, Iowa, this 28th day of January, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairman of Board of Supervisors, /s/ Kathy Croker, /s/ Dan Hartman, /s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, /s/ Kelly Snyder.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that Curt Johnson is retiring February 28, and he would like permission to advertise to hire and E01, and to fill Johnson's E03 position from within the department. Merten stated that he would like the new hire to be someone who can do a good job on

the roads, as he has received numerous complaints. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize Engineer Wilkinson to **advertise for an E01 position**. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been stockpiling gravel and cutting brush in the ditches; Engineer Wilkinson is working on the Title VI paperwork after the audit; Engineer Wilkinson is working on paperwork for the new FEMA representative, having to start over, as the previous representative swapped the information on the two disasters; the TIF Committee met last week regarding amending the Urban Renewal Plan soon in order to obtain additional funds for the road project around the Platinum Crush plant.

Richard Marshall was present and asked the Board if he could speak. Marshall discussed the plans to **pave 590th St. from M27 to C49**, stating 590th pavement ends at M27. Marshall would rather have traffic on the State highway and let the State maintain it. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he is not moving forward with the plans. Daryl Millard was present and stated that he agreed with Richard Marshall and stated that if 590th is resurfaced, that is three roads in four miles. Millard stated that C63 is not up to grade, and he would rather see dollars spent somewhere else.

Sheriff Kory Elston requested that Rob Danielson be allowed to carry over 35 hours of vacation, over the 40 hours allowed, with his intention to use the hours in February. Elston stated that Jennifer Morse would like to carry over 7.25 hours over the 40 hours allowed with intention to use those hours soon. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the request of Rob Danielson to carry over an additional 35 hours of **vacation** over the 40 hours allowed, and for Jennifer Morse to carry over an additional 7.25 hours of vacation over the 40 hours allowed, with both employees using up their extra time soon. Carried.

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 Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 1/14/2025, as presented, today's **claim approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **reports:** December BV County Landfill Commission minutes, December Conservation Board minutes, December Board of Health minutes, Quarterly Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for Oct-Dec 2024, September E911 Commission minutes, and FY'24 Audit Report for Plains Area Mental Health, Inc. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that he had met with the Hayes Township Clerk regarding the **fire services assessment** he received from the City of Storm Lake, which is higher than what the township can levy for. Allen stated that there should be 28E Agreements with the townships and the city where they receive their fire services, and some don't exist. Allen stated that Iowa Code 331.385, the Board of Supervisors have the responsibility to negotiate the rates for fire services on behalf of the townships. The consensus of the Board was to direct the County Attorney to contact the City Attorney for Storm Lake to develop a 28E Agreement for fire services provided to Hayes Township.

Payroll Clerk Yvonne Sandhoff informed the Board that county departments had budgeted a 15% increase for **health insurance for FY'26**, but the actual increase came in at 8.37% for Wellmark. Sandhoff asked the Board if they wanted the departments to recalculate their insurance numbers for the budget, and the Board said yes they would like the insurance recalculated for the budget.

Motion by Croker, seconded by Snyder to approve the Chairman to sign the **letter of engagement with Northland Securities**. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. until Tuesday, February 11 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. (no meeting is planned for February 4).

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

NO BOARD MEETING HELD

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEVENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (7)
FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman (virtual), Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Ringgenberg.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, to bore under 110th Ave, between Sections 10 and 11 Scott Township, to install a 2" water line to service 4966 110th Ave. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for MidAmerican Energy, to bury fiber optics to connect substations, one is west of Storm Lake along 90th Ave. and the second one is along 100th Ave. beginning at the Sac County line. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he offered the Administrative Assistant position to Alyssa Carlson, pending Board approval, starting February 27 at \$25/hour. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the hiring of Alyssa Carlson as the **Administrative Assistant** for the County Engineer, beginning February 27, at \$25/hour. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been plowing snow, but not putting down material due to the temperatures and wind; they are still hauling gravel and cutting brush; this week, they will work on the equipment; Engineer Wilkinson has talked with the railroad regarding the 70th Ave. crossing, and what they will allow with lights and arms; Engineer Wilkinson is working on more paperwork on Title VI from the audit; the contractor should be finishing the last of the bridge abutments this week.

Hear the Public: Kevin Cone asked if the lights and arms were always part of the plan on 70th Ave. Engineer Wilkinson stated that he has been talking with the railroad since the beginning about the lights and arms. Cone commented that sometimes the trains are blocking the intersection for two hours, and they are going too fast when they leave Storm Lake. Wilkinson stated that he will ask about the speed of the trains. Beverly McGriff was online and stated that the surveyors for Summit Pipeline will be out and asked the Board whether they have submitted anything to the Iowa Utility Commission on the pipeline regarding drainage. Merten stated that he will check. McGriff asked about regulations crossing roads and railroads. Merten stated that they must have a permit to cross county roads and drainage districts. McGriff stated that there needs to be an alert system to notify people within two miles. McGriff stated that she and the other landowners want the Board of Supervisors to protect their property rights and their lives.

Minutes of the second Compensation Board meeting was presented to the Board of Supervisors, with the same recommendation as the first meeting. County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that the Recorder's representative John Murray had given a letter to the Compensation that contained two legal errors. Allen stated that Iowa Code Section 331.321 was referenced, and it should have been 331.907. Then, Murray stated that the salary recommendations were not to be higher than the consumer price index, which was part of a failed law. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to acknowledge receipt of the **Compensation Board** minutes with recommendations from the January 8th meeting, taking into account County Attorney Paul Allen's comments. Carried.

Tony Pertzborn and Barb Wetherell, Stille, Pierce and Pertzborn Agency, presented the renewal document for the health insurance from Wellmark, which was an 8.37% increase. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to authorize the Chair to sign the renewal document for the **Wellmark premiums**, and any future documents coming related to this. Carried. Payroll Clerk and member of the Insurance Committee Yvonne Sandhoff informed the Board that the Insurance Committee had met twice, with Stille Pierce and Pertzborn and Auxiant, and recommended that everything remain the same, keeping the 70% contribution that the County pays for the family plans, the county paying the full single rate, and keeping the deduction the same. Sandhoff stated that the Committee really appreciates what the County pays on the health insurance. Sandhoff also stated that the Insurance Committee will be meeting in July/August to discuss possible options for the future.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **engagement letter** for Ahlers & Cooney, regarding Amendment #1 to the Platinum Urban Renewal Plan. Carried.

Board Member Merten then introduced the following proposed Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION SETTING DATES OF A CONSULTATION AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PLATINUM URBAN RENEWAL PLAN IN BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA", and moved that the same be adopted. Board Member Hartman seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder. Nays: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02-11-A

RESOLUTION SETTING DATES OF A CONSULTATION AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PLATINUM URBAN RENEWAL PLAN IN BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2022-03-15-A, adopted March 15, 2022, this Board found and determined that certain areas located within the County are eligible and should be designated as an urban renewal area under Iowa law, and approved and adopted the Platinum Urban Renewal Plan (the "Plan" or "Urban Renewal Plan") for the Platinum Urban Renewal Area (the "Area" or "Urban Renewal Area") described therein, which Plan is on file in the office of the Recorder of Buena Vista County; and

WHEREAS, this Urban Renewal Area currently includes and consists of:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED SOUTH OF THE CHICAGO CENTRAL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD ROW IN SECTIONS 30 AND 31; TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA.

AND

County Road 70th Ave including ROW laying South of Hwy 7 hard surface to its intersection with County Road 610th Street (also known as C-63)

County Road 80th Ave including ROW laying South of Hwy 7 hard surface to its intersection with 600th Street.

County Road 600th Street including ROW lay East of 70th Ave to its intersection with 80th Ave.

A stretch of ROW on both the north and south side of Hwy 7 laying 800 feet West of its intersection with 70th Ave

A stretch of ROW on both the north and south side of Hwy 7 laying 800 feet East of its intersection with 80th Ave

County Road 20th Ave including ROW (also known as M-27) laying South of Hwy 3 hard surface to the South County line.

County Road 50th Ave including ROW (also known as M-31) laying South of Hwy 3 hard surface to its intersection with County Road 630th Street.

County Road 80th Ave including ROW (also known as M-36) laying South of Hwy 3 hard surface to its intersection with Hwy 7 hard surface.

County Road 120th Ave including ROW (also known as Radio Road) laying South of 590th Street (also known as C-49) to its intersection with Expansion Blvd.

County Road 70th Ave (also known as Villa Road) laying South of 580th Street (also known as C-49) to its intersection with Hwy 7.

County Road 580th Street including ROW (also known as C-49) laying East of County Road 50th Ave hard surface (also known as M-31) to its intersection with 50th Ave (also known as M-36).

County Road 590th Street including ROW (also known as C-49) laying East of County Road 20th Ave hard surface (also known as M-27) to its intersection with 50th Ave (also known as M-31) and 590th Street continuing East to its intersection with 70th Ave.

County Road 590th Street including ROW (also known as C-49) laying East of County Road 80th Ave hard surface (also known as M-36) to its intersection with Hwy 71 hard surface.

County Road 610th Street (also known as C- 63) commencing at the West County line to its intersection with 70th Ave.

County Road 630th Street (also known as C- 65) commencing at the West County line to its intersection with Hwy 71.

WHEREAS, County staff has caused there to be prepared a form of Amendment No. 1 to the Plan ("Amendment No. 1" or "Amendment"), a copy of which has been placed on file for public inspection in the office of the County Auditor and which is incorporated herein by reference, the purpose of which is to add to and/or update the list of proposed projects to be undertaken within the Urban Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the area be redeveloped as part of the overall redevelopment covered by the Plan, as amended; and

WHEREAS, this proposed Amendment No. 1 adds no new land to the Urban Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa statutes require the Board of Supervisors to notify all affected taxing entities of the consideration being given to the proposed Amendment No. 1 and to hold a consultation with such taxing entities with respect thereto, and further provides that the designated representative of each affected taxing entity may attend the consultation and make written recommendations for modifications to the proposed division of revenue included as a part thereof, to which the County shall submit written responses as provided in Section 403.5, Code of Iowa, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa statutes further require the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing on the proposed Amendment No. 1 subsequent to notice thereof by publication in a newspaper having general circulation within the County, which notice shall describe the time, date, place and purpose of the hearing, shall generally identify the urban renewal area covered by the Amendment and shall outline the general scope of the urban renewal project under consideration, with a copy of the notice also being mailed to each affected taxing entity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1: That the consultation on the proposed Amendment No. 1 required by Section 403.5(2), Code of Iowa, as amended, shall be held on February 19, 2025, in the Board Room, County Courthouse, 215 East 5th Street, Storm Lake, Iowa, at 9:00 A.M., and the Chairperson, or his delegate, is hereby appointed to serve as the designated representative of the County for purposes of conducting the consultation, receiving any recommendations that may be made with respect thereto and responding to the same in accordance with Section 403.5(2), Code of Iowa.

Section 2: That the County Auditor is authorized and directed to cause a notice of such consultation to be sent by regular mail to all affected taxing entities, as defined in Section 403.17(1), Code of Iowa, along with a copy of this Resolution and the proposed Amendment No. 1, the notice to be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF A CONSULTATION TO BE HELD BETWEEN BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA AND ALL AFFECTED TAXING ENTITIES CONCERNING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PLATINUM URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA

Buena Vista County, State of Iowa will hold a consultation with all affected taxing entities, as defined in Section 403.17(1), Code of Iowa, as amended, commencing at 9:00 A.M. on February 19, 2025, in the Board Room, County Courthouse, 215 East 5th Street, Storm Lake, Iowa concerning a proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Platinum Urban Renewal Plan for the Platinum Urban Renewal Area, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Each affected taxing entity may appoint a representative to attend the consultation. The consultation may include a discussion of the estimated growth in valuation of taxable property included in the Urban Renewal Area, the fiscal impact of the division of revenue on the affected taxing entities, the estimated impact on the provision of services by each of the affected taxing entities in the Urban Renewal Area, and the duration of any bond issuance included in the Amendment.

The designated representative of any affected taxing entity may make written recommendations for modifications to the proposed division of revenue no later than seven days following the date of the consultation. The Chairperson, or his delegate, as the designated representative of Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, shall submit a written response to the affected taxing entity, no later than seven days prior to the public hearing on the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Platinum Urban Renewal Plan, addressing any recommendations made by that entity for modification to the proposed division of revenue.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, as provided by Section 403.5, Code of Iowa, as amended.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor, Buena Vista County, State of Iowa

(End of Notice)

Section 3: Board of Supervisors at its meeting which commences at 8:30 A.M. on March 18, 2025, in the Board Room, County Courthouse, 215 East 5th Street, Storm Lake, Iowa.

Section 4: That the County Auditor is authorized and directed to publish notice of this public hearing in the Buena Vista County Journal and the Storm Lake Times Pilot, once on a date not less than four (4) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of the public hearing, and to mail a copy of the notice by ordinary mail to each affected taxing entity, such notice in each case to be in substantially the following form:

(One publication required)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A
PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PLATINUM URBAN
RENEWAL PLAN FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL AREA IN BUENA VISTA
COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA

The Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, will hold a public hearing before itself at its meeting which commences at 8:30 A.M. on March 18, 2025 in the Board Room, County Courthouse, 215 East 5th Street, Storm Lake, Iowa, to consider adoption of a proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Platinum Urban Renewal Plan (the "Amendment") concerning an Urban Renewal Area in Buena Vista County, State of Iowa.

The Urban Renewal Area contains the land legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED SOUTH OF THE CHICAGO CENTRAL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD ROW IN SECTIONS 30 AND 31; TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA.

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County Road 630th Street (also known as C- 65) commencing at the West County line to its intersection with Hwy 71.

A copy of the Amendment is on file for public inspection in the office of the County Auditor, Courthouse, Storm Lake, Iowa.

Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, is the local public agency which, if such Amendment is approved, shall undertake the urban renewal activities described in such Amendment.

The general scope of the urban renewal activities under consideration in the Amendment is to promote the growth and retention of qualified industries and businesses in the Urban Renewal Area through various public purpose and special financing activities outlined in the Amendment. To accomplish the objectives of the Amendment, and to encourage the further economic development of the Urban Renewal Area, the Amendment provides that such special financing activities may include, but not be limited to, the making of loans or grants of public funds to private entities under Chapter 15A, Code of Iowa. The County also may reimburse or directly undertake the installation, construction and reconstruction of substantial public improvements, including, but not limited to, street, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer or other public improvements. The County also may acquire and make land available for development or redevelopment by private enterprise as authorized by law. The Amendment provides that the County may issue bonds or use available funds for purposes allowed by the Plan and that tax increment reimbursement of the costs of urban renewal projects may be sought if and to the extent incurred by the County. The Amendment initially proposes specific public infrastructure or site improvements to be undertaken by the County, and provides that the Amendment may be amended from time to time.

The proposed Amendment No. 1 would add to and/or update the list of proposed projects to be undertaken within the Urban Renewal Area. The proposed Amendment adds no new land to the Urban Renewal Area.

Other provisions of the Plan not affected by the Amendment would remain in full force and effect.

Any person or organization desiring to be heard shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard at such hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, as provided by Section 403.5, Code of Iowa.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor, Buena Vista County, State of Iowa

(End of Notice)

Section 5: That the proposed Amendment No. 1, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, for the Urban Renewal Area described therein is hereby officially declared to be the proposed Amendment No. 1 referred to in the notices for purposes of such consultation and hearing and that a copy of the Amendment shall be placed on file in the office of the County Auditor.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of February, 2025.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the minutes of 1/28/2025, as presented, today's claim approval list, and accepting the following reports: December NW IA YES Center minutes, November Central IA Juvenile Detention Center minutes, and January Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to concur with the Auditor's reappointment of Kristina Konradi as Real Estate Deputy, and to approve her salary at 80% of the Auditor's base salary. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to concur with the Auditor's reappointment of Sharon Henkel as 1st Deputy Auditor, and to approve her salary at 85% of the Auditor's base salary. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to concur with the Auditor's reappointment of Karla Ahrendsen as Election Deputy, and to approve her salary to 85% of the Auditor's base salary. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. until Tuesday, February 18 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
EIGHTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (8)
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, February 18, 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, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a 28E Agreement for the Board to consider, for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project, through the Iowa County Engineer Grant Program. Wilkinson stated that many bridges across the state qualify. BV County Bridge #54 was chosen as one of the higher rankings and is bundled with Ida County. The engineer's estimate on the bridge is \$700,000, and the county should receive 80% Federal reimbursement. Wilkinson stated that all the agreements must be signed first before the application is sent in. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 28E Agreement for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution #2025-02-18-A In Support of the Joint CHBP Grant Agreement and Letter of Support for the Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project. Carried.

Resolution No. 2025-02-18-A
In Support of the Joint CHBP Grant Agreement
&
Letter of Support for the
Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project

Whereas, Buena Vista County, Iowa bridge FHWA number(s): 085740, has been identified as being part of a joint Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project, and

Whereas, Iowa bridge FHWA number(s) 085740 have been included in a Bundle, as detailed in Exhibit B, and

Whereas, we accept the Contracting Authority for the bundle as detailed in Exhibit B, and acknowledge the roles and responsibilities of each party as detailed in Section 3 and 4, and

Whereas, it is desired by and in the interest of Buena Vista County to participate fully in the CHBP project activities as a Sub-recipient and provide all requisite information necessary to bring to completion all project phases through final completion, and

Whereas, we are in support of the Iowa DOT providing Primary Recipient roles and duties, and

Whereas, we understand and accept the Sub-recipient roles and responsibilities as defined in the “28E Cooperative Agreement for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project”, including its referenced Exhibits, and

Whereas, each County as shown in Section 4, paragraph A shall be responsible for all matching funds and accept any costs exceeding the funds requested in the CHBP Grant application for their respective structure, and

Whereas, it is the intent of Buena Vista County, upon award of CHBP funds, to enter into a Federal-aid Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa hereby approves and directs the Chair to sign this Letter of Support for the Bridge Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project and the 28E Cooperative Agreement for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Grant Project, and to provide all pertinent correspondence and project information to:

Attn: Nicole Stinn, P.E.
Secondary Roads Engineer
Iowa DOT Local Systems Bureau
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010

Adopted this 18th day of February, 2025.

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a Region III Transportation Projects application. The application is for Cold-in-Place Recycle and HMA Overlay 7 miles of M54 (210th Ave) from Hwy 3 north to Hwy 10. The estimated cost of the project is \$3.4 million, requesting 80% (\$2,720,000) as a Federal reimbursement, with a local match of \$680,000. Wilkinson stated that this is eligible for Farm-to-Market funds for the local match. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Application for Region III Transportation Projects**, M54 from Hwy 3 north to Hwy 10 in Northeastern Buena Vista County. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They were out moving snow, with the motor graders out yesterday, and plows out over the weekend on hard surface roads; Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he had a conversation with the DOT, and he is trying to get someone from the railroad to come in and talk to the Board. Croker asked when the utilities will know about the intersection, and Wilkinson responded that they have earlier plans. Croker stated that the sooner the utilities know about the intersection, the sooner they can make their plans. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he needs one signature on 80th Ave. Wilkinson will try and have a conversation with IDOT in Ames when he is there on Friday.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented the 2025 DOT Roadway Maintenance Agreement from April 15, 2025 and ending November 15, 2025. This agreement is for a spring application and a fall application for weed abatement and control spraying of highway right-of-way along IA Highway 3, IA Highway 7, IA Highway 110, and US Highway 71 in Buena Vista County. Johnson stated that the same area is covered, and the amount charged the State is the same at \$45,000. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **DOT 2025 Roadside Maintenance Agreement.** Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson started the discussion of the **Marina** transfer and presented the Board with some options. Johnson stated that the State provided a copy of an abstract on one of the parcels, the remaining parcels do not have an abstract. Johnson stated that a report of liens and ownership and a title opinion could be done, or the county could pay to have an abstract done for those parcels. Croker suggested starting with a survey first, of the area outside of the abstract. The last abstract was done in 1966. The consensus of the Board was to start with a survey and suggested that Johnson contact ISG.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson informed the Board that the Judge ruled in the county's favor on the **Linn Grove Dam** arbitration for Disaster DR4421 (2019) and DR4796 (2024). Johnson stated that there is still an RFI (request for information) on the park, but they were awarded the full amount on the Dam, which was \$3,000,000.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme reviewed with the Board, the video inspection that was done on DD #151 Tile Main and Lateral 1, located in Section 1 and 2, Scott Township, and Section, Barnes Township. Blomme stated that there were no repair recommendations for the Main Tile at this time. Blomme stated that Lateral No. 1 was found to be in good condition for the age of the tile, however, the connection point of Lateral No. 2 into the tile of Lateral No. 1 showed misalignment of the tile segments. Blomme recommended that the tile connection of DD #151 Lat. 2 be repaired by the BV County Secondary Roads Tile Department. Blomme also recommended payment of the invoice to ISG for performing the video inspection of the DD #151 tile facility, which will be submitted with the next claims, and after he contacts ISG for a correction to the invoice. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to direct the Drainage Department to coordinate with the BV County Secondary Roads Department to complete repairs to **DD #151 Lat. 2.** Carried.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 2/11/2025, as presented, and accepting the following **reports:** January Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings and January Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Board Member Ringgenberg introduced the following **Resolution #2025-02-18-B** entitled "RESOLUTION DECLARING AN OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER TREASURY REGULATION 1.150-2 TO ISSUE DEBT TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR CERTAIN ORIGINAL EXPENDITURES PAID IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIED PROJECTS" and moved that it be adopted. Board Member Snyder seconded the motion to adopt, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

Resolution #2025-02-18-B

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER TREASURY REGULATION 1.150-2 TO ISSUE DEBT TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR CERTAIN ORIGINAL EXPENDITURES PAID IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIED PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the County anticipates making cash expenditures for one or more capital improvement projects, generally described below (each of which shall hereinafter be referred to as a "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County reasonably expects to issue debt to reimburse the costs of a Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is consistent with the County's budgetary and financial circumstances to issue this declaration of official intent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Resolution be and does hereby serve as a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2.

Section 2. That it is reasonably expected that capital expenditures will be made in respect of the following Project(s), from time to time and in such amounts as this Board determines to be necessary or desirable under the circumstances then and there existing.

Section 3. That the County reasonably expects to reimburse all or a portion of the following expenditures with the proceeds of bonds, notes or other indebtedness to be issued or incurred by the County in the future.

Section 4. That the total estimated costs of the Project(s), the maximum principal amount of the bonds, notes or other indebtedness to be issued for the foregoing Project(s) and the estimated dates of completion of the Project(s) are reasonably expected to be as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Fund from which Original expenditures are to be Advanced</u>	<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Amount of Borrowing Anticipated</u>	<u>Estimated Date of Completion</u>
<u>Phase 1</u>	<u>0020 Secondary Roads</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>6/30/2025</u>

Section 5. That the County reasonably expects to reimburse the above-mentioned Project costs not later than the later of eighteen months after the capital expenditures are paid or eighteen months after the property is placed in service, but in no event more than three (3) years after the original expenditure is paid.

Section 6. That this Resolution be maintained by the County Auditor in an Official Intent File maintained in the office of the Auditor and available at all times for public inspection, subject to such revisions as may be necessary.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. until Tuesday, February 25 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
NINETH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (9)
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25, 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, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson opened the bids that were received on Parcel #1002178015, Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6) in the Village of Truesdale. Six bids were received: Barry J. Meyer bid \$1,500 and stated that he has mowed the property for 30+ years and hoped that the Supervisors would consider that in their decision, Joey Post bid \$10,500, Troy Mayland bid \$5,111, Claudia Hernandez bid \$10,000.03, Randy Wiley bid \$10,111, and Smith Concrete bid \$3,100. Merten estimated what mowing the property for 30 years would amount to and then added Meyer’s cash bid of \$1,500 and came up with \$10,800. Merten asked Wilkinson if Meyer was asked to mow, and Wilkinson stated he was not asked to mow it. Croker stated that Meyer’s bid was not enough to consider the additional mowing that he did, stating that if his bid would have been closer to the \$10,000 figure, she would have considered the additional for mowing. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to sell **Parcel #1002178015**, Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6) in the Village of Truesdale to the highest bidder, Joey Post, for \$10,500, and if Post backs out, then it would be offered to the next highest bidder. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten. Motion carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a certificate of appreciation for Curtis Johnson for his 26 years of working for the Secondary Road Department. Wilkinson stated that Johnson’s last day will be Friday, and he has appreciated all he has done. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to authorize the Chair to sign the **Certificate of Appreciation** for Curtis Johnson for his 26 years of working for the Secondary Road Department. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been hauling gravel to the stockpile on M27; the new forestry head was received yesterday and has been calibrated. Wilkinson stated that it is the second one in the fleet and is much safer than the old one; Wilkinson met with DOT representative Stu Anderson and came up with the next steps on Phase 2 of the road project by Platinum Crush. Wilkinson is trying to get more response from the railroad; Wilkinson stated that he needs to get the plan on the intersection of Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. approved by District 3. Wilkinson has talked with Ulteig to update the plans and changes that the DOT made and get it back to District 3 to approve. Wilkinson stated that he expects both sets of plans this week. When asked if there would be more engineering for Phase 2, Wilkinson stated there would be some additional engineering for Phase 2, but it would be in the tens of thousands and not hundreds of thousands. Wilkinson state that there is one more right-of-way to purchase. Croker stated that more communication is needed with the utilities.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 2/18/2025, as corrected, today's **claim approval list (removing the claim for \$190 to Lake Animal Hospital), stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **reports:** November Central Iowa Detention Commission minutes, December NW IA YES Center minutes, January Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, and January Conference Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the Class C **Liquor License** and Outdoor Service for LCCC, Inc, DBA Lake Creek Golf. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the utility permit by Olsson Telecommunications for MidAmerican Electric of construction across established Buena Vista County Drainage Districts and established Multi-County Drainage Districts, **DD #25 and DD #46**. Carried.

The Board worked on their **FY'26 budget**, reviewing and making changes.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. until Tuesday, March 4 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (10)
MARCH 4, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, March 4, 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, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to **amend today's agenda**, adding the Storm Lake-Sioux Central Trap Shooting request at Goldsmith Pit. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Interstate Power & Light (Alliant Energy), Storm Lake, IA, to install a 2" high density plastic gas main in the county right-of-way on the east side of 230th Ave. (County Road N14) in Section 23 Fairfield Township, from the northeast corner of the intersection of Elm St. and 230th Ave. in Albert City, then south to 620 230th Ave. approximately 574' south of the centerline of Elm St. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board of a request from the Storm Lake-Sioux Central Trap Shooting group to move their **shooting range at Goldsmith Pit**, to the southwest, to have more distance away from the gravel pile. They would like the berm leveled, either adding soil behind it or removing the berm to level it out. Three trees and rock would also need to be removed. Croker asked about how many man hours it would require doing this, and Wilkinson stated it would be between 4-8 hours. Snyder commented that other schools use the site also. The consensus of the Board was to approve the request of the trap shooting group to move the shooting range at Goldsmith Pit to the southwest, level out the berm, and remove three trees and rock.

Secondary Road Report: They have been hauling gravel to the stockpiles; thirteen motor graders are out working on fixing up the gravel roads; they will be plowing snow tomorrow; Wilkinson has received one set of plans from Ulteig for Phase 2, noting that there are a couple changes to make; there will be a pre-con meeting today at 10:30 a.m. in Cherokee, on the Hwy 110 paving project from Schaller to north of Frank Starr Park. Wilkinson plans to ask the contractor what the cost would be to pave back 50' on the county road intersections along Hwy 110.

Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone present or online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. Steve Tate was present to voice his opinion about **dust control**. Tate stated that he had reached out to Ag State, as a friendly reminder for drivers to slow down. Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme was also present to discuss the letter received on the proposed **DD #13** improvement or repair project by the City of Storm Lake. Blomme stated that there will be an informational meeting on March 24, at 5:00 p.m. and he plans to attend. This project would affect the Secondary Road property. Engineer Wilkinson will discuss current drainage issues with Blomme prior to the informational meeting.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman informed the Board of a request she received from the Storm Lake Elementary School, for the second-grade class to **tour** the courthouse on the mornings of May 19 and May 20. The Board asked Haberman to discuss this at the department head meeting on Thursday before deciding.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman informed the Board of an employee that is need of donated time, as they are dealing with medical emergencies for both their husband and son. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to allow county employees to **donate time** to an employee in the Treasurer's Office, who is out on medical leave caring for their husband and son. Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented the Semi-Annual report for the Board to approve before she publishes in the papers. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the **Semi-Annual report** (12/31/2024) as presented and for the Chair to sign the report. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present by phone, for his appointment. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to go into **closed session** (at 9:31 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2025 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to go out of **closed session** at 9:54 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 2/25/2025, as presented, and accepting the following **report**: January NW IA YES Center minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and allow the Chair and Auditor to sign the **Management Representation Letter** for the auditing firm, for the FY'24 SLFRF Funds. Carried.

Auditor Lloyd reviewed the proposed levies and ending fund balances for FY'26. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to set the **public hearing** on the proposed property tax levies, for March 25, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Boardroom. Carried.

Chairman Merten reviewed the Compensation Board's recommendations for the FY'26 elected official salaries. Recommendations were as follows: 3.5% increase for the Supervisors, 4% increase for the Recorder and Treasurer, 5% increase for the Auditor, 6% increase for the Attorney, and a \$7,500 (6.1%) for the Sheriff, and to continue Longevity for all Elected Officials and a \$2,000 stipend for the Board Chair, a \$500 stipend for the Board Vice-Chair, and a \$5,000 stipend for the Auditor, as the Board's Budget Director. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to accept the Compensation Board's salary recommendations, setting the **FY'26 salary** increase for the Attorney at 6%, Auditor at 5%, Recorder and Treasurer at 4%, Sheriff at 6.1% (\$7,500 increase), Supervisors at 3.5%, a \$2,000 stipend for the Board Chair, a \$500 stipend for the Board Vice-Chair, a \$5,000 stipend for the Auditor, as the Board's Budget Director, and reaffirmed the longevity schedule for all elected officials. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve **wage increases** for FY'26, for the non-elected officials and their employees that are not under another Board as: Drainage Department-Brian Blomme and Eric Yunginger (which were both approved by the shared 3-County Drainage Board); Bldg/Grounds-Joe Keller, Vance Cords, Jon Buss, Craig Boyd; I.T. Tyler Van Houten, Eric Chase; and Zoning Administrator, as they were presented in their respective budgets. Carried.

Hartman left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve a 4% **wage increase** for FY'26, for all Secondary Road employees, except the County Engineer who is on a contract, based on their current base rate. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m. until Tuesday, March 11th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session and to canvass today's Special Storm Lake School Election.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
ELEVENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (11)
MARCH 11, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Hartman, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker, Ringgenberg.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to **amend today's agenda**, adding finding space for the probation officers. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Evertek, Inc., Everly, IA, to install fiber optic telecommunications cable along 650th and 660th Streets from Hwy 71 to approximately ¾ of a mile east along 650th and 660th Streets, for the transmission of telephone and internet services. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They plowed snow Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The gravel roads got soft, so they were out firming up the gravels today; Engineer Wilkinson will be interviewing on Friday and Saturday for the E01 position; RPA meeting will be today and they will be voting on projects five years out, and Engineer Wilkinson will be waiting to see if the county will be awarded any funds; the IDOT and Engineer Wilkinson working on the plans for the lights and arms on 70th Ave, and once the plans are ready, they will turn them in to the railroad. Engineer Wilkinson stated that the layout for the intersection and south side of Hwy 7 at 70th Ave. is okay, the issue is with the north side of Hwy 7; Engineer Wilkinson will be talking with Cedar Valley about when they want to start paving; the pre-con meeting on the State Hwy 110 project was last week. Wilkinson stated that the State plans to have the major project wrapped up around July 4th.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 2/25/2025, as corrected, today's **claims approval list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **reports:** February Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, and Post-Election Audit and Certification for the Special Election held 3/4/25. Carried.

Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone present or online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. Bev McGriff was online and wanted the Board to know that the Summit surveyors were in the northeast part of the county last week. McGriff wanted to know who the advocate is to help these landowners. Snyder informed McGriff that the surveying doesn't meet the Code on trespass. Snyder stated that according to the Iowa Criminal Code on trespass, it must meet two elements, and surveying does not meet them. McGriff asked if the restrictions on drainage would be filed with the Iowa Utilities Board. Chairman Merten informed McGriff that he would check with the Drainage Engineer about her question and let her know.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Revised Schedule A-Fee & Commission Disclosure Statement for **Auxiant**. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to set a public hearing for a FY'25 BV County **budget amendment**, for April 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Chairman Merten informed the rest of the Board that it was the recommendation of the Facilities Committee, after meeting with the probation Officer and the Director of the 3rd Judicial District, to relocate the room used by the probation/parole officers from the Sheriff's Office to the lower level of the Courthouse,

in the former election storeroom. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the Facilities Committee recommendation to allow the **probation officers** to use the former election storeroom in the lower level of the Courthouse, during regular business hours., effective March 12, 2025, to be re-evaluated after 6-months to see how it is working. Carried.

Pursuant to Chapter 50.24 of the 2025 Code of Iowa, motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to declare the results of the **canvass** of the Storm Lake Community School Special Election (Physical Plant & Equipment Levy PPEL) held March 4, as follows:

Storm Lake Community School District: total voters – 143 2.56% turnout

For Public Measure CI	YES.....	133	(93.00%)	Approved
	NO.....	10	(7.00%)	
	Undervote.....	0		
	Overvote.....	0		

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Huseman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m. until Tuesday, March 18th at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWELFTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (12)
MARCH 18, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, March 18, 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, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

This being the time and place fixed for a public hearing on the matter of the adoption of the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Platinum Urban Renewal Plan, the Chairperson first asked for the report of the Chairperson, or his delegate, with respect to the consultation held with the affected taxing entities to discuss the proposed Amendment. The Board was informed that the consultation was duly held as ordered by the Board, and that no written recommendations were received from affected taxing entities. The report of the Chairperson, or his delegate, with respect to the consultation was placed on file for consideration by the Board.

The Chairperson then asked the County Auditor whether any written comments had been filed with respect to the proposed Amendment, and the County Auditor reported that no written comments thereto had been filed. The Chairperson then called for any oral comments to the adoption of the Amendment No. 1 to the Platinum Urban Renewal Plan and none were made. The public hearing was then closed by a motion from Snyder and second by Croker. Carried.

Board Member Croker then introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION DETERMINING AN AREA OF THE COUNTY TO BE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA, AND THAT THE REHABILITATION, CONSERVATION, REDEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF, OF SUCH AREA IS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY; DESIGNATING SUCH AREA AS APPROPRIATE FOR URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS; AND ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PLATINUM URBAN RENEWAL PLAN" and moved: that the Resolution be adopted. Board Member Hartman seconded the motion. The roll was called, and the vote was: AYES: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the measure duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03-18-A

RESOLUTION DETERMINING AN AREA OF THE COUNTY TO BE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA, AND THAT THE REHABILITATION, CONSERVATION, REDEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF, OF SUCH AREA IS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY; DESIGNATING SUCH AREA AS APPROPRIATE FOR URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS; AND ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PLATINUM URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2022-03-15-A, adopted March 15, 2022, this Board found and determined that certain areas located within the County are eligible and should be designated as an urban renewal area under Iowa law, and approved and adopted the Platinum Urban Renewal Plan (the "Plan" or "Urban Renewal Plan") for the Platinum Urban Renewal Area (the "Area" or "Urban Renewal Area") described therein, which Plan is on file in the office of the Recorder of Buena Vista County; and

WHEREAS, this Urban Renewal Area currently includes and consists of:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED SOUTH OF THE CHICAGO CENTRAL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD ROW IN SECTIONS 30 AND 31; TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA.

AND

County Road 70th Ave including ROW laying South of Hwy 7 hard surface to its intersection with County Road 610th Street (also known as C-63)

County Road 80th Ave including ROW laying South of Hwy 7 hard surface to its intersection with 600th Street.

County Road 600th Street including ROW lay East of 70th Ave to its intersection with 80th Ave.

A stretch of ROW on both the north and south side of Hwy 7 laying 800 feet West of its intersection with 70th Ave

A stretch of ROW on both the north and south side of Hwy 7 laying 800 feet East of its intersection with 80th Ave

County Road 20th Ave including ROW (also known as M-27) laying South of Hwy 3 hard surface to the South County line.

County Road 50th Ave including ROW (also known as M-31) laying South of Hwy 3 hard surface to its intersection with County Road 630th Street.

County Road 80th Ave including ROW (also known as M-36) laying South of Hwy 3 hard surface to its intersection with Hwy 7 hard surface.

County Road 120th Ave including ROW (also known as Radio Road) laying South of 590th Street (also known as C-49) to its intersection with Expansion Blvd..

County Road 70th Ave (also known as Villa Road) laying South of 580th Street (also known as C-49) to its intersection with Hwy 7.

County Road 580th Street including ROW (also known as C-49) laying East of County Road 50th Ave hard surface (also known as M-31 to its intersection with 50th Ave (also known as M-36).

County Road 590th Street including ROW (also known as C-49) laying East of County Road 20th Ave hard surface (also known as M-27) to its intersection with 50th Ave (also known as M-31) and 590th Street continuing East to its intersection with 70th Ave.

County Road 590th Street including ROW (also known as C-49) laying East of County Road 80th Ave hard surface (also known as M-36) to its intersection with Hwy 71 hard surface.

County Road 610th Street (also known as C- 63) commencing at the West County line to its intersection with 70th Ave.

County Road 630th Street (also known as C- 65) commencing at the West County line to its intersection with Hwy 71.

WHEREAS, a proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Plan ("Amendment No. 1" or "Amendment") for the Urban Renewal Area described above has been prepared, which proposed Amendment has been on file in the office of the County Auditor and which is incorporated herein by reference, the purpose of which is to add to and/or update the list of proposed projects to be undertaken within the Urban Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the area be redeveloped as part of the overall redevelopment covered by the Plan, as amended; and

WHEREAS, this proposed Amendment No. 1 adds no new land to the Urban Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on February 11, 2025, this Board directed that a consultation be held with the designated representatives of all affected taxing entities to discuss the proposed Amendment No. 1 and the division of revenue described therein, and that notice of the consultation and a copy of the proposed Amendment No. 1 be sent to all affected taxing entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such notice, the consultation was duly held as ordered by the Board of Supervisors and all required responses to the recommendations made by the affected taxing entities, if any, have been timely made as set forth in the report of the Chairperson, or his delegate, filed herewith and incorporated herein by this reference, which report is in all respects approved; and

WHEREAS, by resolution this Board also set a public hearing on the adoption of the proposed Amendment No. 1 for this meeting of the Board, and due and proper notice of the public hearing was given, as provided by law, by timely publication in the Buena Vista County Journal and the Storm Lake Times Pilot, which notice set forth the time and place for this hearing and the nature and purpose thereof; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the notice, all persons or organizations desiring to be heard on the proposed Amendment No. 1, both for and against, have been given an opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and due consideration has been given to all comments and views expressed to this Board in connection therewith and the public hearing has been closed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That the findings and conclusions set forth or contained in Amendment No. 1 concerning the area of Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, described in the preamble hereof, be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects as the findings of this Board for this area.

Section 2. This Board further finds:

a) Although relocation is not expected, a feasible method exists for the relocation of any families who will be displaced from the Urban Renewal Area into decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations within their means and without undue hardship to such families;

b) The Plan, as amended, and Amendment No. 1 conform to the general plan for the development of the County as a whole; and

c) Acquisition by the County is not immediately expected, however, as to any areas of open land to be acquired by the County included within the Urban Renewal Area:

i. Residential use is not expected, however, with reference to any portions thereof which are to be developed for residential uses, this Board of Supervisors hereby determines that a shortage of housing of sound standards and design with decency, safety and sanitation exists within the County; that the acquisition of the area for residential uses is an integral part of and essential to the program of the municipality; and that one or more of the following conditions exist:

a. That the need for housing accommodations has been or will be increased as a result of the clearance of slums in other areas, including other portions of the urban renewal area.

b. That conditions of blight in the municipality and the shortage of decent, safe and sanitary housing cause or contribute to an increase in and spread of disease and crime, so as to constitute a menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare.

c. That the provision of public improvements related to housing and residential development will encourage housing and residential development which is necessary to encourage the retention or relocation of industrial and commercial enterprises in this state and its municipalities.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of March, 2025.

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

EXHIBIT 1
AMENDMENT NO. 1
to the
PLATINUM
URBAN RENEWAL PLAN
for the

**PLATINUM
URBAN RENEWAL AREA
BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA
Original Area – 2022
Amendment No. 1 – 2025
Amendment No. 1
to the
Platinum Urban Renewal Plan
for the
Platinum Urban Renewal Area
Buena Vista County, Iowa**

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

The Platinum Urban Renewal Plan (“Plan” or “Urban Renewal Plan”) for the Platinum Urban Renewal Area (“Area” or “Urban Renewal Area”), adopted in March 2022, is being amended by this Amendment No. 1 (“Amendment” or “Amendment No. 1”) to add to and/or update the list of proposed projects to be undertaken within the Urban Renewal Area.

No land is being added to or removed from the Urban Renewal Area by this Amendment. Accordingly, the previously established “base values” or “base valuations” of the Urban Renewal Area (if any) will remain unchanged by this Amendment.

Except as modified by this Amendment, the provisions of the original Urban Renewal Plan are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved and shall remain in full force and effect as provided herein. In case of any conflict or uncertainty, the terms of this Amendment shall control. Any subsection of the Plan not mentioned in this Amendment shall continue to apply to the Plan.

AREA DESIGNATION

The Urban Renewal Area continues to be an economic development area that is appropriate for the promotion of economic development (commercial and industrial).

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Urban Renewal Plan, and this Amendment, including the projects identified herein, are in conformity with the Buena Vista County Comprehensive Development Plan, adopted in 2009, which is Buena Vista County’s (“County”) general plan for the development of the County as a whole.

This Amendment does not in any way replace or modify the County’s current land use planning or zoning regulation process. Any need for improved traffic, public transportation, public utilities, recreational and community facilities, or other public improvements within the Urban Renewal Area is set forth in the Plan, as amended.

UPDATE TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS

Numerous urban renewal projects were authorized in the Plan and are continuing. Except as noted below, these previously approved projects are not being amended by this Amendment.

With the adoption of this Amendment No. 1, the County is updating the description of the Public Improvements project described in the Plan to account for additional costs and phasing associated with the project. The revised description of the Public Improvements is as follows:

1. Public Improvements:

Urban Renewal Project Description	Estimated Date	Estimated Cost	Rationale
Improving, widening, installing culverts, paving and updating the 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site in multiple phases, specifically including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7; approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7; and updating and improving the intersection of Hwy 7 and 70th Ave to add turning lanes and other improvements to increase safety at this intersection	2025-2026	\$15,000,000	Road improvements necessary to promote commercial and industrial development

ELIGIBLE URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS (Amendment No. 1)

Although certain project activities may occur over a period of years, in addition to the projects previously approved in the Plan, the Eligible Urban Renewal Projects under this Amendment include:

1. Planning, engineering fees (for urban renewal plans), attorney fees, other related costs to support urban renewal projects and planning

Project	Date	Estimated cost
Fees and costs	Undetermined	Not to Exceed \$50,000

FINANCIAL DATA

1.	Current constitutional debt limit:	\$132,933,948
2.	Current outstanding general obligation debt:	\$7,204,000
3.	Proposed amount of indebtedness to be incurred: A specific amount of debt to be incurred for the Updated Projects and new Eligible Urban Renewal Projects (Amendment No. 1) has not yet been determined. This document is for planning purposes only. The estimated project costs in this Amendment are estimates only and will be incurred and spent over a number of years. In no event will the County's	\$15,050,000 This does not include financing costs related to

	<p>constitutional debt limit be exceeded. The Board of Supervisors will consider each project proposal on a case-by-case basis to determine if it is in the County's best interest to participate before approving an urban renewal project or expense. Subject to the foregoing, it is estimated that the County's costs for the Updated Projects and new Eligible Urban Renewal Projects (Amendment No. 1) as described above will be approximately as stated in the next column:</p>	<p>debt issuance, which may be incurred over the life of the Area.</p>
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URBAN RENEWAL FINANCING

The County intends to utilize various financing tools, such as those described below to successfully undertake the proposed urban renewal actions. The County has the statutory authority to use a variety of tools to finance physical improvements within the Area, as amended. These include:

A. Tax Increment Financing.

Under Section 403.19 of the *Code of Iowa*, urban renewal areas may utilize the tax increment financing mechanism to finance the costs of public improvements, economic development incentives or other urban renewal projects. Upon creation of a tax increment district within the Area, by ordinance, the assessment base is frozen and the amount of tax revenue available from taxes paid on the difference between the frozen base and the increased value, if any, is segregated into a separate fund for the use by the County to pay costs of the eligible urban renewal projects. Certain increased taxes generated by any new development, above the base value, are distributed to the taxing entities, if not requested by the County, and in any event upon the expiration of the tax increment district.

B. General Obligation Bonds.

Under Division III of Chapter 384 and Chapter 403 of the *Code of Iowa*, the County has the authority to issue and sell general obligation bonds for specified essential and general corporate purposes, including the acquisition and construction of certain public improvements within the Area, as amended, and for other urban renewal projects or incentives for development consistent with this Plan, as amended. Such bonds are payable from the levy of unlimited ad valorem taxes on all the taxable property within the County. It may be the County will elect to abate some or all of the debt service on these bonds with incremental taxes from this Area, as amended.

The County may also determine to use tax increment financing to provide incentives such as cash grants, loans, tax rebates or other incentives to developers or private entities in connection with the urban renewal projects identified in the Plan, as amended. In addition, the County may determine to issue general obligation bonds, tax increment revenue bonds or such other obligations, or loan agreements for the purpose of making loans or grants of public funds to private businesses located in the Area for urban renewal projects. Alternatively, the County may determine to use available funds for making such loans or grants or other incentives related to urban renewal projects. In any event, the County may determine to use tax increment financing to reimburse the County for any obligations or advances.

Nothing herein shall be construed as a limitation on the power of the County to exercise any lawful power granted to the County under Chapter 15, Chapter 15A, Chapter 403, Chapter 427B, or any other provision of the *Code of Iowa* in furtherance of the objectives of the Plan.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD

This Amendment No. 1 will become effective upon its adoption by the Board of Supervisors and will remain in effect until it is repealed by the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, resolution, or document, the Plan, as amended, shall remain in effect until terminated by the Board of Supervisors.

The use of incremental property tax revenues, or the “division of revenue,” as those words are used in Chapter 403 of the *Code of Iowa*, will be consistent with Chapter 403 of the Iowa Code. Nothing in this Amendment shall alter the duration of the division of revenue as previously explained in the Plan.

REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

Any parts of the previous Plan in conflict with this Amendment are hereby repealed.

If any part of this Amendment or the Plan is determined to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the Amendment or the Plan as a whole, or any part of the Amendment or the Plan not determined to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Secondary Road Report: they have been blading roads, not ready for heavy hauling yet; they are preparing for the snowstorm tomorrow; they hauled the dozer to Goldsmith Pit, since earlier there was water and ice there; Engineer Bret Wilkinson has been working with the DOT Rail Office on the design of the crossings at 70th Ave. and 80th Ave. Wilkinson stated that they want onsite diagnostic to review the site one more time, and the railroad will be invited; Wilkinson stated that they had some discussion on the right-of-way purchase on 80th Ave., and the utility company wants an agreement for the moving of the poles near their facility before they will sign the right-of-way purchase. There needs to be an agreement on who pays for moving the poles; Wilkinson stated that his summer hours will be four 10-hour days from April 7 to October 3. Merten stated that he has concerns about staff and the office not being open on Fridays and would like to keep an 8-hour presence there. Wilkinson stated that there are efficiencies on keeping the office staff on the same schedule as the work crew; Wilkinson informed the Board that he attended the RPA meeting last week, and Buena Vista County was awarded funds for the 6-miles of M54 from C49 to Hwy 3 project. Wilkinson estimated \$3M for the project, and RPA awarded the county \$2.4M (80% funding).

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

County Attorney Paul Allen was present, for his appointment. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to go into **closed session** (at 9:19 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2025 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to go out of **closed session** at 9:38 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 3/11/2025, as presented, and accepting the following **report**: February Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Grain Authorization Form for **Landus**. Carried.

Board Member Croker introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA (FOR ESSENTIAL COUNTY PURPOSES), AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF", and moved that the same be adopted. Board Member Ringgenberg seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was, AYES: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the measure duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025-03-18-B

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA (FOR ESSENTIAL COUNTY PURPOSES), AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and advisable that Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, should provide for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and issuance of General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, to the amount of not to exceed \$3,500,000, as authorized by Sections 331.402 and 331.443, of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs of carrying out essential county purpose project(s) as hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the Loan Agreement and Notes shall be payable from the Debt Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, before a Loan Agreement may be authorized and General Obligation Capital Loan Notes issued to evidence the obligation of the County thereunder, it is necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code of Iowa, as amended, and to publish a notice of the proposal and of the time and place of the meeting at which the Board proposes to take action for the authorization of the Loan Agreement and Notes and to receive oral and/or written objections from any resident or property owner of the County to such action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Board meet in the Board Room, County Courthouse, 215 E. 5th Street, Storm Lake, Iowa, at 9:00 A.M., on the 8th day of April, 2025, for the purpose of taking action on the matter of the authorization of a Loan Agreement and issuance of not to exceed \$3,500,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, for essential county purposes, the proceeds of which notes will be used to provide funds to pay the costs of capital projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including approximately 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site, including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7 and approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7 (the "Roads Project").

Section 2. That capital projects under Iowa Code Section 331.441(b)(16) include capital projects which are found to "assist in economic development which creates jobs and wealth". No procedure for establishing this is spelled out in the Code. Accordingly, pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.301(5), the Board elects to enter into an Agreement For Private Development with Platinum Crush, LLC, and to have an urban renewal plan prepared, for purposes of determining the impacts of the proposed Roads Project.

Section 3. This Board has approved the Agreement For Private Development between the County and Platinum Crush, LLC, as amended, (the "Agreement"), and has approved and adopted the Platinum Urban Renewal Plan (the "Plan") for the Platinum Urban Renewal Area, an economic development area within the meaning of Chapter 403, Code of Iowa, to promote economic development in Buena Vista County. Copies of said Agreement and said Plan are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, which demonstrate the economic impact of the proposed Roads Project. The primary goal of the Plan is to stimulate, through public involvement and commitment, private investment in new commercial and industrial development. The Plan provides that the County expects to undertake road improvements consisting of the Roads Project in the time period originally estimated as 2022-2024, and now continuing into 2025, which are planned to facilitate access for vehicular traffic within the Urban Renewal Area and encourage new development within the Urban Renewal Area; that the improvements are expected to consist of concrete or asphalt roadways that are approximately 4 miles long in total; that said construction of the Roads Project is underway and additional funds are necessary to complete the Roads Project; and

that the remaining costs to be financed for completion of phase 1 of the road improvements are anticipated not to exceed \$3,500,000. The Agreement provides that Platinum Crush, LLC (or a related entity) (the "Developer"), will construct a soybean crushing facility and 15,000 square feet building to be used as a grain receiving building, and related improvements, (the "Development Project") in the Urban Renewal Area. Construction is anticipated to be undertaken and completed as mutually agreed upon. The Developer would also be obligated to create and maintain a certain number of employees in its operation of the Development Project. Having reviewed said Agreement and said Plan, this Board finds:

- (A) The Roads Project capital improvement project:
 - (i) stimulates private investment in new commercial development, specifically, the construction of the Development Project located on property adjacent to the Roads Project;
 - (ii) stimulates job creation, specifically, the developer will be obligated to create and maintain a certain number of employees in its operation of the Development Project;
- (B) The Development Project will have substantial value and generate substantial property taxes.

For the foregoing reasons, this Board finds the proposed Roads Project capital improvement project enumerated in the Agreement and the Plan assists economic development efforts within the County which are designed to create jobs and wealth for citizens of the County.

Section 4. To the extent any of the projects or activities described in this resolution may be reasonably construed to be included in more than one classification under Chapter 331, Division IV, of the Code of Iowa, the Board hereby elects the "essential county purpose" classification and procedure with respect to each such project or activity.

Section 5. The Auditor is authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the County with the negotiation of terms of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, evidencing the County's obligations to a principal amount of not to exceed \$3,500,000, to select a date for the final approval thereof, to cause to be prepared such notice and sale information as may appear appropriate, to publish and distribute the same on behalf of the County and this Board and otherwise to take all action necessary to permit the completion of a loan on a basis favorable to the County and acceptable to the Board.

Section 6. That the Auditor is hereby directed to cause at least one publication to be made of a notice of the meeting, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, published at least once weekly, and having general circulation in the County. The publication to be not less than four clear days nor more than twenty days before the date of the public meeting on the issuance of the Notes.

Section 7. The notice of the proposed action to issue notes shall be in substantially the following form:

(To be published on or before: April 3, 2025; but not earlier than March 19, 2025)

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA, ON THE MATTER OF THE
PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE
ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION
CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF THE COUNTY (FOR ESSENTIAL COUNTY
PURPOSES), AND THE HEARING ON THE ISSUANCE THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the 8th day of April, 2025, at 9:00 A.M., in the Board Room, County Courthouse, 215 E. 5th Street, Storm Lake, Iowa, at which meeting the Board proposes to take additional action for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$3,500,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, for essential county purposes, to provide funds to pay the costs of capital projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including approximately 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site, including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th Avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7 and approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7 (the "Roads Project"). Principal and interest on the proposed Loan Agreement will be payable from the Debt Service Fund.

The annual increase in property taxes as the result of the issuance on a residential property with an actual value of one hundred thousand dollars is estimated not to exceed \$12.41. This estimate only considers the impact on property taxes of financing authority established by this hearing for the above-described project(s). The note may be issued in one or more series over a number of years. Finance authority established by this hearing may be combined with additional finance authority, causing the estimate for the annual increase in property taxes for the entire issuance to be greater than the estimate stated herein. Changes in other levies may cause the actual annual increase in property taxes to vary.

At the above meeting the Board shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the County to the above action. After all objections have been received and considered, the Board will at the meeting or at any adjournment thereof, take additional action for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of the Notes to evidence the obligation of the County thereunder or will abandon the proposal to issue said Notes.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, as provided by Sections 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor, Buena Vista County, State of Iowa

(End of Notice)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement** with Steven M. Nadel, Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., for the "Not to exceed \$3,500,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025A". Carried.

Auditor Susan Lloyd requested that the Board allow Karla Ahrendsen to carry over an additional 52.5 hours of vacation. Ahrendsen has a plan to use the time up soon. Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to allow Karla Ahrendsen to carry over an additional 52.5 hours of **vacation**. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. until Tuesday, March 25th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTEENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (13)
MARCH 25, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen 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, and Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

The Chair opened the **Public Hearing** on the Proposed Property Tax Levy for the FY'26 Buena Vista County budget, with Mike and Mary Jo Olthoff, Kevin Cone, Kathy O'Toole, Rick Wimer, Richard Marshall, and Kevin Jesse present and sixteen people online. Rick Wimer told The Board he had just moved back from CA and feels that property taxes were cheaper there and would like to see more buildings put back on the rolls instead of being used for government purpose especial the Marina. Olthoff agreed that they would like to see the Marina put to different use and wondered what happened to the 3rd party interested in it. They also questioned why their individual parcel had jumped substantially since purchasing it 7 years ago and felt that they were not getting a good explanation for this. Kevin Cone commented on that he felt the Board needs to get the county spending under control instead of just raising taxes. He said that with the continued increase it was getting hard to live in Buena Vista County. Kathy O'Toole just wanted to add that she felt the County was doing a good job and wanted to make sure the Board knew she was supporting them. Croker explained to the group that they did not support the HF718 letter because it is not a complete representation of what is happening in the county and that you cannot just use that to support or question the Boards' decisions. Croker explained that Iowa Legislation is working on a new property tax bill that will completely change how taxes are figured and there would be more to come on that. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to close the public hearing. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 a.m. until Tuesday, March 25 at 9.10 a.m. for a regular session.

Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FOURTEENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (14)
MARCH 25, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen 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 Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Eight fourth and fifth graders from Storm Lake Elementary School were present to read the Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month**. Carried. The Board thanked the students for coming and reading the proclamation.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, to bore under 60th Ave and 570th St, between Sections 24,23 and 14 Nokomis Township, to install a 3" water line and 1.5" water line to service 555-570th St. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Road crews are out blading and spot rocking where needed after the snow last week. Shortly they will start ramping up the rocking as the roads thaw. This week they will be working on removing down trees in the ditches after the heavy winds last week. Wilkinson informed the group that there would be an onsite meeting with the DOT and Railroad on the two crossings at 70th and 80th Ave to review and finalize plans. Wilkinson is trying to set up a meeting with MidAmerica on moving the poles on 80th Ave as soon as someone becomes available so we can move forward with Phase 2. He is also working on setting up a prepaving meeting with Cedar Valley in the next couple of weeks. Looks like paving will start around May 1st. Supervisor Croker asked how the residents along 70th Ave would be informed of the paving schedule and suggested a letter be sent out to all parties. Richard Marshall asked them to include something telling landowners to notify the tenants of this schedule. Kevin Cone suggested possibly texting instead of calling as most people read texts but don't always answer their phones. Wilkinson assured the group that they would do everything they could to keep everyone in the loop on the paving schedule. He also mentioned that Platinum Crush sent out an email notification with the information to all customers and that signs would be put back in place before the paving began.

Supervisor Merten asked if Wilkinson had talked to staff about the **summer schedule** from the discussion at the previous meeting. Wilkinson said he had and felt that by keeping the office open the same schedule the road crews were out would be more productive and did not see that as a benefit to the employees as some might think it is. Merten stated he is concerned about the safety of having equipment out on the road that early in the morning and would prefer that crews not start until the sun was up. He did state that he was willing to compromise if they went back to the 4-10 hour days from only Memorial Day to Labor Day. Supervisor Snyder asked if doing a 4 month instead of 6 month schedule would be another compromise. Kevin Jesse from the audience questioned why they couldn't do some kind of split scheduling that someone worked everyday regardless of the length. He stated that the roads needed to be graded when there was moisture available and that could fall on a Friday. After much discussion the Board requested that this be put on the agenda for next week so that action could be taken.

Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none. Richard Marshall in the audience questioned how the Assessor raise came about and the Board had explained that they were only 1/3 of the vote and were out voted. Croker also explained that some of the reasons are that there is a huge lack of Assessors in the State of Iowa and to keep a good one you must stay competitive.

Environmental/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg along with Steve Pederson and Jack Walker from Heinold Hog Market and Rob Smith with Rob Smith Homes & Land reviewed the construction plans for a new **hog buying station** in Buena Vista County. Mueggenberg explained that he felt they fit all the zoning requirements and just wanted to make the Board aware of this project. Pederson explained that no hogs would be kept there overnight except in rare emergency situations. They would be on a high wood shaving bedding and very little manure would be involved. There will be no pit and shavings will be spread locally as they are pulled out of the building. They are also looking into either hooking up to rural water or possibly digging a well depending on what they find out from rural water. No action was taken at this time as Mueggenberg does not have the building permit finished and just wanted to keep the Board informed.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 3/18/2025 as presented, today's **claim approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements,** and accepting the following **reports:** FY24 Accountants' Report on Compliance for the U.S. Department of Treasury SLFRF Program requirements for an alternative SLFRF Compliance Examination Engagement. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve the **Class C Alcohol License** application for The Little Sioux Golf and Country Club. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to set the date and time for the **FY'26 County Budget Public Hearing** for April 22, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Board to sign the **Management Representation letter**, for Winther Stave. Carried.

Board Member Croker introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA (FOR ESSENTIAL COUNTY PURPOSES), AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF", and moved that the same be adopted. The roll was called, and the vote was, AYES: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the measure duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025-03-25-A

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA (FOR ESSENTIAL COUNTY PURPOSES), AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and advisable that Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, should provide for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and issuance of General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, to the amount of not to exceed \$11,000,000, as authorized by Sections 331.402 and 331.443, of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs of carrying out essential county purpose project(s) as hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the Loan Agreement and Notes shall be payable from the Debt Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, before a Loan Agreement may be authorized and General Obligation Capital Loan Notes issued to evidence the obligation of the County thereunder, it is necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code of Iowa, as amended, and to publish a notice of the proposal and of the time and place of the meeting at which the Board proposes to take action for the authorization of the Loan Agreement and Notes and to receive oral and/or written objections from any resident or property owner of the County to such action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Board meet in the Board Room, County Courthouse, 215 E. 5th Street, Storm Lake, Iowa, at 9:00 A.M., on the 22nd day of April, 2025, for the purpose of taking action on the matter of the authorization of a Loan Agreement and issuance of not to exceed \$11,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, for essential county purposes, the proceeds of which notes will be used to provide funds to pay the costs of capital projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including improving, widening, installing culverts, paving and updating the 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site in multiple phases, specifically including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7; approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7; and updating and improving the intersection of Hwy 7 and 70th Ave to add turning lanes and other improvements to increase safety at this intersection (the "Roads Project").

Section 2. That capital projects under Iowa Code Section 331.441(b)(16) include capital projects which are found to "assist in economic development which creates jobs and wealth". No procedure for establishing this is spelled out in the Code. Accordingly, pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.301(5), the Board elects to enter into an Agreement For Private Development with Platinum Crush, LLC, and to have an urban renewal plan prepared, for purposes of determining the impacts of the proposed Roads Project.

Section 3. This Board has approved the Agreement For Private Development between the County and Platinum Crush, LLC, as amended, (the "Agreement"), and has approved and adopted the Platinum Urban Renewal Plan, as amended (the "Plan") for the Platinum Urban Renewal Area, an economic development area within the meaning of Chapter 403, Code of Iowa, to promote economic development in Buena Vista County. Copies of said Agreement and said Plan are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, which demonstrate the economic impact of the proposed Roads Project. The primary goal of the Plan is to stimulate, through public involvement and commitment, private investment in new commercial and industrial development. The Plan provides that the County expects to undertake road improvements consisting of the Roads Project in the time period estimated as 2025-2026, which are planned to facilitate access for vehicular traffic within the Urban Renewal Area and encourage new development within the Urban Renewal Area; that the improvements are expected to consist of concrete or asphalt roadways that are approximately 4 miles long in total; and that the costs to be financed for phase 2 and phase 3 of the road improvements are anticipated not to exceed \$11,000,000. The Agreement provides that Platinum Crush, LLC (or a related entity) (the "Developer"), will construct a soybean crushing facility and 15,000 square feet building to be used as a grain receiving building, and related improvements, (the "Development Project") in the Urban Renewal Area. Construction is anticipated to be undertaken and completed as mutually agreed upon. The Developer would also be obligated to create and maintain a certain number of employees in its operation of the Development Project. Having reviewed said Agreement and said Plan, this Board finds:

(A) The Roads Project capital improvement project:

(i) stimulates private investment in new commercial development, specifically, the construction of the Development Project located on property adjacent to the Roads Project;

(ii) stimulates job creation, specifically, the developer will be obligated to create and maintain a certain number of employees in its operation of the Development Project;

(B) The Development Project will have substantial value and generate substantial property taxes.

For the foregoing reasons, this Board finds the proposed Roads Project capital improvement project enumerated in the Agreement and the Plan assists economic development efforts within the County which are designed to create jobs and wealth for citizens of the County.

Section 4. To the extent any of the projects or activities described in this resolution may be reasonably construed to be included in more than one classification under Chapter 331, Division IV, of the Code of Iowa, the Board hereby elects the "essential county purpose" classification and procedure with respect to each such project or activity.

Section 5. The Auditor is authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the County with the negotiation of terms of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, evidencing the County's obligations to a principal amount of not to exceed \$11,000,000, to select a date for the final approval thereof, to cause to be prepared such notice and sale information as may appear appropriate, to publish and distribute the same on behalf of the County and this Board and otherwise to take all action necessary to permit the completion of a loan on a basis favorable to the County and acceptable to the Board.

Section 6. That the Auditor is hereby directed to cause at least one publication to be made of a notice of the meeting, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, published at least once weekly, and having general circulation in the County. The publication to be not less than four clear days nor more than twenty days before the date of the public meeting on the issuance of the Notes.

Section 7. The notice of the proposed action to issue notes shall be in substantially the following form:

(To be published on or before: April 17, 2025; but not earlier than April 2, 2025)

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA, ON THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF THE COUNTY (FOR ESSENTIAL COUNTY PURPOSES), AND THE HEARING ON THE ISSUANCE THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the 22nd day of April, 2025, at 9:00 A.M., in the Board Room, County Courthouse, 215 E. 5th Street, Storm Lake, Iowa, at which meeting the Board proposes to take additional action for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$11,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, for essential county purposes, to provide funds to pay the costs of capital projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including improving, widening, installing culverts, paving and updating the 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site in multiple phases, specifically including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7; approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7; and updating and improving the intersection of Hwy 7 and 70th Ave to add turning lanes and other improvements to increase safety at this intersection (the "Roads Project"). Principal and interest on the proposed Loan Agreement will be payable from the Debt Service Fund.

The annual increase in property taxes as the result of the issuance on a residential property with an actual value of one hundred thousand dollars is estimated not to exceed \$25.20. This estimate only considers the impact on property taxes of financing authority established by this hearing for the above-described project(s). The note may be issued in one or more series over a number of years. Finance authority established by this hearing may be combined with additional finance authority, causing the estimate for the annual increase in property taxes for the entire issuance to be greater than the estimate stated herein. Changes in other levies may cause the actual annual increase in property taxes to vary.

At the above meeting the Board shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the County to the above action. After all objections have been received and considered, the Board will at the meeting or at any adjournment thereof, take additional action for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of the Notes to evidence the obligation of the County thereunder or will abandon the proposal to issue said Notes.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, as provided by Sections 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Buena Vista County, State of Iowa

(End of Notice)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....Attest: Karla Ahrendsen, County Election Deputy

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. until Tuesday, April 1st at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Paul Merten, Chairperson

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BUENA VISTA COUNTY
JANUARY – MARCH 2025
CLAIMS LISTING

4 SEASONS PLUMBING, HEATING, & COOLING 698.18; 911 CUSTOM 440.97; A & M SERVICES INC. 780.15; ABBE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH 13453.32; ACCESS SYSTEMS 443.68; ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING 449.66; ACTIVE TRAILERS 643.50; ADAM NIELAND 150.00; ADVANCED DOOR SYSTEMS 90.00; ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS 24076.80; AFLAC 7481.88; AGSTATE 3464.63; AGTERRA TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 1150.00; AHLERS & COONEY, PC 204.00; AIRGAS USA, LLC 344.20; ALLIANT ENERGY /IPL 35291.36; ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CO. 2938.80; ALTA IMPLEMENT CO., INC 18.67; ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 1565.38; ALTA TEC 317.48; ALYSON SIEVERS 150.00; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 2063.43; AMERICAN LEGION POST 299 70.00; ANGIE WILKINSON 99.97; ANNA ZAMBRANO 31.68; ANNETTE KOSTER 1049.64; APCO INTERNATIONAL INC 3.00; ARENDS, LEE, EMICK, LEGVOLD, & MYOTT PLC 109.50; ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 766.21; ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 37.75; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IPERS 10542.12; ASSOCIATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES, PC 11400.00; AUGUSTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 900.00; AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE CENTER 238.45; AUXIANT 155247.49; AXIS FUND 1 200.00; B V SOLID WASTE COMMISSION 100.10; BAITMASTER+ 9103.68; BAXTER & WILD LAW OFFICES, PC 504.63; BLACKSTRAP INC 33900.03; BOB BARKER COMPANY INC 646.80; BOMGAARS 4277.30; BRAIN HELP AND HOPE 500.00; BRENTWOOD CONSTRUCTION, LLC 53290.00; BRIAN JONES 93.04; BUENA VISTA CO CLERK OF COURT 15.00; BUENA VISTA CO. CONSERVATION 170.30; BUENA VISTA CO. SHERIFF 2966.30; BUENA VISTA COUNTY 84749.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY 5438.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY ENGINEER/ SECONDARY ROAD 13184.60; BUENA VISTA COUNTY EXTENSION & OUTREACH 360.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY JOURNAL 3600.23; BUENA VISTA COUNTY RECORDER 353.00; BUENA VISTA REG MEDICAL CENTER 10683.29; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 590695.98; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 19253.68; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 4085.09; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 32590.32; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 6304.96; BV GLASS AND PAINT 422.00; BV-CALHOUN-SAC DRAINAGE ENGINEER FUND C/O BV COUNTY TREASURER 24300.00; BVRMC PHARMACY 2477.98; C & B OPERATIONS, LLC 361.55; CAASA - CENTERS AGAINST ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT 3207.01; CALHOUN COUNTY 18614.00; CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC 2498.94; CAMPBELL SUPPLY COMPANY 453.67; CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES 549.96; CAPITAL ONE 104.93; CAROLYN ARMSTRONG 707.10; CAROLYN PLUEGER 171.50; CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF 813.95; CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE 1644.57; CASSIE CRUM 27.09; CAYLYN BISHOP 57.09; CCDA- COUNTY CONSERVATION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION 100.00; CDW GOVERNMENT INC 368.34; CEDAR VALLEY CORP., LLC 693975.69; CENTER FOR SIOUXLAND 6250.00; CENTRAL BANK 45.00; CENTRAL BANK 20089.58; CENTRAL IOWA COMMUNITY SERVICES (CICS) 812.73; CENTRAL SQUARE 32592.14; CENTURY LINK 955.78; CHAMPION ELECTRIC 35255.98; CHARLENE PLAGMAN 6.60; CHEROKEE COUNTY 29823.00; CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF 176.50; CHEROKEE COUNTY TREASURER 2337.61; CHRISTENSEN BROTHERS INC 6373.43; CINTAS FIRST AID AND SAFETY 778.87; CITY OF ALBERT CITY 133.50; CITY OF LINN GROVE 1240.00; CITY OF MARATHON 560.56; CITY OF NEWELL 193.89; CITY OF REMBRANDT 225.75; CITY OF SIOUX RAPIDS 438.61; CITY OF SIOUX RAPIDS 45.04; CITY OF STORM LAKE 23167.26; COMMERCIAL SIGN & DESIGN 550.00; COMMUNITY BROADCASTING INC 900.48; COMMUNITY CARE OF IOWA LLC 2000.00; COMMUNITY FIRST BROADCASTING 1092.24; COUNTRY CARE CENTER CORP 6480.00; COZO 100.00; CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH 6082.23; CRAWFORD COUNTY HOME HEALTH & 79594.49; CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF 653.55; CRITTENTON CENTER 2099.25; CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIP INC 3041.36; CULLIGAN 881.25; CURTIS REIS 533.66; DANELLE HABERMAN 642.33; DANIEL J HARTMAN 193.67; DANIEL MALOY 200.00; DARREN STEARNS 700.00; DATA CENTER WAREHOUSE, LLC 5556.25; DAVID BALDER 38.28; DAWN MENTZER 57.96; DE LINDA LEU 238.50; DEAN K ELLINGSON 114.70; DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF 134.94; DICKINSON, BRADSHAW, FOWLER, & HAGEN, P.C. 4980.00; DISTRICT A

HOMECARE DIRECTORS 30.00; DISTRICT III AUDITORS ASSN 100.00; DIXON CONSTRUCTION CO. 485373.57; DOREEN PEDERSEN 165.06; DUANE P MAGNUSSEN 659.12; DYNAMIC IOT DATA INC. 951.75; EDWARDS 120324.42; EJS SUPPLY 2584.46; ELLISON EXTINGUISHERS 425.52; ENGLER LAW FIRM 220.40; EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY MHS 1141.42; FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER 352.31; FAREWAY STORE 271.83; FAST LANE AUTO CARE 425.05; FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES INC 3177.74; FILTERCARE OF NEBRASKA LLC 978.55; FORCE AMERICA, INC. 248.09; FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LABORATORY, INC 493.50; FRANCISCO GONZALEZ - VASQUEZ 150.00; FRATZKE & JENSEN FUNERAL HOMES 5300.00; GARRETT FEDDERSEN 900.00; GEOCOMM, INC. 5781.51; GERALD WEILAND 357.82; GILL HAULING INC 409.48; GLENDA FRANCIS 39.00; GRAFFIX INC. WALL OF FAME 94.00; GRAINGER 704.32; GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS 693.96; GREAT LAKES COMMUNICATIONS CORP. 500.00; GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY 300.00; GRP & ASSOCIATES INC. 172.50; HARGENS COURT REPORTING 5.00; HAROLD ROWLEY RECYCLE CENTER 64005.00; HEARTLAND TIRE 5879.85; HEATHER TOTTEN 87.12; HEIDI HANSEN 150.00; HENRY M ADKINS & SON, INC. 1472.38; HGM ASSOCIATES INC 8812.68; HINKELDEY FARMS INC. 100.00; HISEY LAW OFFICE 220.50; HIWAY TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC 14426.08; HOBART SALES AND SERVICES 333.00; HOLIDAY INN DES MOINES AIRPORT 806.40; HUMBOLDT COUNTY 23895.00; IACVS- IOWA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES 150.00; ICAP IA COMMUNITES ASSURANCE POOL 1494.00; ICRA-IOWA COUNTY RECORDERS ASSN 250.00; IDA COUNTY SHERIFF 328.91; ILEA IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY 1375.00; IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITES INC 16411.77; IMAGING SPECTRUM, INC. 288.85; IMWCA 9977.00; INSIGHT PARTNERSHIP GROUP LLC 450.00; INTEGRATED TELEHEALTH PARTNERS 39423.21; INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF SIOUX CITY 425.85; IOWA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSN (ICAA) 600.00; IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 268.10; IOWA DEPT PUBLIC SAFETY 3213.00; IOWA DEPT. OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING 150.00; IOWA EMERGENCY MGMT ASSN 225.00; IOWA HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION 875.00; IOWA LAKES CORRIDOR DEV CORP 17500.00; IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP 4387.89; IOWA LAKES REGIONAL WATER 769.83; IOWA PLAINS SIGNING INC 2850.00; IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES 2611.92; IOWA SPORTSMAN 325.00; IOWA STATE BANK 1110.41; IOWA STATE COMPTROLLER TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA 69800.08; IOWA STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER 12406.86; IOWA STATE RESERVE 845.00; IOWA TRUST & SAVINGS BANK 30438.44; IPERS 367665.27; ISABEL ANDRADE 65.90; ISAC 2158.30; ISACA- IOWA STATE ASSOCIATION OF CO. AUDITORS 500.00; ISSDA - IOWA STATE SHERIFFS & DEPUTIES ASS'N 500.00; ITSAVVY LLC 2637.00; J3RED MARKETING LLC 1477.00; JACQUELYN MC COY 150.00; JAMES C EATON 387.92; JAMES PETERSON 6.60; JAN WORTHAN 10.56; JCL SOLUTIONS/SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES 4115.33; JEAN L SASSMAN 372.50; JENNIFER MORAL 359.34; JEREMIAH LOVE 1100.00; JEREMY WICKMAN 200.00; JIM ELIASON 195.12; JIM FRANZMEIER 6.60; JIM TEMPLE 150.00; JOHNSTON AUTOSTORES 3626.80; JOSEPH CRONIN 75.44; JULIE ALBRIGHT 174.00; JULIE SATHER 300.30; JULIUS CLEANERS 378.53; KARL CHEVROLET, INC. 99810.40; KARLA AHRENDSEN 60.00; KASPERBAUER CLEANERS, INC. 142.12; KATHRYN STRUSS 160.75; KELLY SNYDER 528.72; KELSEY ALLEN 200.00; KENDRA M OLSON ATTORNEY AT LAW 102.20; KENNETH BLAKE MCMILLAN 125.00; KIMBALL MIDWEST 1983.88; KRISTINA KONRADI 150.00; KUNZ ENGINEERING INC. 224.73; KYLE HORNOR 15.84; LACEY ANDERSON 86.55; LANGUAGE LINK 95.59; LARSON OIL & DISTRIBUTING 5508.93; LEIGH MADSEN 19.80; LEMMENES & DODGEN 211.60; LEO J HALLMAN 77.84; LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INS CO 9604.92; LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING, LLC 4396.12; LIFELINE 8587.30; LISA BRINGLE 496.11; LISA MAZUREK 240.00; LOFFLER COMPANIES 2547.83; LONG LINES BROADBAND 12091.10; LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM 675.00; LSA -LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY 125.00; LYNNETTE JACOBS 3.68; M RUGGED MOBILE TECHNOLOGY 5646.36; MAGNET FORENSICS LLC 19155.00; MAIL SERVICES LLC 2321.65; MANUFACTURERS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY 27252.04; MARCO 554.01; MARCUS LUMBER 2182.63; MARK PATTEN 450.00; MARKS WELDING & MACHINE 267.50; MARTINS FLAG CO 1031.11; MARYANN MILLER 3.96; MASTER BURN 4186.13; MATT MC CARTHY 14.64; MENARDS - SPENCER 884.80; MICHELLE ERNST 150.00; MID AMERICAN ENERGY 23110.28; MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY INC 8314.31; MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFORMATION CENTER 250.00; MIDWEST COMPLIANCE ASSOCIATES 1500.00; MIDWEST

SERVICE AND SALES CO. 1760.00; MIDWEST UNDERGROUND SUPPLY, LLC 54550.00; MIKE'S LAWN SERVICE INC 1301.82; MODERN IMAGING SOLUTIONS, INC. 145.90; MODERN SOUND ENGINEERING INC. 347.40; MOSAIC 1000.00; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. 9768.00; MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO 1564.97; NACVSO 50.00; NATHAN SCHUMANN 200.00; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS 945.00; NEAL KUEHL 203.04; NELSONS VET SUPPLY 155.25; NETSMART TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 5594.89; NEW CENTURY FS 68286.06; NEW HOPE VILLAGE 3135.55; NEW PERSPECTIVES, INC. 1700.46; NOBLES COUNTY SHERIFF 75.00; NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR 3116.45; NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRIBUTING, INC. 12946.98; NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS 467.80; NW IA REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND, INC. 2014.00; NW IA YES CENTER 21041.95; NYEMASTER GOODE, P.C. 6100.60; ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC 600.89; OFFICE ELEMENTS 1838.37; ONE OFFICE SOLUTION 469.96; PATC -IOWA ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE 110.00; PAUL A ALLEN 150.00; PAUL MERTEN 813.09; PAULINE WELBORNE ESTATE 105.00; PHOENIX SUPPLY 658.29; PHONETICS INC, DBA SENSAPHONE 428.77; PILOT ROCK SIGNS RJ THOMAS MFG. CO., INC 1350.00; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT 2300.00; PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC 1731.06; PITNEY BOWES INC 132.79; PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH, INC 459128.98; PLUMBING & HEATING 1029.49; POCAHONTAS CO SHERIFF 474.80; POCAHONTAS COUNTY 495.57; POCAHONTAS COUNTY 24910.99; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC 4200.00; POSTMASTER 50.00; POWER SOLUTIONS, INC. 8579.91; PRAIRIE FABRICATION, LLC 770.00; PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 38635.68; PRISCILLA A. JACKSON 400.00; QUILL CORPORATION 1072.17; R & D INDUSTRIES INC 26192.16; RADAR ROAD TEC 680.00; RANDY REDIG 150.00; RANDY RICHTER 59.40; RANDY ROBBINS 200.00; REBNORD TECHNOLOGIES INC 22907.20; REIMER, LOHMAN, & REITZ 714.40; RELIANCE TELEPHONE INC 183.65; RICOH USA, INC 84.51; ROBERT DANIELSON 150.00; ROBERT SKOG 8.58; RR ELECTRIC LLC 4917.81; SAC COUNTY ENGINEER 1397.57; SAC COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES 15952.07; SAC COUNTY SHERIFF 250.26; SANDRA K HOYT 105.00; SANDRA K. SWEENEY 1736.28; SANFORD CENTER 32591.25; SANOFI PASTEUR INC 1475.64; SAVINGS BANK SECURITY TRUST & 283945.02; SAVINGS BANK SECURITY TRUST & 204403.58; SCHULTE LAW FIRM, LC 625.40; SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF 91.08; SCOTT LOVING 10.56; SEAT-STATE ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS TRAINING 460.00; SECRETARY OF STATE 90.00; SECURITY TRUST 66406.80; SETH DICKS 93.96; SHARON KOCH 222.31; SIOUX CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL 7155.00; SIOUX CITY TREASURER 387.41; SIOUX COUNTY SHERIFF 46.00; SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC. 912699.00; SMART VENDING SERVICES 724.63; SPORTS REHAB & PROFESSIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATES 10159.94; ST MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH 45.00; ST. MARYS PRESCHOOL 8725.00; ST. ROSE OF LIMA PRESCHOOL 6764.75; STACEY SMITH 150.00; STACY BLEE 85.68; STANLEY LAW FIRM, LLC 4211.90; STANTON ELECTRIC INC 173.94; STATE STEEL OF SPENCER 611.50; STEPHANIE J. EARLY 55.50; STERICYCLE, INC. / SHRED-IT 290.98; STOCKTON TROUT FARM, LLC 1578.00; STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT 494.07; STORM LAKE ACE HARDWARE 1159.66; STORM LAKE HYDRAULICS 2186.88; STORM LAKE TIMES PILOT 3970.77; STORM LAKE TRUCK & TRAILER 7.86; STRATEGIC HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS, LLC 51.75; STRATFORD GRAVEL INC 9657.00; STREICHER'S 6976.70; SUE EHLERS 29.04; SUSAN LLOYD 412.02; TENTH STREET TOWNHOMES 115.00; TERRAPLEX AG LLC 1398.00; TESS ROBINSON 150.00; TESSIERS MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS 12247.18; THE FIRE GROUP, INC 305.00; THE LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT 292.87; THE MACHINE SHOP 295.52; THE PRIDE GROUP, INC 54052.79; T-MOBILE 1104.70; TODD ANDERSON 192.60; TRACY GOTTO 170.40; TREASURER STATE OF IOWA 49856.04; TREASURER STATE OF IOWA 1142.67; TRI-STATE EMERG MGMT ASSN 20.00; TRIVIUM LIFE SERVICES 841.17; TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES 2438.20; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 898.00; TYNIQUE'S ROSE GARDEN 500.00; ULTEIG OPERATIONS, LLC 56220.07; UNITED TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC. 727.24; UNITY POINT HEALTH -FORT DODGE 17.00; UNITY RIDGE LUTHERAN SCHOOL 3840.00; UNITYPOINT CLINIC OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE 126.00; UNITYPOINT HEALTH 2291.00; UPPER DES MOINES 4500.00; US CELLULAR 4368.58; US CELLULAR 540.00; VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY 5287.35; VANDER HAAG'S INC. 583.76; VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC 154917.30; VERIZON WIRELESS 2473.37; VETTER EQUIPMENT CO 2381.93; VISA 18808.51; VISA 1715.84; VISUAL EDGE

IT, INC. 1853.50; WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO 2556.32; WEBSTER COUNTY SHERIFF 33.00; WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHI 619757.71; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING, INC. 453.00; WESCO INDUSTRIES INC 199499.87; WEST PAYMENT CENTER 5206.65; WEX BANK 1343.13; WEX BANK 554.08; WIESE PLUMBING & HEATING INC 8485.27; WILLIAM HILSABECK 105.61; WILLSON & PECHACEK, P.L.C. 346.75; WINDSTREAM 1024.26; WINDSTREAM CABS 307.71; WINTHER STAVE & CO LLP 30000.00; WOODBURY COUNTY SHERIFF 3750.00; ZIEGLER INC 12799.05

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTEENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (15)
APRIL 1, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, April 1, 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 Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen 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.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Coop, Estherville, IA, to install new overhead service along the ROW of 2424 180th Ave. to 6527 180th Ave in Section 25,26,35 and 36 Providence Township noting that the Platinum Crush discharge water line runs in the same ROW. Carried.

Wilkinson told the group that Schoon Excavating had reached out to him about fill dirt for construction of a new building pad on Thresherman's property. He told the Board that he had fill available at the Goldsmith Pit and on C43 to be hauled by the contractors. Merten also mentioned that he had a pile of clay on his property that they were welcome to haul away also if that would work better for them. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg to approve **Thresherman's request for 1,200 tons of fill be donated to them**. Carried.

No action was taken on **the hiring of the E01 operator**. Wilkinson will bring it back to the Board later.

The Chair opened the public hearing for the 2nd **FY'25 budget amendment**, Notice was published as required. No written objections were submitted, and no objections were offered during the hearing. Motion by Croker second by Hartman, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the 2nd **FY'25 budget amendment** as published, to authorize the Chair to sign the Budget Amendment certification, **Resolution #2025-04-01-A**, amending the FY'25 Annual Budget, and to approve the following appropriations:

Increase activity 0300 Capital Projects (1540) Transfer to 0020 Dept 90 \$3,256,375
Increase activity 0300 LOST Fund (0019) Transfer to 0020 Dept 90 \$38,154
Increase activity 0300 General Suppl (0002) Transfer to 0001 Dept 90 \$6,213
Decrease activity 0300 General Basic (0001) Transfer to (0027) Dept 90 -\$175
Increase activity 0200 Secondary Road Fund (0020) Dept 20 \$3,100,000
Decrease activity 3020 General Basic Fund (0001) Dept 46 -\$65,296
Increase activity 7110 Secondary Road Fund (0020) Dept 20 \$700,000
Increase activity 9100 General Basic Fund (0001) Dept 77 \$8,158 Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04-01-A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY'25 ANNUAL BUDGET
BY ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Departmental Appropriations on June 25, 2024 for all departments, of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 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 September 24, 2024, thereby increasing appropriations by \$1,238,429, for a total budget after the amendment of \$39,114,133; 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 has reviewed the budget amendment #2 for FY'25, as presented by the County Auditor, increasing appropriations by \$7,050,724; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors believe the aforesaid budget amendment #2 proposed for FY'25 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'25 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 1st day of April, 2025, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chair-BV County Board of Supervisors...Attest: Karla Ahrendsen- BV County Election Deputy

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

Wilkinson rejoined the group to discuss the setting of the Secondary Roads department summer hours. Wilkinson stated that he still felt that what he had presented last week was still what he wanted to start on April 7th. Croker commented that she felt at least a review of current procedures needed to be addressed. She wanted to see that signage be changed and the phones be manned whether the office was open on Friday or not. She felt that IT should be able to program the phones to make that happen. Merten stated that he did not realize that the phones were not being manned currently during summer hours on Friday and that was completely unacceptable and was not going to allow that to continue. He reviewed that most of the surrounding counties, even if the road crews are working 4–10-hour days that the offices are open all 5 days. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder to approve the **Roads Department summer schedule** to start April 7 and run through October 3; 6:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M Monday through Thursday. New signage is to be added with contact information for Fridays when the office is closed with phones being answered from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on those days. The phone numbers posted shall be given to all departments, so they have the information for any calls they receive. Any week with a holiday in it the office

will be open 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. on the remaining days. Carried. Hartman noted that this will be revisited later to re-evaluate.

Secondary Road Report: Last week crews were out plowing after the snow. Crews are working on blading gravels and trying to get them in better shape after the winter. They continue to clean up trees and debris in ditches and repair signs after the wind. Next week the guys will switch to their summer schedule for roads. The water tank trailer is finished and has been used for dust control already. Wilkinson is hoping this will help with the issues we had last summer on some of the gravel roads.

5 County Bike Trail Information- Croker told the group her and Hartman had attended a meeting on March 18, 2025, on establishing a 5-county bike trail. The committee would like to see the bike trails connecting Dickinson County to Carroll County along Highway 71. She explained that things are just in the planning phase, and she would let everyone know when the next meeting will be. Conservation Director Greg Johnson explained that most of the existing trails have been paid for through a TAP grant. He told the group that there are several grants available for trails and would like to be part of the committee. He explained again that he had been approached to have a meeting of the county's trail committee. Ahrendsen told the group that Auditor Lloyd had reached out last summer to the committee with very little response. The consensus of the Board is that they are in favor of supporting the trails and would be willing to get the county committee back together if it worked for the members.

I.T. Director Tyler Van Houten presented the Board with two proposals from RDI for Dell San and VMware Hosts. He told the Board that our current equipment is getting outdated, and he has budgeted for both items in the current budget and next fiscal year's budget. Croker asked if this would have more storage, and Van Houten explained that it would be about the same and that storage size is not a current concern. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder to approve Van Houten to sign the proposal for **Dell SAN for \$99,165 and VMware Hosts for \$91,532 with RDI**. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson and Assistant Weed Commissioner Brian Jones presented the annual noxious weed resolution. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve **Resolution #2025-04-01-B**, Public Notice Destruction of Noxious Weeds & Fines Assessed, and to authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2025-04-01-B
A PUBLIC NOTICE: DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS & FINES ASSESSED**

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS:

Be it resolved, by action of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317.13 and 317.14, 2025 Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

1-That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land in Buena Vista County shall cut, burn, spray, or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, at such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut, burned, sprayed, or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production:

Group 1. June 1, 2025, for Leafy Spurge and Musk Thistle.

Group 2. July 1, 2025, for Canada Thistle, Teasel and Field Bindweed.

Group 3. August 1, 2025, for Palmer Amaranth, Multiflora Rose, Bull and Plumeless Thistles.

2-That each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Buena Vista County infested with any noxious weeds listed for eradication or control by the Agriculture and Land Stewardship Department Administrative Rules Chapter 58.4 shall adopt a program of weed destruction described by the Weed Commissioner to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.

3-That if the owners or persons in possession or control of any land in Buena Vista County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate upon which the noxious weeds are destroyed.

4-That the County Weed Commissioner be and is hereby directed to cause notice of making and entering of the foregoing order by one publication each of the Official Newspapers of the County.

5-Anyone wishing not to have noxious weeds sprayed within the right-of-way adjacent to dwellings or property by Buena Vista County, he or she shall sign an annual agreement by June 1st at the County Conservation Board Office and receive official signs to be posted on each side of the area designated and shall be responsible to destroy such weeds, all season.

6-Buena Vista County primarily uses Milestone and TerraVue herbicide for noxious weed control within the road right-of-way. For individuals who harvest hay from the County's right-of-way consult the Milestone and TerraVue labels for possible haying and grazing restrictions. Any additional concerns may be directed to the County Weed Commissioner.

7-The Weed Commissioner, Greg Johnson or Deputy Weed Commissioner Brian Jones are located at the Buena Vista County Conservation Board office. 377 440th Street, Peterson, Iowa 51047. Telephone-712-295-7985.

PENALTY

Be it further Resolved, that upon failure to comply by the date prescribed in an order, pursuant to Chapter 317, for destruction of weeds, the weed commissioner, following notice, may enter upon the land without consent and have the weeds destroyed with the costs of such action taxed against the real estate on which the weeds were destroyed, or may impose a penalty of \$10.00 per day for each day, up to ten days, that the owner or person in possession or control of the land fails to comply, after which, the weed commissioner, following notice, may enter upon the land without consent and have the weeds destroyed with the costs of such action taxed against the real estate on which the weeds were destroyed.

Passed and approved this 1st day of April, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chair-BV County Board of Supervisors...Attest: Karla Ahrendsen- BV County Election Deputy

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme reviewed the information presented by the City of Storm Lake on the DD13 informational meeting last week. He explained that the Board transferred jurisdiction to the City of Storm Lake as 75% of the drain was within city limits. The city had been contacted by a landowner asking for the drain to be investigated for improvement. We do not have jurisdiction over the drain, but we are a landowner in the district. He feels that the proposed repair options will put undue burden on the landowners on a fix that should be handled as a storm drain and not an agricultural drainage district repair. He went on to explain to the group that under drainage district code landowners have the right of remonstrance which would allow them to vote on if the project would take place. This information was not included in the information presented by the city to the landowners. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker to authorize Blomme to **draft a letter to the City of Storm Lake** in response to the possible improvements of DD13. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston presented the Board with a new lease contract with Visual Edge IT for a new copier for the jail. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg to authorize Elston to sign the **lease** with Visual Edge IT for the jail's new copier. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement** with Steven M. Nadel, Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., for the “Not to exceed \$11,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025B”. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 3/25/2025, as presented, and accept the following **reports**: March Board of Health minutes, February Yes Center minutes, NW IA Regional Housing Trust Fund March meeting, and 5 County Trail information. Carried.

Croker did mention to the group that NW IA Regional Housing Trust Fund had money available for projects in the house and if anyone new of someone needing helping to reach out to Kristin Westerman 712-262-7225 ext. 139 or email Kristin.westerman@nwipdc.org. It was also mentioned that there are several new city clerks they might want to reach back out to them explaining it to them again.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. until Tuesday, April 8th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SIXTEENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (16)
APRIL 8, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 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, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to amend **today’s agenda**, adding a request from the City of Sioux Rapids for a donation of sand for their park. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Coop, Estherville, IA, for the accommodation of an underground primary cable, to upgrade their existing facilities along 170th Ave. and 190th Ave. in Sections 14 and 15, Providence Township, and Sections 24 and 19, Newell Township, from the west right-of-way line to the east right-of-way line, under 170th Ave., along the north right-of-way of 630th St. and under 190th Ave. along the south right-of-way of 630th St. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Interstate Power & Light (Alliant), Storm Lake, IA, to install a new electric utility service along CR M36 (Weaver St.) to service a new structure at 407 Weaver St., Linn Grove, IA. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson (present virtually) presented a quote for a gravel retriever (CAT 140M Grader) from Road Machinery & Supplies Co., in the amount of \$21,995.00. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the purchase of a CAT 140M Grader, **gravel retriever**, from Road Machinery & Supplies Co., in the amount of \$21,995.00. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he had requested a quote from Heartland Asphalt, Inc., for paving back from Hwy 110 on the county road intersections, since Heartland Asphalt will be paving Hwy 110 from Schaller to Frank Starr Park. The total quote is \$199,308.37 for paving the intersections of nine gravel roads, six hard surface roads, in addition to the curves. Merten asked if they could pave the entire triangle from the curve on C65 by the airport. Wilkinson stated that he could ask Heartland Asphalt to add that to the request. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the quote from **Heartland Asphalt, Inc.**, Mason City, IA, to pave back 50' on none gravel road intersections (650th, 640th, 70th, 80th, 620th), pave back 50' on two paved road intersections (West Marina Road, C63), and pave back 400' on four paved road intersections (C65 at curves), for a total of \$199,308.37. There would be an additional cost for the amended area to pave by the airport. Carried.

Snyder informed the Board that he received a request from the City of Sioux Rapids for 30 ton of donated sand to be used at the Sioux Rapids Park, ball diamond, and playground equipment area. Croker asked Engineer Wilkinson what the cost would be for this sand. Wilkinson stated that the county's cost would be \$6 per ton. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the request from the City of Sioux Rapids for 30 ton of **donated sand** to be used at the Sioux Rapids Park, ball diamond, and playground equipment area. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Their summer hours have started; they have been working on crossroad culverts and hauling gravel; PCI has been hauling rock to the roadway by Platinum Crush to bring the road back up a couple inches after the winter. They will be closing 70th Ave. and 600th Street on April 15 to do the final trim work, and plan to pave the week of April 28th.

The Chairperson announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing and meeting on the matter of the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$3,500,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, in order to provide funds to pay the costs of capital projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including approximately 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site, including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7 and approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7 (the "Roads Project"), for essential county purposes, and that notice of the proposed action by the Board to institute proceedings for the authorization of the Loan Agreement and the issuance of the Notes had been published as provided by Sections 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa. The Chairperson then asked the Auditor whether any written objections had been filed by any resident or property owner of the County to the issuance of the Notes. The Auditor advised the Chairperson and the Board that no written objections had been filed. The Chairperson then called for oral objections to the issuance of the Notes and none were made. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the time for receiving oral and written objections to be closed. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the hearing on the authorization of entering into a Loan Agreement and the issuance of the Notes to be closed, on a motion by Croker, and second by Hartman. Carried.

The Board then considered the proposed action and the extent of objections thereto.

Whereupon, Board Member Snyder introduced and delivered to the Auditor the Resolution hereinafter set out entitled "RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES", and moved: that the Resolution be adopted. Board Member Ringgenberg seconded the motion. The roll was called and the vote was, AYES: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the measure duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #2025-04-08-A

RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice published as required by law, the Board of Supervisors has held a public meeting and hearing upon the proposal to institute proceedings for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$3,500,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, for the essential county purposes, in order to provide funds to pay the costs of capital projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including approximately 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site, including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7 and approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7 (the "Roads Project"), and has considered the extent of objections received from residents or property owners as to the proposed issuance of Notes; and following action is now considered to be in the best interests of the County and residents thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Board does hereby institute proceedings and take additional action for the authorization and issuance in the manner required by law of not to exceed \$3,500,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, for the foregoing essential county purposes.

Section 2. This Resolution shall serve as a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 and shall be maintained on file as a public record of such intent. It is reasonably expected that the general fund moneys may be advanced from time to time for capital expenditures which are to be paid from the proceeds of the above Notes. The amounts so advanced shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of the Notes not later than eighteen months after the initial payment of the capital expenditures or eighteen months after the property is placed in service. Such advancements shall not exceed the amount authorized in this Resolution unless the same are for preliminary expenditures or unless another declaration of intention is adopted.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Board Member Croker introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025A, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF", and moved that the same be adopted. Board Member Snyder seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was, AYES: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025-04-08-B

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025A, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF

WHEREAS, Buena Vista County, State of Iowa ("Issuer"), is a political subdivision, organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa, and is not affected by any special legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer is in need of funds to pay costs of capital projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including approximately 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site, including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7 and approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7 (the "Roads Project"), and it is deemed necessary and advisable that General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025A, in the amount of \$3,500,000 be issued; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has taken such acts as are necessary to authorize issuance of the Notes.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Authorization of the Issuance. General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025A, in the amount of \$3,500,000 shall be issued pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Sections 331.402 and 331.443 for the purposes covered by the hearing.

Section 2. Levy of Annual Tax. For the purpose of providing funds to pay the principal and interest as required under Chapter 76.2, there is levied for each future year the following direct annual tax upon all the taxable property in Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, to wit:

FISCAL YEAR (JULY 1 TO JUNE 30)
YEAR OF COLLECTION

AMOUNT	YEAR OF COLLECTION
\$133,388.89	2025/2026
\$140,000	2026/2027
\$140,000	2027/2028
\$140,000	2028/2029
\$3,640,000	2029/2030

Principal and interest coming due at any time when the proceeds of the tax on hand are insufficient to pay the amount due shall be promptly paid when due from current funds available for that purpose and reimbursement must be made.

Section 3. Amendment of Levy of Annual Tax. Based upon the terms of the future sale of the Notes to be issued, this Board will file an amendment to this Resolution ("Amended Resolution") with the County Auditor.

Section 4. Filing. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the County Auditor of County of Buena Vista, State of Iowa, who shall, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 76.2, levy, assess and collect the tax in the same manner as other taxes and, when collected, these taxes shall be used only for the purpose of paying principal and interest on the Notes.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Trevor Smith and Joanne Follon of the **Iowa Lakes Corridor** updated the Board on their activities and reviewed their annual report. Follon stated that they are working with UNI to compile a labor shed survey, with the new labor shed report coming in the fall, showing wages and benefits in the area.

Hartman left the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Public Health Administrator Julie Sather discussed the **Public Health alignment** with the Board. Sather stated that Public Health will not regionalize, and they will remain employees of the county. Sather stated that they will become part of a district model, and that the changes will not be seen until FY'27.

County Attorney Paul Allen presented a quit claim deed for the Chair to sign, conveying Parcel #1002178015, Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6) in the Village of Truesdale to Joey Post, for \$10,500. February 25, six bids were opened on the Truesdale property, with Joey Post having the highest bid. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the quit claim deed, conveying **Parcel #1002178015**, Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Six (6) in the Village of Truesdale to Joey Post, for \$10,500. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that he had received a Notice of Application for Voluntary Annexation of Property to the City of Alta, and the public hearing notice on the same, scheduled for April 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. The property requested to be annexed is land owned by the City of Alta, and under the management and control of the Alta Municipal Utilities. The Board and the Auditor also received the notice. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to authorize County Attorney Paul Allen to notify the Alta City Attorney that the Board of Supervisors are neutral on this **voluntary annexation of property** to the City of Alta. Carried.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen presented the property and casualty insurance application to the Board for the Chair's signature. Ahrendsen has reviewed the application and updated the list and informed the Board that there are significant increases on properties and work comp. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **property and casualty insurance application** for ICAP. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston and Jailer Alyson Sievers requested that the Board allow the use of Opioid Funds that the county has received to install medical monitoring sensors in the Jail. The sensors would monitor heart rate, respiratory rate, and movement, which would help determine if and when a prisoner would need to be transported to the hospital. Elston stated that each unit is \$4,000, and with installation, the cost would be \$38,000, with a yearly maintenance cost of \$900 per unit (\$5,400). Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the request of Sheriff Elston to purchase medical monitoring sensors for the jail, at a cost with installation of \$38,000, with annual maintenance of \$5,400, to all be paid for with **Opioid Funds** that the County has received. Carried.

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 Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 4/1/2025, as corrected, today's **claim approval list and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: April Safety Committee minutes, March Treasurer's Reports, FY'24 Audit Report, FY'24 Audit Report for Regional Transit Authority (Region III), June NW IA Planning & Development Transportation Policy Committee minutes, and December NWIPDC Policy Council minutes. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to change the date of the Public Hearing on the **FY'26 County Budget** to April 29, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Auditor Susan Lloyd reviewed the **FY'26 budget** with the Board one more time, and asked the Board if there were any changes that they wanted to make before the notice is published.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. until Tuesday, April 15 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEVENTEENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (17)
APRIL 15, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to amend **today's agenda**, adding Resolution #2025-04-15-B Terminating 28E Agreement Concerning Collection of Delinquent Court Debt. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that the 28E Agreements with the City of Alta, City of Newell, City of Sioux Rapids, and City of Storm Lake, that were filed several years ago, which allowed the County Attorney's Office to receive a percentage of the Collection of Delinquent Court Debt, are no longer needed because the Iowa Judicial Branch has recently corrected an error that will automatically allocate the proper amounts to the respective city, county, and the State, which nullifies the original basis for requesting the 28E agreements. Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-04-15-B** Terminating 28E Agreements Concerning Collection of Delinquent Court Debt for the City of Alta, City of Newell, City of Sioux Rapids, and the City of Storm Lake. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-04-15-B

Resolution Terminating 28E Agreements Concerning Collection of Delinquent Court Debt

WHEREAS Iowa Code Chapter 28E permits state and local governments in Iowa to enter into an agreement with one or more public or private agencies for joint or cooperative action; and

WHEREAS Buena Vista County has elected to participate in the collection of delinquent court obligations on the county level and has filed with the Clerk of Court the required annual notice of full commitment to collect delinquent court debt for all cases assigned to Buena Vista County for collection by the court, in accordance with Iowa Code § 602.8107(4); and

WHEREAS Iowa Code § 364.22 permits cities to classify certain violations of city ordinance as municipal infractions and upon a defendant being found in violation of such ordinance, thereafter provides subject to Iowa Code § 364.3 that a portion of the fine imposed by the Court shall be retained by the city; and

WHEREAS a portion of the fine imposed by the Court under Iowa Code § 364.22, including but not limited to, filing fees and criminal penalty surcharges, are owed to the State pursuant to Iowa Code § 364.3; and

WHEREAS Buena Vista County and the City of Alta, the City of Newell, the City of Sioux Rapids, and the City of Storm Lake entered into separate 28E agreements concerning the collection of delinquent court debt; and

WHEREAS the Iowa Judicial Branch has recently corrected an error that will automatically allocate the proper amounts to the respective city, county, and the State, which nullifies the original basis for requesting the 28E agreements.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. Pursuant to paragraph 8 of each 28E agreement, Buena Vista County hereby terminates the following:
 - a. "Agreement for Buena Vista County and City of Alta for Collection of Delinquent Court Debt" (M510687)
 - b. "Agreement between BV County and the City of Newell for the collection of delinquent court debt by the County Attorney's Office" (M510274)
 - c. "Agreement between the City of Sioux Rapids & the BV County Attorney regarding the collection of delinquent court debt" (M509733)
 - d. "28E Agreement for BV County (County Attorney) and City of Storm Lake for Collection of Delinquent Court Debt" (M509292)
2. Written notice to be provided to the addresses as indicated in the 28E agreements.

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

Hear the Public: County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that his office has finished going through all the Ordinances and recodified Ordinances and putting them in a booklet. Then, they will be ready to print so everyone involved with the Ordinances will have a copy.

Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of Donald D. Jackson and Phyllis I. Jackson, in Section 25-90-37. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-04-15-A**. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-04-15-A

WHEREAS Donald D. Jackson and Phyllis I. Jackson have presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

DESCRIPTION LOT B

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼ SE ¼) OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 90 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 25; Thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 17 seconds West on the south line of said Southeast Quarter, 1019.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 42 minutes 17 seconds West on said south line, 297.76 feet; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 45 seconds West, 295.94 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 13 seconds East, 75.55 feet; thence South 60 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds East, 138.09 feet;

thence South 78 degrees 53 minutes 04 seconds East, 89.62 feet; thence South 32 degrees 09 minutes 12 seconds East, 39.03 feet; thence South 01 degrees 30 minutes 09 seconds West, 179.26 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot B, in Section 25, Township 90 North, Range, 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 1.76 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

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:

DESCRIPTION LOT B

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼ SE ¼) OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 90 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 25; Thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 17 seconds West on the south line of said Southeast Quarter, 1019.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 42 minutes 17 seconds West on said south line, 297.76 feet; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 45 seconds West, 295.94 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 13 seconds East, 75.55 feet; thence South 60 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds East, 138.09 feet; thence South 78 degrees 53 minutes 04 seconds East, 89.62 feet; thence South 32 degrees 09 minutes 12 seconds East, 39.03 feet; thence South 01 degrees 30 minutes 09 seconds West, 179.26 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot B, in Section 25, Township 90 North, Range, 37 West of the 5th 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:

DESCRIPTION LOT B

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼ SE ¼) OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 90 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 25; Thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 17 seconds West on the south line of said Southeast Quarter, 1019.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 42 minutes 17 seconds West on said south line, 297.76 feet; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 45 seconds West, 295.94 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 13 seconds East, 75.55 feet; thence South 60 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds East, 138.09 feet; thence South 78 degrees 53 minutes 04 seconds East, 89.62 feet; thence South 32 degrees 09 minutes 12 seconds East, 39.03 feet; thence South 01 degrees 30 minutes 09 seconds West, 179.26 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot B, in Section 25, Township 90 North, Range, 37 West of the 5th 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 15th day of April 2025.

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

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to **correct the Resolution number** in the 2/11/2025 minutes from Resolution No. 2022-02-11-A to Resolution No. 2025-02-11-A, Setting Dates of a Consultation and a Public Hearing on a Proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Platinum Urban Renewal Plan in Buena Vista County, State of Iowa. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 4/8/2025, as presented, and accept the following **report**: March Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 a.m. until Tuesday, April 22 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
EIGHTEENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (18)
APRIL 22, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for ITC Midwest, LLD, Iowa City, IA, replacing existing steel static wire and retrofit with OPGW fiber for relaying and SCADA needs, and boring a portion of fiber along 460th Street, all in Sections 22, 23, 24 Brooke Township and Sections 19 and 20 in Barnes Township, from .24 miles east of 40th St. to .5 miles east of 90th St. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to upgrade their existing facilities along 640th St. between Sections 20 and 29, Newell Township, from 200th Ave. to 210th Ave., moving their existing line from the south right-of-way to the north right-of-way. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board of his recommendation to hire Jacob Carlson, for the E01 position, starting him at \$2.00 under the current E01 rate, with .50/hour increases at 6-month reviews for the first two years. Merten asked is the new hire would also receive the 4% increase 7/1/25, and Wilkinson stated that he would also receive the 4% increase, otherwise he would fall short of the E01 salary after his two years. Wilkinson stated that all E01 positions are paid the same rate, the incentive is to have them work towards becoming an E02. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve Wilkinson's recommendation to **hire** Jacob Carlson, as an E01, effective May 12, 2025, at a rate of \$31.32 per hour, which is \$2.00 under the E01 rate, with .50/hour increases at 6-month reviews for the first two years and eligible for any raises given by the Board of Supervisors. Ayes: Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten (due to the wage, and not the individual). Motion carried.

Secondary Road Report: They worked on storm cleanup last Friday, around the City of Storm Lake and the Courthouse. There are a lot of signs down in the county and debris in the ditches, which they will be working on for a while; The Governor signed a State Disaster Declaration, but unless the State of Iowa meets \$5.3M in damages, there will not be a Federal Declaration for uninsured property. The power companies sustained a lot of damages, but private damages are not included if the property is insured; The crew is also graveling roads, rebuilding driveways, and working on tile repairs; Cedar Valley conducted a pre-paving meeting yesterday, and reviewed the schedule. Paving is planned to begin April 30 and run through May 2, starting at the south end of 70th Ave., north to the ready mix and then from the east end of 600th St., paving back to the west on 70th Ave. There will be three different chunks of paving done. Wilkinson stated that it was a good meeting and informational; Wilkinson stated that he met with the railroad and DOT, to do a railroad diagnostic on both 70th Ave. and 80th Ave. crossings. Wilkinson stated that within a half hour after the diagnostics, a car was hit by a train. Wilkinson stated that they are working on a temporary option, whatever the railroad agrees to.

The Chairperson announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing and meeting on the matter of the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$11,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, in order to provide funds to pay the costs of capital projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including improving, widening, installing culverts, paving and updating the 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site in multiple phases, specifically including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7; approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7; and updating and improving the intersection of Hwy 7 and 70th Ave to add turning lanes and other improvements to increase safety at this intersection (the "Roads Project"), for essential county purposes, and that notice of the proposed action by the Board to institute proceedings for the authorization of the Loan Agreement and the issuance of the Notes had been published as provided by Sections 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa.

The Chairperson then asked the Auditor whether any written objections had been filed by any resident or property owner of the County to the issuance of the Notes. The Auditor advised the Chairperson and the Board that no written objections had been filed. The Chairperson then called for oral objections to the issuance of the Notes and none were made. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the time for receiving oral and written objections to be closed.

(Attach here a summary of objections received or made, if any)

Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the hearing on the authorization of entering into a Loan Agreement and the issuance of the Notes to be closed, on a motion by Snyder, second by Hartman. Carried.

The Board then considered the proposed action and the extent of objections thereto.

Whereupon, Board Member Hartman introduced and delivered to the Auditor the Resolution hereinafter set out entitled "RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES", and moved: that the Resolution be adopted. Board Member Snyder seconded the motion. The roll was called and the vote was, Ayes: Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the measure duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #2025-04-22-A

RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice published as required by law, the Board of Supervisors has held a public meeting and hearing upon the proposal to institute proceedings for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$11,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, for the essential county purposes, in order to provide funds to pay the costs of capital projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including improving, widening, installing culverts, paving and updating the 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site in multiple phases, specifically including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7; approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7; and updating and improving the intersection of Hwy 7 and 70th Ave to add turning lanes and other improvements to increase safety at this intersection (the "Roads Project"), and has considered the extent of objections received from residents or property owners as to the proposed issuance of Notes; and following action is now considered to be in the best interests of the County and residents thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Board does hereby institute proceedings and take additional action for the authorization and issuance in the manner required by law of not to exceed \$11,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, for the foregoing essential county purposes.

Section 2. This Resolution shall serve as a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 and shall be maintained on file as a public record of such intent. It is reasonably expected that the general fund moneys may be advanced from time to time for capital expenditures which are to be paid from the proceeds of the above Notes. The amounts so advanced shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of the Notes not later than eighteen months after the initial payment of the capital expenditures or eighteen months after the property is placed in service. Such advancements shall not exceed the amount authorized in this Resolution unless the same are for preliminary expenditures or unless another declaration of intention is adopted.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of April, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....ATTEST: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Hear the Public: Emergency Management Director Aimee Barritt updated the Board on the recent disaster. Barritt stated that the State of Iowa will not be seeking a Presidential Disaster Declaration since the total loss in the State was not \$6M. Barritt stated that at 12:59 a.m. last Friday, there was a severe thunderstorm warning issued for BV County, with winds predicted to be less than 50 mph. Barritt stated that what we had was a microburst, that there wasn't anything to warn about because it happened so fast. Merten asked Barritt why he didn't get a warning on his phone for either the 1:00 a.m. storm or the 3:30 a.m. storm. Barritt stated that she will be contacting Inspiron Company for answers as they are the ones that send out the WENS alerts automatically, and none were sent out. Barritt stated that there were no injuries, but lots of property damages. Barritt stated that the Red Cross came in right away and handed out tarps and gloves, and other supplies needed. Barritt stated that GoServ Global, out of Albert City, Iowa, was a big help in coordinating volunteers to help with the disaster. Barritt also stated that all the county's fire departments were a big help during the disaster, along with the Cherokee Fire Department. The Individual Assistance Program is open now and Upper Des Moines Opportunity is administering it.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the chair to sign the Certification of Cost Allocation Plan for the **FY2024 Buena Vista County CASI report**. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and re-issue** check #329063, dated 2/11/2025, to Streicher's in the amount of \$454.99, as the check has been lost. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 4/15/2025, as presented, today's **claim approval list and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: Jan-Mar Recorder's Report of Fees Collected, January Board of Health minutes, March BV County Solid Waste Agency minutes, and March Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. until Tuesday, April 29 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
NINETEENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (19)
APRIL 29, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, April 29, 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, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson reviewed his FY'26 IDOT budget that will be submitted to the State, along with his 5-year program for construction and repairs. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to accept and authorize the Chair to sign the **State IDOT budget** for FY'26 and submit it to IDOT. Carried. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to accept and authorize the Chair to sign the **5-year Construction Program** for FY'26 and submit it to IDOT. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been graveling and shaping up the roads; the painting crew will be coming in soon; Cedar Valley will start the paving of 70th Ave. tomorrow, beginning at C63 and going north to the plant on 70th Ave, and then will be paving 600th St., from east to west; Engineer Wilkinson has talked with the railroad and DOT about the railroad crossing at 70th Ave. after the two accidents that have occurred there. There is a push to put temporary devices up at the railroad crossing while a permanent solution is figured out; Wilkinson stated that he has received emails from IDOT that they want to take over the design, administration, and construction of the intersections at IA 7 & 70th Ave. and IA 7 & 80th Ave., requiring additional paperwork to be signed with IDOT and Buena Vista County. Wilkinson stated that when Phase I is finished, the county will receive half of their RISE dollars, after this new DOT intersection agreement is signed.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the **FY'26 Budget Hearing**, with Auditor Susan Lloyd, and Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson, Treasurer Danelle Haberman, Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller, Engineer Bret Wilkinson, and I.T. Director Tyler Van Houten present in-person with Storm Lake Radio and seven other callers online. Auditor Lloyd reviewed the proposed tax levies. Chairperson Merten opened it up for questions. There were no questions, and no written comments were received. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-04-29-A** Elected Official Compensation Schedule for FY 2025/2026. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2025-04-29-A
ELECTED OFFICIAL COMPENSATION SCHEDULE
FY 2025/2026**

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Compensation Board met on December 18, 2024 and January 8, 2025 to consider recommendations for the elected officials wages for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year based on salaries of comparable positions within Buena Vista County and within the State of Iowa as required by Sections 331.905 & 331.907 of the Code of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the Compensation Board's continued commitment in its position to try and equalize the elected officials' salaries to bring them in line with duties and comparable salaries and acknowledges receipt of the Compensation Board's recommendation of an increase of 3.5% for the Supervisors, 4% for the Recorder and Treasurer, 5% for the Auditor, 6% for the Attorney, 6.1% (\$7,500) for the Sheriff. Plus, the continuation of longevity for all Elected Officials, a \$2,000 stipend for the Board Chair, a \$500 stipend for the Board Vice-Chair, and a \$5,000 stipend for the Auditor as Budget Director (in lieu of the Board Secretary stipend) for FY 2025/2026 as follows:

County Attorney	\$156,846
County Auditor	91,918
County Recorder	84,495
County Treasurer	84,495
County Sheriff	128,958
County Supervisors	40,981
Supervisor-Vice Chair	41,481
Supervisor-Chair	42,981

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors that the compensation schedule recommended by the Buena Vista County Compensation Board at their final meeting on January 8, 2025, be approved as follows.

County Attorney	\$156,846
County Auditor	91,918
County Recorder	84,495
County Treasurer	84,495
County Sheriff	128,958
County Supervisors	40,981
Supervisor-Vice Chair	41,481
Supervisor-Chair	42,981

Dated this 29th day of April, 2025.

Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....ATTEST: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-04-29-B**, Adoption of 2025/2026 Budget, and the **Adoption of Budget & Certification of Taxes**. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2025-04-29-B
ADOPTION OF
2025-2026 BUDGET & CERTIFICATION OF TAXES**

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa held a Public Hearing on April 29, 2025, for input for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget and County Levies; and

WHEREAS Iowa Code Section 331.434 authorizes the Board of each county to adopt their budget and certify property taxes annually prior to April 30;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby approve and adopt the FY'2025-2026 County Budget and Certification of Taxes, which includes the following levies and property tax asking:

Levies

4.27184	General Basic Levy
2.75515	General Supplemental Levy
3.48039	Rural Service Levy
0.63404	Debt Service Levy

11.14142	Total Levies

Property Tax Levied Dollars

6,212,483	General Basic
4,006,780	General Supplemental
3,037,561	Rural Service
1,030,242	Debt Service

14,287,066	Total Property Tax Dollars

Committed Funds

\$354,967	Fund 0001 – General Basic Fund (County Trails & Signs)
\$ 243	Fund 0001 – General Basic Fund (Heritage Tours)
\$118,322	Fund 0011 – Rural Basic Fund (County Trails & Signs)

\$473,532	Total Committed Funds

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of April 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....ATTEST: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Hear the Public: None.

Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities, was online for the resolution approving **offering prospectus** on the not to exceed \$3,500,000 G O Capital Loan Notes. Croker asked about adding the description of what the \$3.5M would be used for, since it will be used to finish Phase 1 of the Platinum road paving project. Kuhl stated that she had prepared a "draft" prospectus, and she can still make changes to it. Kuhl will add the description of the use of these funds in the prospectus.

Board Member Croker introduced the following resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING OFFERING PROSPECTUS" and moved that the resolution be adopted. Board Member Snyder seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was, Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None.

Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2025-04-29-D
RESOLUTION APPROVING OFFERING PROSPECTUS**

WHEREAS, in conjunction with its Underwriter, Northland Securities, Inc., the County has caused an Offering Prospectus to be prepared outlining the details of the proposed sale of the Notes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That the preliminary Offering Prospectus in the form presented to this meeting be and the same hereby is approved as to form and deemed final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, subject to such revisions, corrections or modifications as the Chairperson and Auditor, upon the advice of bond counsel and the County's Underwriter, shall determine to be appropriate, and is authorized to be distributed in connection with the offering of the Notes for sale.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....ATTEST: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Board Member Snyder introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION DECLARING AN OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER TREASURY REGULATION 1.150-2 TO ISSUE DEBT TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR CERTAIN ORIGINAL EXPENDITURES PAID IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIED PROJECTS" and moved that it be adopted. Board Member Ringgenberg seconded the motion to adopt, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None.

Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025-04-29-C

**RESOLUTION DECLARING AN OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER
TREASURY REGULATION 1.150-2 TO ISSUE DEBT TO REIMBURSE
THE COUNTY FOR CERTAIN ORIGINAL EXPENDITURES PAID IN
CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIED PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the County anticipates making cash expenditures for one or more capital improvement projects, generally described below (each of which shall hereinafter be referred to as a "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County reasonably expects to issue debt to reimburse the costs of a Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is consistent with the County's budgetary and financial circumstances to issue this declaration of official intent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Resolution be and does hereby serve as a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2.

Section 2. That it is reasonably expected that capital expenditures will be made in respect of the following Project(s), from time to time and in such amounts as this Board determines to be necessary or desirable under the circumstances then and there existing.

Section 3. That the County reasonably expects to reimburse all or a portion of the following expenditures with the proceeds of bonds, notes or other indebtedness to be issued or incurred by the County in the future.

Section 4. That the total estimated costs of the Project(s), the maximum principal amount of the bonds, notes or other indebtedness to be issued for the foregoing Project(s) and the estimated dates of completion of the Project(s) are reasonably expected to be as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Fund from which original expenditures are to be Advanced</u>	<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Amount of Borrowing Anticipated</u>	<u>Estimated Date of Completion</u>
<u>Phase 2 & 3</u>	0020-Secondary Roads	\$11,000,000	*Not to exceed \$11,000,000	6/30/2027
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

*based on current estimates, subject to change.

Section 5. That the County reasonably expects to reimburse the above-mentioned Project costs not later than the later of eighteen months after the capital expenditures are paid or eighteen months after the property is placed in service, but in no event more than three (3) years after the original expenditure is paid.

Section 6. That this Resolution be maintained by the County Auditor in an Official Intent File maintained in the office of the Auditor and available at all times for public inspection, subject to such revisions as may be necessary.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....ATTEST: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Josh Yernatich (**Allete Clean Energy**) and Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg, updated the Board on the timeline of Allete's wind energy project. They are looking at 2027 for their build year. Yernatich stated that they would like to get their special use permits in May, then it would go before the Zoning Commission for their approval.

Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller gave a **department update** to the Board Keller stated that his guys have been taking time off, so he has been short staffed; Keller has been waxing floors, cleaning carpets, cleaning windows, and working on yard cleanup; there will be a new automatic door installed at the Community Services building with the handicap button to push to open; Public Health has new sidewalks; in the storm, there were 1 ½ trees lost at the Courthouse. Secondary Roads brought in big equipment to remove the big tree. There were some alarm issues, and the roofer was called to check the courthouse and the LEC.

Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller was in attendance on behalf of the Parade of Flags to ask for permission from the Board to use the courthouse lawn for the Memorial Day Parade of Flags Dedication at 10 a.m. There will be eight flags to dedicate. The guest speaker will be Veteran Gerald Weiland. The public is welcome to bring lawn chairs. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve use of the Buena Vista County Courthouse law for **Memorial Day Parade of Flags Dedication**. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 4/22/2025, as presented, and accept the following **reports**: December E911 Board minutes, January E911 Board minutes, and January Region III LEPC minutes. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to authorize the Chair to sign a **Certificate of Appreciation** for Kristina Konradi, for her 13 years of service to the County, Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #14-42** claim for spraying, to B & W Control Specialists, in the amount of \$7,262.55. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22 MOD** claim for spraying, to B & W Control Specialists, in the amount of \$3,908.25. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the FY'26 **SHIELD** contract with NW IA Planning & Development Commission. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. until Tuesday, May 6 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTIETH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (20)
MAY 6, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Vice Chairman Croker presiding (as Merten was leaving at 9:00), and the following other members present Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen 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.

Phase 2 & 3 of the Platinum Crush Road Project: Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities and Steven Nadel, Ahlers & Cooney joined the meeting remotely to give a little background as to how IDOT taking over Phase 3 of the road project would affect the borrowing. Nadel started by explaining that by IDOT taking over Phase 3 there could be delays beyond the county control and that the Board will need to decide if they want to move forward with Phase 2 without a total from DOT on Phase 3 given that they only have approval to borrow up to \$11 million at this time. Wilkinson presented his updated numbers and the information given to him by IDOT for a total of \$5.8 million for both phases. Merten questioned how accurate the numbers

were and the timing of everything. Heidi reminded the group that whatever was not paid off with RISE dollars of the \$3.5 million issuance would then go to debt service since this would change the RISE dollars pay out. After much discussion and Steve reminding the Board of the overages so far on the project the Board decided to move forward for now and move to bid letting Phase 2 and then review all the numbers again before accepting the bids and moving forward with the borrowing. Merten told Wilkinson that the main priority was getting the last right of way purchased so that it could go to bid letting.

Merten left the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Emergency Management Director Aimee Barritt requested additional funding for the Dry Hydrant Project in the county. Barritt explained to the Board that when Dennis Williams started working on the actual design of the Dry Hydrant, they found that not all the supplies given to them from the DNR would work. He was especially worried about the 90-degree angle pipes and felt that 45 degrees would not cut down on the water flow as much. He also said that the connectors provided would not work with equipment currently being used by the fire departments. Barritt received a quote from Feld Fire for the additional parts needed to complete the project for \$1,385.73. This will put the project \$564.84 over what was budgeted. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman to approve the additional request for \$564.84 for the **Dry Hydrant Project** bringing the total project to \$8,064.84. Carried.

Environmental Health/Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of Bruce Edwards Lot E in the NW NE Section 32-92-37 Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Vice Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-05-06-A**. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-05-06-A

WHEREAS Bruce Edwards has presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

DESCRIPTION LOT E

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 92 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 32, thence South 00° 00' 00" West (assuming bearing) on the west line of said Northeast Quarter, 842.70 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89° 29'01" East, 432.27 feet to the west line of a previously recorded parcel which appears of record as document number 971474 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder; thence following a common boundary with said previously recorded parcel the following two (2) courses and distances: South 00° 48' 13" East, 363.97 feet; thence South 00° 29' 01" West, 189.33 feet to the east line of a 1.15 acre tract of land previously surveyed by Darel D. Burns; thence North 00° 01' 54" West on said east line, 79.96 feet to the north line of said previously surveyed tract; thence South 89° 42' 18" West on said north line, 249.99 feet to the west line of said Northeast Quarter, thence North 00° 00' 00" East on said west line, 283.06 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot E in Section 32, Township 92 North, Range 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 3.19 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

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:

DESCRIPTION LOT E

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 92 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 32, thence South 00° 00' 00" West (assuming bearing) on the west line of said Northeast Quarter, 842.70 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89° 29'01" East, 432.27 feet to the west line of a previously recorded parcel which appears of record as document number 971474 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder; thence following a common boundary with said previously recorded parcel the following two (2) courses and distances: South 00° 48' 13" East, 363.97 feet; thence South 00° 29' 01" West, 189.33 feet to the east line of a 1.15 acre tract pf land previously surveyed by Darel D. Burns; thence North 00° 01' 54" West on said east line, 79.96 feet to the north line of said previously surveyed tract; thence South 89° 42' 18" West on said north line, 249.99 feet to the west line of said Northeast Quarter, thence North 00° 00' 00" East on said west line, 283.06 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot E in Section 32, Township 92 North, Range 37 West of the 5th 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:

DESCRIPTION LOT E

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 92 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 32, thence South 00° 00' 00" West (assuming bearing) on the west line of said Northeast Quarter, 842.70 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89° 29'01" East, 432.27 feet to the west line of a previously recorded parcel which appears of record as document number 971474 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder; thence following a common boundary with said previously recorded parcel the following two (2) courses and distances: South 00° 48' 13" East, 363.97 feet; thence South 00° 29' 01" West, 189.33 feet to the east line of a 1.15 acre tract pf land previously surveyed by Darel D. Burns; thence North 00° 01' 54" West on said east line, 79.96 feet to the north line of said previously surveyed tract; thence South 89° 42' 18" West on said north line, 249.99 feet to the west line of said Northeast Quarter, thence North 00° 00' 00" East on said west line, 283.06 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot E in Section 32, Township 92 North, Range 37 West of the 5th 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 6th day of May 2025.

/s/ Kathy Croker, Vice Chairperson, Board of Supervisors...../s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the minutes of 04/29/2025 as corrected, today's claim approval list and Auxiant disbursements, and accepting the following reports: March NW IA YES Center minutes, April Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, and April Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected. Carried.

Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities joined the meeting again to review the financial plan for the \$3.5 million GO Bonds. Kuhl started by reviewing the timing of the issuance and the structure of the borrowing. She reminded the group that this issuance was a little unique as it was payable at any time with a 30-day notice but matured June 1, 2030. She also reminded the group of earlier discussions that this would need to be refinanced after the RISE payment is received. Northland will go to pricing on May 19th and Kuhl will be back to the Board May 20th to sign the Loan Agreement Contract and June 3rd issuance will be adopted with proceeds available June 18th. No action was needed at this time.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice Chair to sign the utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for horizontal directional drilling West to East under 160th Ave sections 27 and 28 of Grant township just North of 1301 38th Ave W. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The guys are out putting gravel on the roads and picking up debris in ditches from the storms a couple of weeks ago. One mower will be starting May 19th, and they are still deciding if they will be hiring a second mower this summer. The paving has started around Platinum Crush starting from C63 working north on 70th Ave to the redi-mix plant and west on 600th St to the intersection. Once this is completed it will have to be cured depending on the conditions for at least 48 hours. This will then be opened as they start 50 feet south of the railroad tracks and work south to join the pavement. The signage will remain up, but the road will not be completely shut off from the south for access to the plant and the homes along the road. The construction signage will remain up until the project is completed, reminding people that caution is still needed when traveling down the road.

Vice Chairperson Croker asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during Hear the Public, with no response.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to set a public hearing for a FY'25 BV County budget amendment, for May 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the Jt. DD #14-42 MOD claim for Ryan Smith, in the amount of \$100.00 for beaver trapping. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was on the phone for his appointment. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to go into closed session (at 10:07 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(j) of the 2025 Code of Iowa, to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to go out of closed session at 10:36 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. until Tuesday, May 13 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Kathy Croker, Vice-Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY FIRST MEETING, 2025 SESSION (21)
MAY 13, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, May 13, 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 Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen 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.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to **hire** William Henrich as a seasonal employee for the Secondary Road Department, beginning May 19, 2025, at \$ 20.00/hour. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson asked to have a 2009 Mack Semi Tractor declared as excess and be allowed to sell it. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **2009 Mack Semi Tractor as excess and to be sold**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Amendment of IDOT budget** for FY'25, allowing the spending and receiving of the \$3.3 million loan proceeds. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Amendment of IDOT 5-year Construction Program** reflect the Platinum Crush Project and moving up a bridge project for a federal grant application. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Wilkinson told the Board that they are still working on blading, hauling gravel, and fixing signs. The 3rd leg of the paving project by Platinum Crush has started and they are paving south from the railroad tracks to the ready-mix plant on 70th Ave. If the weather holds, they should complete the main paving part and move on to hand work that needs to be completed. Temporary lights have been put in by the Railroad crossing but will not be turned on until the Railroad and IDOT have signed an agreement on them. Wilkinson has heard back from Mid American on the right of way purchase but has not seen the agreement that they were going to send. He will continue to reach out to them until the documents have been received.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented information, requesting suspension of taxes on three parcels, due to receiving a DHS/SSU request for the suspension, and for two additional parcels. Haberman stated that when the property sells, the county gets paid first for the suspended taxes. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the **suspension of taxes** on parcel #1033382007 in Storm Lake, parcel #1403277021 in Storm Lake, parcel #1617479006 in Newell, parcel #1404232005 in Storm Lake, and parcel #1620128005 in Newell. Carried.

Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none. Haberman did tell the Board that there was only 1.53% of taxes left to collect as of this morning. This is the best collection in several years.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 5/6/2025 as corrected, and accepting the following **reports**: Safety Meeting Minutes May 2025, Veterans Affairs Commissioner Meeting Feb 2025. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve hiring **Shawn Nagel as a Medical Examiner Investigator (MEI)**. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m. until Tuesday, May 20 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-SECOND MEETING, 2025 SESSION (22)
MAY 20, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 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 Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen as clerk until 9:15 a.m. and then 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 Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Assistant to the Engineer Justin Anderson reported that they have been stockpiling rock and working on gravel roads. Cedar Valley is not pouring today, due to the rain so traffic is using 70th Ave. due to 80th Ave. being too soft.

The Board tabled the **Road Use Agreement** with Allete Clean Energy until it arrives.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 5/13/2025 as presented, today's **claim approval list and Auxiant disbursements**, correcting the amount of the claim to Sioux City Treasurer to \$32.47 instead of \$37.39, and accepting the following **report**: April Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the engagement letter for **Hunzelman, Putzier & Co., PLC**, to prepare the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Buena Vista County, Iowa as of and for FY'25 and FY'26, and the related notes to the financial statements, along with preparing the required supplementary information. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the audit engagement letter for **Winther Stave & Co, LLP**, to audit the financial statements of Buena Vista County, for the years ended June 30, 2025, and 2026. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #328385 dated 12/17/2024 for \$150.00 to Stacy Blee. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Ringgenberg attended the Storm Lake United meeting.

Drainage Clerk Lynnette Jacobs presented to the Board various drainage districts that have negative fund balances, along with proposed levy amounts, including a maintenance fund for each drainage district. Also present was Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve and set the levies as follows: **DD #1 Lat 1**, 182% without waivers, **DD #66**, 24.00% without waivers; **DD #100**, 26.00% without waivers; **DD #104**, 30.00% without waivers; **DD #115**, 316.00% without waivers; **DD #151**, 150.00% with waivers; **DD #194**, 31.00% without waivers; and **DD #205**, 4.00% without waivers. Carried. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and set the levy for **Jt. DD #22 MOD**, 30%, waivers to be decided by Clay County as the control county. Carried.

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

Leanne Livermore, HHS, presented the Board with a contract for a Ricoh copy machine and maintenance along with a document authorizing removal of the previous copier. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Ricoh Copier** Master Maintenance & Sale Agreement, Order Agreement, and Equipment Removal/Buyout Authorization, for a total cost of \$5,655.63. Carried.

Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities, was online to review with the Board the Bond Sale Summary for the \$3,350,000 **General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025A**, and the Bond Sale Contract, prior to the Board taking action on Resolution #2025-05-20-A, accepting a proposal to purchase \$3,350,000 GO Capital Loan Notes.

Board Member Snyder introduced the following Resolution entitled "**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE \$3,500,000 (AMOUNT SUBJECT TO CHANGE) GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025A**" and moved that it be adopted. Board Member Hartman seconded the motion to adopt, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None.

Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05-20-A

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO
PURCHASE \$3,500,000 (AMOUNT SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025A**

WHEREAS, Buena Vista County, sometimes hereinafter referred to as the County, is a political subdivision duly incorporated, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary that the County should enter into a Loan Agreement and borrow the amount of \$3,500,000 (amount subject to change) as authorized by Sections 331.402 and 331.443, Code of Iowa as amended; and

WHEREAS, proposals have been requested and received from financial institutions offering to enter into such Loan Agreement; and

WHEREAS, after a review of all the proposals received, it has been determined that the best and most favorable proposal is that of Northland Securities, Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Board of Supervisors to enter into a Loan Agreement in accordance with said proposal dated May 20, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Board of Supervisors does hereby accept the attached proposal of Northland Securities, Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and takes additional action to permit the entering into of a Loan Agreement.

Section 2. The Chairperson and County Auditor are authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the County to enter into such Loan Agreement, to negotiate the final terms of a Loan Agreement, to take all action necessary to permit the entering into of a Loan Agreement on a basis favorable to the County and acceptable to the Purchaser, and to proceed to meet the conditions of this accepted proposal.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of May, 2025.

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

The Board then signed the **Bond Sale Contract** with Northland Securities, Inc. who agrees to purchase \$3,350,000 GO Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025A to be dated June 18, 2025 and to mature June 1, 2030. Northland Securities will pay for the Notes \$3,309,800 plus accrued interest, if any, to the date of settlement. The Notes are to be payable at UMB Bank, N.A., West Des Moines, Iowa, as paying agent and registrar. Interest is to be payable on June 1, 2026 and semiannually thereafter. The Notes will have the following interest rate and will mature on June 1 in the year and amount as follows: 2030, \$3,350,000, 4.750%.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. until Tuesday, May 27 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-THIRD MEETING, 2025 SESSION (23)
MAY 27, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, May 27, 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 Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Deputy Auditor Sharon Henkel and representing the Wellness Committee, reviewed the FY'25 Wellness Program activities, and presented an allocation request of \$20,000 for wellness activities in FY'26, keeping the amount reimbursed to employees for a physical at \$150, and allowing up to 3 hours paid time off for their physical. Henkel stated that the asking was \$5,000 less since the whole amount had not been used. Henkel stated that it would be the Board's decision whether to reduce it or leave it at the current \$25,000 as they hope to have more participants in the next fiscal year. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve an **allocation** of \$25,000 for Wellness activities in FY'26, continuing the amount reimbursed to employees for a **physical** at \$150, and allowing up to 3 hours of **paid time off** for their physical. Carried.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen presented the insurance Statement of Loss regarding the storm damage at the Courthouse and the Marina. Ahrendsen stated that the loss is \$15,933.14 and there is a \$1,000 deductible. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to accept the loss and authorize the Chair to sign the **Statement on Loss** on damages to the Courthouse and Marina during the high wind event. Carried.

Payroll Clerk Yvonne Sandhoff reported to the Board that the **Insurance Committee** had met last week and discussed recommendations to the Board on the county's dental and vision plans. Sandhoff stated that there is an 18% increase in the dental rate and 10% increase in the vision rate. The committee will begin looking at other options in July, for the next fiscal year, and they would also like to send out a survey to all employees, to get a sense of what their concerns are. Sandhoff stated that County Attorney Paul Allen has reviewed the survey questions and has approved, along with adding some additional questions. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve an **insurance survey** to go out to the employees. Carried.

Hear the Public: Jim Eaton was present and informed the Board that he is disappointed with the county roads and stated that someone needs to be in charge. Eaton stated that he has been on the list for driveways for seven years. Eaton commented on the summer hours for the Secondary Road Department, stating that someone should be at the Engineer's Office every day of the week, some could have Mondays off and others could have Fridays off. Eaton also stated his frustration with weed control, which he realizes is under the Conservation Department, but said that he has been spraying weeds. Croker asked Eaton if he was happy that Platinum Crush was here, and Eaton stated that having the plant here is great, his complaints are with the county and their roads.

The Chair opened the public hearing for the 3rd **FY'25 budget amendment**, Notice was published as required. No written objections were submitted, and no objections were offered during the hearing. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the 3rd **FY'25 budget amendment** as published, to authorize the Chair to sign the Budget Amendment certification, **Resolution #2025-05-27-A**, amending the FY'25 Annual Budget, and to approve the following appropriations:

Increase activity	1030	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 05	\$26,335
Increase activity	1030	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 05	\$10,884
Increase activity	1040	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 37	\$52,796
Increase activity	1040	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 37	\$20,443
Increase activity	1050	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 29	\$10,000
Increase activity	1110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 28	\$10,000
Increase activity	6210	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$3,600
Increase activity	6310	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$320
Increase activity	6320	Platinum Crush TIF Fund (0037)	Dept 68	\$3,901
Increase activity	9030	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$4,575
Increase activity	9100	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 51	\$6,300
Increase activity	9100	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 67	\$7,302
Increase activity	9110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 52	\$52,153
Increase activity	9210	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 97	\$50,000
Increase activity	0300	Platinum Crush TIF Fund (0037)	Dept 90	\$2,101 Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05-27-A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY'25 ANNUAL BUDGET
BY ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #3**

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Departmental Appropriations on June 25, 2024 for all departments, of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 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 September 24, 2024, thereby increasing appropriations by \$1,238,429, for a total budget after the amendment of \$39,114,133; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Budget Amendment #2 on April 1, 2025, thereby increasing appropriations by \$7,050,724, for a total budget after the amendment of \$46,164,857; 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 has reviewed the budget amendment #3 for FY'25, as presented by the County Auditor, increasing appropriations by \$243,415; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors believe the aforesaid budget amendment #3 proposed for FY'25 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'25 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 27th day of May, 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 Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, to bore under 580th St. in Sections 24 and 25 of Grant Township, from private property to private property, for the accommodation of a water pipe. Carried.

Assistant to the Engineer Justin Anderson, presented the Road Use Agreement with Allete Clean Energy. Josh Yernatich, Allete Clean Energy, was online to answer any questions. Croker asked about the decommissioning and if all the towers would be taken down and what their weight would be for hauling away. Yernatich stated that the old equipment will be taken down and moved, and they are lighter than the new towers will be. Yernatich stated that there is no need for heavy haul permits, as they are all under the limit. Yernatich stated that once this agreement is signed, it is a rubber stamp on everything coming, no sooner than 2027. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to table the **Road Use Agreement** with Allete Clean Energy until next week. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to **transfer** \$10,000 from the General Basic Fund (0001) to Conservation Land Acquisition Trust Fund (CLAT) (0027) for the FY'25 budgeted transfer. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to **transfer** \$505 from the General Basic Fund (0001) to Conservation Land Acquisition Trust Fund (CLAT) (0027) for the FY'24 boat title fees. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to **transfer** \$239,424 from the General Supplemental Fund (0002) to reimburse the General Basic Fund (0001), based on the 2023 Cost Advisory Services, Inc. (CASI) Report of the allocated costs of the Clerk of Court Office and District Court. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to **transfer** \$51,858.41 from the Platinum Crush TIF Fund (0037) to Debt Service Platinum Crush Fund (2022) for the TIF revenue received. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 5/20/2025 as presented, and accepting the following **reports:** March and April VA Commission minutes and May EMS Association Treasurer's Report. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m. until Tuesday, June 3 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (24)
JUNE 3, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 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 amend **today's agenda**, adding engagement of Northland Securities as Underwriter. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented the Road Use Agreement with Allete Clean Energy regarding the decommissioning and construction of the wind towers in the county. Josh Yernatich and Jim Moran, Allete Clean Energy, were present to answer any questions. Yernatich informed the Board that the project is scheduled to start in 2027. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Road Use Agreement** with Storm Lake Power Partners I LLC and Storm Lake Power Partners II LLC. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that they received two quotes for fuel for FY'26: New Century FS quoted \$7,171.36 for 31,179.81 gallons of #1 Diesel for the out shops and \$2,690.28 for 19,216.25 gallons of #1 Diesel, for the Storm Lake shop, and \$8,269.10 for 41,345.52 gallons of #2 Diesel for the out shops and \$5,837.74 for 48,647.80 gallons of #2 Diesel for the Storm Lake shop. Pro Cooperative Energy quoted \$7,140.18 for 31,179.81 gallons of #1 Diesel for the out shops and \$3,247.55 for 19,216.25 gallons of #1 Diesel for delivery to the Storm Lake shop, and \$7,607.58 for 41,345.52 gallons of #2 Diesel for the out shops and \$6,762.04 for 48,647.80 gallons of #2 Diesel for the Storm Lake shop. Engineer Wilkinson stated that the grand total between the two companies was only a difference of \$788.87 and he recommends New Century FS, since they were the low bidder. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to accept and approve the Secondary Road Department **Fuel Bid** from New Century FS, for delivery of #1 Diesel at a cost of \$7,171.36 to the out shops and \$2,690.28 to the Storm Lake shop and \$8,269.10 for #2 Diesel to the out shops and \$5,837.74 to the Storm Lake shop for FY'26. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a Relocation and Reimbursement Agreement between Buena Vista County and MidAmerican Energy Company, to relocate existing structures and related facilities of a MidAmerican owned and operated 69,000-volt electric lines along 80th Ave., which is part of the County's planned improvement of the existing 80th Ave., with an estimated cost of \$308,000 to be reimbursed to MidAmerican. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to authorize the Engineer to re-present the **Relocation and Reimbursement Agreement** to MidAmerican Energy Company, after adding "not to exceed" \$308,000 to the agreement. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson discussed a resolution setting speed along a portion of 70th Ave. from Hwy 7 south to C63. Wilkinson informed the Board that during construction, the speed limit was 35 mph. Merten stated that he wants speed signs up before the "road closed" signs come down. Wilkinson suggested 45 mph from C63 north to the entrance at 600th St. and then 35 mph to Hwy 7. Croker wants 55 mph from 600th St. south to C63. Wilkinson recommends 45 mph prior to going 35 mph. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to set 45 mph from C63 north on 70th Ave. to 600th St. and then drop to 35 mph to Hwy 7. Ayes: Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Croker, Merten. Motion carried. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **Resolution #2025-06-03-A** Setting Speed Along a Portion of 70th Ave. from C63 north to Hwy 7. Ayes: Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Croker, Merten. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-06-03-A
RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Iowa Code Sections 321.255 and 321.285 to determine the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a soybean crushing facility in section 31 of Washington Township has increased the amount of large trucks and other traffic in the area,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the speed limit is established effective immediately and terminating upon the completion of the paving project on 70th Avenue from Hwy 7 to C63, and appropriate signs shall be erected at the locations described as follows;

35 mph on Southbound 70th Avenue commencing at Hwy 7 and proceeding South to a point 200 feet South of 600th Street.

45 mph on Southbound 70th Avenue commencing 200 ft south of 600th Street to 610th Street.

45 mph on Northbound 70th Avenue commencing at 610th Street and proceeding to a point 200 feet South of 600th Street.

35 mph on Northbound 70th Avenue commencing 200 feet South of 600th Street and proceeding North to Hwy 7.

Resolution adopted this 3rd day of June, 2025

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

Secondary Road Report: They have been edge rutting and hauling gravel to roads; they have been working on crossroad culverts, driveways, and tile repairs. They want to do shoulder work soon; there are two field entrances yet to be done by the county after PCI is done. Wilkinson stated that the goal was for PCI to be done this week, depending on the rain. Croker stated that she wants the field drives done before the road opens. Wilkinson stated that the crew is used to working when the roads are open. Jim Eaton asked about his entrance, and Wilkinson stated that it was to be done by PCI, and he will check on it; Wilkinson stated that the C49 project, east six miles, started yesterday. Wilkinson stated that it would be cold-in-place, placing 4" down in the next couple weeks, and then they will let it sit for two weeks, and the contractor will move to Hwy 110, and when that is done, the contractor will move back to C49 to pave on top of the cold-in-place.

Hear the Public: Kevin Cone wanted to publicly thank Secondary Road employees Sam Ohrtman and Steve Botcher for their work on 600th St. Cone stated that he would like to see more hands-on meetings with DOT, utilities, and the railroad. Cone asked for communication with everyone once there are plans and asked that Engineer Wilkinson meet with the landowners. Cone thanked PCI. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that as soon as MidAmerican signs the agreement, then he can do the bid letting. Merten wants to include Kevin Cone and Jim Eaton. Jim Eaton also thanked Sam Ohrtman and Steve Botcher. Eaton stated that Platinum Crush can build a million-dollar facility in the middle of a field, and they can't get 4 miles of road done in two years. Eaton stated that he wasn't here to complain, he stated that he would like it to be as efficient as possible.

Hear the Public: Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen informed the Board that the loss statement that the Chair signed last week on the storm damage is not going to bring any funds to the county for the damages. Ahrendsen was told by ICAP that wind and hail are catastrophic storm damages, so the deductible would be 2% of the total value, so the county would have had a \$390,000 deductible, so there is not an insurance claim for the damages.

Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of Nicholas and Mary Sennert, in Section 35-93-38. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-06-03-B**. Carried.

RESOLUTION # 2025-06-03-B

WHEREAS Nicholas & Mary Sennert have presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

DESCRIPTION LOT 1 OF LOT B:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 93 NORTH, RANGE 38 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said section 35; thence South 00°36'41" East (assuming bearing) on the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 903.31 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 83°36'54" West, 275.98 feet; thence South 06°39'16" East, 80.64 feet; thence South 83°18'19" West, 110.61 feet; thence South 06°06'08" East, 313.37 feet; thence North 86°11'08" East, 346.63 feet to the east line of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 00°36'41" West on said east line, 412.24 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot 1 of Lot B in Section 35, Township 93 North, Range 38 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 3.18 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

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:

DESCRIPTION LOT 1 OF LOT B:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 93 NORTH, RANGE 38 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said section 35; thence South 00°36'41" East (assuming bearing) on the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 903.31 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 83°36'54" West, 275.98 feet; thence South 06°39'16" East, 80.64 feet; thence South 83°18'19" West, 110.61 feet; thence South 06°06'08" East, 313.37 feet; thence North 86°11'08" East, 346.63 feet to the east line of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 00°36'41" West on said east line, 412.24 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot 1 of Lot B in Section 35, Township 93 North, Range 38 West of the 5th 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:

DESCRIPTION LOT 1 OF LOT B:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 93 NORTH, RANGE 38 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said section 35; thence South 00°36'41" East (assuming bearing) on the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 903.31 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 83°36'54" West, 275.98 feet; thence South 06°39'16" East, 80.64 feet; thence South 83°18'19" West, 110.61 feet; thence South 06°06'08" East, 313.37 feet; thence North 86°11'08" East, 346.63 feet to the east line of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 00°36'41" West on said east line, 412.24 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot 1 of Lot B in Section 35, Township 93 North, Range 38 West of the 5th 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 3rd day of June 2025.

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

At 9:50 A.M., the time arrived for consideration of the two resolutions on the \$3,350,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Series 2025A.

Board Member Snyder introduced the following resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPOINTING UMB BANK, N.A. OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA, TO SERVE AS PAYING AGENT, NOTE REGISTRAR, AND TRANSFER AGENT, APPROVING THE PAYING AGENT AND NOTE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT", and moved that the resolution be adopted. Board Member Croker seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was, AYES: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025-06-03-C

RESOLUTION APPOINTING UMB BANK, N.A. OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA, TO SERVE AS PAYING AGENT, NOTE REGISTRAR, AND TRANSFER AGENT, APPROVING THE PAYING AGENT AND NOTE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, \$3,350,000.00 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025A, dated June 18, 2025, have been sold and action should now be taken to provide for the maintenance of records, registration of certificates and payment of principal and interest in connection with the issuance of the Notes; and

WHEREAS, this Board has deemed that the services offered by UMB Bank, N.A. of West Des Moines, Iowa, are necessary for compliance with rules, regulations, and requirements governing the registration, transfer and payment of registered notes; and

WHEREAS, a Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement (hereafter "Agreement") has been prepared to be entered into between the County and UMB Bank, N.A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

1. That UMB Bank, N.A. of West Des Moines, Iowa, is hereby appointed to serve as Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent in connection with the issuance of \$3,350,000.00 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025A, dated June 18, 2025.

2. That the Agreement with UMB Bank, N.A. of West Des Moines, Iowa, is hereby approved and that the Chairperson and Auditor are authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of June, 2025

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Board Member Croker introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF LOAN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,350,000.00 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025A, AND LEVYING A TAX TO PAY SAID NOTES; APPROVAL OF THE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AND CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE" and moved that it be adopted. Board Member Hartman seconded the motion to adopt, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows: AYES: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025-06-03-D

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF LOAN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,350,000.00 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025A, AND LEVYING A TAX TO PAY SAID NOTES; APPROVAL OF THE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AND CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, the Issuer is a political subdivision, organized and exists under and by virtue of the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer is in need of funds to pay costs of the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including approximately 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site, including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7 and approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7 (the "Roads Project"), essential county purpose(s), and it is deemed necessary and advisable that General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, to the amount of not to exceed \$3,500,000 be authorized for said purpose(s); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice published as required by Sections 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa, this Board has held a public meeting and hearing upon the proposal to institute proceedings for the issuance of \$3,350,000.00 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, and the Board is therefore now authorized to proceed with the issuance of said Notes for such purpose(s); and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Notes were heretofore sold and action should now be taken to issue said Notes conforming to the terms and conditions of the best bid received at the sale; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2025, the Board of Supervisors did adopt a certain Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025A, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF"; and

WHEREAS, due to certain changes in the overall financing plans of the County, it is necessary to make numerous changes to the Resolution adopted on April 8, 2025 and, therefore, said Board hereby adopts this new Resolution to be substituted in its entirety for the resolution previously adopted on April 8, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings in this Resolution unless the text expressly or by necessary implication requires otherwise:

- "Authorized Denominations" shall mean \$100,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.
- "Beneficial Owner" shall mean, whenever used with respect to a Note, the person in whose name such Note is recorded as the beneficial owner of such Note by a Participant on the records of such Participant or such person's subrogee.
- "Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations" shall mean the Representation Letter from the Issuer to DTC, with respect to the Notes.
- "Cede & Co." shall mean Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC, and any successor nominee of DTC with respect to the Notes.
- "Continuing Disclosure Certificate" shall mean that certain Continuing Disclosure Certificate approved under the terms of this Resolution and to be executed by the Issuer and dated the date of issuance and delivery of the Notes, as originally executed and as it may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.
- "Depository Notes" shall mean the Notes as issued in the form of one global certificate for each maturity, registered in the Registration Books maintained by the Registrar in the name of DTC or its nominee.
- "DTC" shall mean The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, which will act as security depository for the Note pursuant to the Representation Letter.
- "Issuer" and "County" shall mean Buena Vista County, State of Iowa
- "Loan Agreement" shall mean a Loan Agreement between the Issuer and a lender or lenders in substantially the form attached to and approved by this Resolution.
- "Note Fund" shall mean the fund created in Section 3 of this Resolution.
- "Notes" shall mean \$3,350,000.00 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025A, authorized to be issued by this Resolution.
- "Participants" shall mean those broker-dealers, banks and other financial institutions for which DTC holds Notes as securities depository.
- "Paying Agent" shall mean UMB Bank, N.A., or such successor as may be approved by Issuer as provided herein and who shall carry out the duties prescribed herein as Issuer's agent to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes as the same shall become due.
- "Project" shall mean the costs of the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including approximately 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site, including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7 and approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7 (the "Roads Project"), for essential county purposes.

- "Project Fund" shall mean the fund required to be established by this Resolution for the deposit of the proceeds of the Notes.
- "Rebate Fund" shall mean the fund so defined in and established pursuant to the Tax Exemption Certificate.
- "Registrar" shall mean UMB Bank, N.A. of West Des Moines, Iowa, or such successor as may be approved by Issuer as provided herein and who shall carry out the duties prescribed herein with respect to maintaining a register of the owners of the Notes. Unless otherwise specified, the Registrar shall also act as Transfer Agent for the Notes.
- "Resolution" shall mean this amending resolution authorizing the Notes.
- "Tax Exemption Certificate" shall mean the Tax Exemption Certificate approved under the terms of this Resolution and to be executed by the Treasurer and delivered at the time of issuance and delivery of the Notes.
- "Treasurer" shall mean the County Treasurer or such other officer as shall succeed to the same duties and responsibilities with respect to the recording and payment of the Notes issued hereunder.

Section 2. Levy and Certification of Annual Tax; Other Funds to be Used.

- a) Levy of Annual Tax. That for the purpose of providing funds to pay the principal and interest of the Notes hereinafter authorized to be issued, there is hereby levied for each future year the following direct annual tax on all of the taxable property in Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, to-wit:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR (JULY 1 TO JUNE 30) YEAR OF COLLECTION</u>
\$ 151,610.76*	2025/2026*
\$ 159,125.00	2026/2027
\$ 159,125.00	2027/2028
\$ 159,125.00	2028/2029
\$ 3,509,125.00	2029/2030

*A levy in the amount of \$133,388.89 has been included in the budget previously certified and will be used together with available County funds to pay the principal and interest of the Note coming due in fiscal year 2025/2026.

(NOTE: For example the levy to be made and certified against the taxable valuations of January 1, 2024 will be collected during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025.)

- b) Resolution to be Filed With County Auditor. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Auditor of Buena Vista County, Iowa and the Auditor is hereby instructed in and for each of the years as provided, to levy and assess the tax hereby authorized in Section 2 of this Resolution, in like manner as other taxes are levied and assessed, and such taxes so levied in and for each of the years aforesaid be collected in like manner as other taxes of the County are collected, and when collected be used for the purpose of paying principal and interest on said Notes issued in anticipation of the tax, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

- c) Additional County Funds Available. Principal and interest coming due at any time when the proceeds of said tax on hand shall be insufficient to pay the same shall be promptly paid when

due from current funds of the County available for that purpose and reimbursement shall be made from such special fund in the amounts thus advanced.

Section 3. Note Fund. Said tax shall be assessed and collected each year at the same time and in the same manner as, and in addition to, all other taxes in and for the County, and when collected they shall be converted into a special fund within the Debt Service Fund to be known as the "2025A GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTE FUND NO. 1" (the "Note Fund"), which is hereby pledged for and shall be used only for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes hereinafter authorized to be issued; and also there shall be apportioned to said fund its proportion of taxes received by the County from property that is centrally assessed by the State of Iowa.

Section 4. Application of Note Proceeds. Proceeds of the Notes, other than accrued interest except as may be provided below, shall be credited to the Project Fund and expended therefrom for the purposes of issuance. Any amounts on hand in the Project Fund shall be available for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Notes at any time that other funds shall be insufficient to the purpose, in which event such funds shall be repaid to the Project Fund at the earliest opportunity. Any balance on hand in the Project Fund and not immediately required for its purposes may be invested not inconsistent with limitations provided by law or this Resolution.

Section 5. Investment of Note Fund Proceeds. All moneys held in the Note Fund, provided for by Section 3 of this Resolution shall be invested in investments permitted by Chapter 12B, Code of Iowa, as amended, or deposited in financial institutions which are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the deposits in which are insured thereby and all such deposits exceeding the maximum amount insured from time to time by FDIC or its equivalent successor in any one financial institution shall be continuously secured in compliance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa, as amended, or otherwise by a valid pledge of direct obligations of the United States Government having an equivalent market value. All such interim investments shall mature before the date on which the moneys are required for payment of principal of or interest on the Notes as herein provided.

Section 6. Note Details, Execution and Redemption.

a) Note Details. General Obligation Capital Loan Notes of the County in the amount of \$3,350,000.00, shall be issued to evidence the obligations of the Issuer under the Loan Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Sections 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa for the aforesaid purposes. The Note shall be issued as a single serial note and shall be secured from the sources provided in Section 3 of this Resolution. The Note shall be designated "GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTE, SERIES 2025A", be dated June 18, 2025, and bear interest from the date thereof, until payment thereof, at the office of the Paying Agent, said interest payable on June 1, 2026, and semiannually thereafter on the 1st day of June and December in each year until maturity at the rates hereinafter provided.

The Note shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chairperson and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Auditor, and impressed or printed with the seal of the County and shall be fully registered as to both principal and interest as provided in this Resolution; principal, interest and premium, if any, shall be payable at the office of the Paying Agent by mailing of a check to the registered owner of the Note. The Note shall be in the denomination of \$100,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The Note shall mature and bear interest as follows:

Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity June 1 st
\$3,350,000.00	4.750%	2030

b) Redemption.

i. Optional Redemption. The Note may be called for optional redemption by the Issuer on any date, from any funds regardless of source, in whole or from time to time in part. The terms of redemption shall be par, plus accrued interest to date of call.

Thirty days' written notice of redemption shall be given to the registered owner of the Note. Failure to give written notice to any registered owner of the Note or any defect therein shall not affect the validity of any proceedings for the redemption of the Note. The Note or portions thereof called for redemption will cease to bear interest after the specified redemption date, provided funds for their redemption are on deposit at the place of payment. Written notice will be deemed completed upon transmission to the owner of record.

If less than all of a maturity is called for redemption, the Issuer will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be redeemed prior to maturity. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each Participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each Participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interests in such maturity to be redeemed. All prepayments shall be at a price of par plus accrued interest.

Section 7. Issuance of Notes in Book-Entry Form; Replacement Notes.

a) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Resolution regarding registration, ownership, transfer, payment and exchange of the Notes, unless the Issuer determines to permit the exchange of Depository Notes for Notes in Authorized Denominations, the Notes shall be issued as Depository Notes in denominations of the entire principal amount of each maturity of Notes (or, if a portion of said principal amount is prepaid, said principal amount less the prepaid amount). The Notes must be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC. Payment of semiannual interest for any Notes registered in the name of Cede & Co. will be made by wire transfer or New York Clearing House or equivalent next day funds to the account of Cede & Co. on the interest payment date for the Notes at the address indicated or in the Representation Letter.

b) The Notes will be initially issued in the form of separate single authenticated fully registered bonds in the amount of each stated maturity of the Notes. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of the Notes will be registered in the registry books of the UMB Bank, N.A. kept by the Paying Agent and Registrar in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. The Paying Agent and Registrar and the Issuer may treat DTC (or its nominee) as the sole and exclusive owner of the Notes registered in its name for the purposes of payment of the principal or redemption price of or interest on the Notes, selecting the Notes or portions to be redeemed, giving any notice permitted or required to be given to registered owners of Notes under the Resolution of the Issuer, registering the transfer of Notes, obtaining any consent or other action to be taken by registered owners of the Notes and for other purposes. The Paying Agent, Registrar and the Issuer have no responsibility or obligation to any Participant or Beneficial Owner of the Notes under or through DTC with respect to the accuracy of records maintained by DTC or any Participant; with respect to the payment by DTC or Participant of an amount of principal or redemption price of or interest on the Notes; with respect to any notice given to owners of Notes under the Resolution; with respect to the Participant(s) selected to receive payment in the event of a partial redemption of the Notes, or a consent given or other action taken by DTC as registered owner of the Notes. The Paying Agent and Registrar shall pay all principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Notes only to Cede & Co. in accordance with the Representation Letter, and all payments are valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the Issuer's obligations with respect to the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Notes to the extent of the sum paid. DTC must receive an authenticated Bond for each separate stated maturity evidencing the obligation of the Issuer to make payments of principal of and premium, if any, and interest. Upon delivery by DTC to the Paying Agent and Registrar of written notice that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., the Notes will be transferable to the new nominee in accordance with this Section.

c) In the event the Issuer determines that it is in the best interest of the Beneficial Owners that they be able to obtain Notes certificates, the Issuer may notify DTC and the Paying Agent and Registrar, whereupon DTC will notify the Participants, of the availability through DTC of Notes certificates. The Notes will be transferable in accordance with this Section. DTC may

determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Notes at any time by giving notice to the Issuer and the Paying Agent and Registrar and discharging its responsibilities under applicable law. In this event, the Notes will be transferable in accordance with this Section.

d) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Resolution to the contrary, so long as any Note is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Note and all notices must be made and given, respectively to DTC as provided in the Representation letter.

e) In connection with any notice or other communication to be provided to Noteholders by the Issuer or the Paying Agent and Registrar with respect to a consent or other action to be taken by Noteholders, the Issuer or the Paying Agent and Registrar, as the case may be, shall establish a record date for the consent or other action and give DTC notice of the record date not less than 15 calendar days in advance of the record date to the extent possible. Notice to DTC must be given only when DTC is the sole Noteholder.

f) The Representation Letter is on file with DTC and sets forth certain matters with respect to, among other things, notices, consents and approvals by Noteholders and payments on the Notes. The execution and delivery of the Representation Letter to DTC by the Issuer is ratified and confirmed.

g) In the event that a transfer or exchange of the Notes is permitted under this Section, the transfer or exchange may be accomplished upon receipt by the Registrar from the registered owners of the Notes to be transferred or exchanged and appropriate instruments of transfer. In the event Note certificates are issued to holders other than Cede & Co., its successor as nominee for DTC as holder of all the Notes, or other securities depository as holder of all the Notes, the provisions of the Resolution apply to, among other things, the printing of certificates and the method or payment of principal of and interest on the certificates. Any substitute depository shall be designated in writing by the Issuer to the Paying Agent. Any such substitute depository shall be a qualified and registered "clearing agency" as provided in Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The substitute depository shall provide for (i) immobilization of the Depository Notes, (ii) registration and transfer of interests in Depository Notes by book entries made on records of the depository or its nominee and (iii) payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes in accordance with and as such interests may appear with respect to such book entries.

h) The officers of the Issuer are authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the purchaser, and to the attorneys approving the legality of Notes, certified copies of proceedings, ordinances, resolutions and records and all certificates and affidavits and other instruments as may be required to evidence the legality and marketability of the Notes, and all certified copies, certificates, affidavits and other instruments constitute representations of the Issuer as to the correctness of all stated or recited facts.

Section 8. Registration of Notes; Appointment of Registrar; Transfer; Ownership; Delivery; and Cancellation.

a) Registration. The ownership of Notes may be transferred only by the making of an entry upon the books kept for the registration and transfer of ownership of the Notes, and in no other way. UMB Bank, N.A. is hereby appointed as Note Registrar under the terms of this Resolution and under the provisions of a separate agreement with the Issuer filed herewith which is made a part hereof by this reference. Registrar shall maintain the books of the Issuer for the registration of ownership of the Notes for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes as provided in this Resolution. All Notes shall be negotiable as provided in Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code and Section 331.446 of the Code of Iowa, subject to the provisions for registration and transfer contained in the Notes and in this Resolution.

b) Transfer. The ownership of any Note may be transferred only upon the Registration Books kept for the registration and transfer of Notes and only upon surrender thereof at the office of the Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the holder or his duly authorized attorney in fact in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Registrar, along with the address and social security number or federal employer identification number of such transferee (or, if registration is to be made in the name of multiple individuals, of all such transferees). In the event that the address of the registered owner of a Note (other than a registered owner which is the nominee of the broker or dealer in question) is that of a broker or dealer, there must be disclosed on the Registration Books the information pertaining to the registered owner required above. Upon the transfer of any such Note, a new fully registered Note, of any denomination or denominations permitted by this Resolution in aggregate principal amount equal to the unmatured and unredeemed principal amount of such transferred fully registered Note, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date or dates shall be delivered by the Registrar.

c) Registration of Transferred Notes. In all cases of the transfer of the Notes, the Registrar shall register, at the earliest practicable time, on the Registration Books, the Notes, in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

d) Ownership. As to any Note, the person in whose name the ownership of the same shall be registered on the Registration Books of the Registrar shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal of any such Notes and the premium, if any, and interest thereon shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note, including the interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

e) Cancellation. All Notes which have been redeemed shall not be reissued but shall be cancelled by the Registrar. All Notes which are cancelled by the Registrar shall be destroyed and a certificate of the destruction thereof shall be furnished promptly to the Issuer; provided that if the Issuer shall so direct, the Registrar shall forward the cancelled Notes to the Issuer.

f) Non-Presentation of Notes. In the event any payment check, wire, or electronic transfer of funds representing payment of principal of or interest on the Notes is returned to the Paying Agent or if any Note is not presented for payment of principal at the maturity or redemption date, if funds sufficient to pay such principal of or interest on Notes shall have been made available to the Paying Agent for the benefit of the owner thereof, all liability of the Issuer to the owner thereof for such interest or payment of such Notes shall forthwith cease, terminate and be completely discharged, and thereupon it shall be the duty of the Paying Agent to hold such funds, without liability for interest thereon, for the benefit of the owner of such Notes who shall thereafter be restricted exclusively to such funds for any claim of whatever nature on his part under this Resolution or on, or with respect to, such interest or Notes. The Paying Agent's obligation to hold such funds shall continue for a period equal to two years and six months following the date on which such interest or principal became due, whether at maturity, or at the date fixed for redemption thereof, or otherwise, at which time the Paying Agent shall surrender any remaining funds so held to the Issuer, whereupon any claim under this Resolution by the Owners of such interest or Notes of whatever nature shall be made upon the Issuer.

g) Registration and Transfer Fees. The Registrar may furnish to each owner, at the Issuer's expense, one note for each annual maturity. The Registrar shall furnish additional Notes in lesser denominations (but not less than the minimum denomination) to an owner who so requests.

Section 9. Reissuance of Mutilated, Destroyed, Stolen or Lost Notes. In case any outstanding Note shall become mutilated or be destroyed, stolen or lost, the Issuer shall at the request of Registrar authenticate and deliver a new Note of like tenor and amount as the Note so mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost, in exchange and substitution for such mutilated Note to Registrar, upon surrender of such mutilated

Note, or in lieu of and substitution for the Note destroyed, stolen or lost, upon filing with the Registrar evidence satisfactory to the Registrar and Issuer that such Note has been destroyed, stolen or lost and proof of ownership thereof, and upon furnishing the Registrar and Issuer with satisfactory indemnity and complying with such other reasonable regulations as the Issuer or its agent may prescribe and paying such expenses as the Issuer may incur in connection therewith.

Section 10. Record Date. Payments of principal and interest, otherwise than upon full redemption, made in respect of any Note, shall be made to the registered holder thereof or to their designated agent as the same appear on the books of the Registrar on the 15th day of the month preceding the payment date. All such payments shall fully discharge the obligations of the Issuer in respect of such Notes to the extent of the payments so made. Upon receipt of the final payment of principal, the holder of the Note shall surrender the Note to the Paying Agent.

Section 11. Execution, Authentication and Delivery of the Notes. Upon the adoption of this Resolution, the Chairperson and Auditor shall execute the Notes by their manual or authorized signature and deliver the Notes to the Registrar, who shall authenticate the Notes and deliver the same to or upon order of the Purchaser. No Note shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or shall be entitled to any right or benefit hereunder unless the Registrar shall duly endorse and execute on such Note a Certificate of Authentication substantially in the form of the Certificate herein set forth. Such Certificate upon any Note executed on behalf of the Issuer shall be conclusive evidence that the Note so authenticated has been duly issued under this Resolution and that the holder thereof is entitled to the benefits of this Resolution.

No Notes shall be authenticated and delivered by the Registrar unless and until there shall have been provided the following:

1. A certified copy of the resolution of Issuer approving the execution of a Loan Agreement and a copy of the Loan Agreement;
2. A written order of Issuer signed by the Treasurer of the Issuer directing the authentication and delivery of the Notes to or upon the order of the Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price as set forth therein;
3. The approving opinion of Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Bond Counsel, concerning the validity and legality of all the Notes proposed to be issued.

Section 12. Right to Name Substitute Paying Agent or Registrar. Issuer reserves the right to name a substitute, successor Registrar or Paying Agent upon giving prompt written notice to each registered noteholder.

Section 13. Form of Note. Notes shall be printed substantially in the form as follows:

"STATE OF IOWA"
"COUNTY OF BUENA VISTA"
"GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTE"
"SERIES 2025A"
ESSENTIAL COUNTY PURPOSE

Rate: 4.750%
Maturity: June 1, 2030
Note Date: June 18, 2025
CUSIP No.: 119259 GU7
"Registered"
Certificate No. 1
Principal Amount: \$3,350,000

Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, a political subdivision organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa (the "Issuer"), for value received, promises to pay from the source and as hereinafter provided, on the maturity date indicated above, to

(Registration panel to be completed by Registrar or Printer with name of Registered Owner).

or registered assigns, the principal sum of THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS in lawful money of the United States of America, on the maturity date shown above, only upon presentation and surrender hereof at the office of UMB Bank, N.A., Paying Agent of this issue, or its successor, with interest on the sum from the date hereof until paid at the rate per annum specified above, payable on June 1, 2026, and semiannually thereafter on the 1st day of June and December in each year.

Interest and principal shall be paid to the registered holder of the Note as shown on the records of ownership maintained by the Registrar as of the 15th day of the month preceding such interest payment date. Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30- day months.

This Note is issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of paying costs of the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including approximately 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site, including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7 and approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7 (the "Roads Project"), for essential county purposes, and in order to evidence the obligations of the Issuer under a certain Loan Agreement dated the date hereof, in conformity to a Resolution of the Board of said County duly passed and approved. For a complete statement of the funds from which and the conditions under which this Note is payable, and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this Note is issued, reference is made to the above described Loan Agreement and Resolution.

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a limited purpose trust company ("DTC"), to the Issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other Issuer as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

The Note may be called for optional redemption by the Issuer and paid before maturity on any date , from any funds regardless of source, in whole or from time to time in part. The terms of redemption shall be par, plus accrued interest to date of call.

Thirty days' written notice of redemption shall be given to the registered owner of the Note. Failure to give written notice to any registered owner of the Note or any defect therein shall not affect the validity of any proceedings for the redemption of the Note. The Note or portions thereof called for redemption will cease to bear interest after the specified redemption date, provided funds for their redemption are on deposit at the place of payment. Written notice will be deemed completed upon transmission to the owner of record.

If less than all of a maturity is called for redemption, the Issuer will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be redeemed prior to maturity. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each Participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each Participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interests in such maturity to be redeemed. All prepayments shall be at a price of par plus accrued interest.

Ownership of this Note may be transferred only by transfer upon the books kept for such purpose by UMB Bank, N.A., the Registrar. Such transfer on the books shall occur only upon presentation and surrender of this Note at the office of the Registrar as designated below, together with an assignment duly executed by the owner hereof or his duly authorized attorney in the form as shall be satisfactory to the Registrar. Issuer reserves the right to substitute the Registrar and Paying Agent but shall, however, promptly give notice to registered Noteholders of such change. All notes shall be negotiable as provided in Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code and Section 331.446 of the Code of Iowa, subject to the provisions for registration and transfer contained in the Note Resolution.

And it is hereby represented and certified that all acts, conditions and things requisite, according to the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa, to exist, to be had, to be done, or to be performed precedent to the lawful issue of this Note, have been existent, had, done and performed as required by law; that provision has been made for the levy of a sufficient continuing annual tax on all the taxable property within the territory of the Issuer for the payment of the principal and interest of this Note as the same will respectively become due; that such taxes have been irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest; and the total indebtedness of the Issuer including this Note, does not exceed the constitutional or statutory limitations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Issuer by its Board, has caused this Note to be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of its Chairperson and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of its County Auditor, with the seal of the County printed or impressed hereon, and to be authenticated by the manual signature of an authorized representative of the Registrar, UMB Bank, N.A., West Des Moines, Iowa.

Date of authentication: _____
This is one of the Notes described in the within mentioned Resolution, as registered by UMB Bank, N.A.

UMB BANK, N.A., Registrar
By: _____
Authorized Signature
Registrar and Transfer Agent: UMB Bank, N.A.
Paying Agent: UMB Bank, N.A.

SEE REVERSE FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

(Seal)
(Signature Block)

BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA

By: _____ (manual or facsimile signature) _____
Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____ (manual or facsimile signature) _____
County Auditor

(Information Required for Registration)

ADDITIONAL ABBREVIATIONS MAY
ALSO BE USED THOUGH NOT IN THE ABOVE LIST

(End of form of Note)

Section 14. Loan Agreement and Closing Documents. The form of Loan Agreement in substantially the form attached to this Resolution is hereby approved and is authorized to be executed and issued on behalf of the Issuer by the Chairperson and attested by the County Auditor. The Chairperson and County Auditor are authorized and directed to execute, attest, seal and deliver for and on behalf of the County any other additional certificates, documents, or other papers and perform all other acts, including without limitation the execution of all closing documents, as they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement and carry out the intent and purposes of this Resolution.

Section 15. Contract Between Issuer and Purchaser. This Resolution constitutes a contract between said County and the purchaser of the Notes.

Section 16. Non-Arbitrage Covenants. The Issuer reasonably expects and covenants that no use will be made of the proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Notes issued hereunder which will cause any of the Notes to be classified as arbitrage notes within the meaning of Sections 148(a) and (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as amended, and that throughout the term of the Notes it will comply with the requirements of statutes and regulations issued thereunder.

To the best knowledge and belief of the Issuer, there are no facts or circumstances that would materially change the foregoing statements or the conclusion that it is not expected that the proceeds of the Notes will be used in a manner that would cause the Notes to be arbitrage notes.

Section 17. Approval of Tax Exemption Certificate. Attached hereto is a form of Tax Exemption Certificate stating the Issuer's reasonable expectations as to the use of the proceeds of the Notes. The form of Tax Exemption Certificate is approved. The Issuer hereby agrees to comply with the provisions of the Tax Exemption Certificate and the provisions of the Tax Exemption Certificate are hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Resolution. The County Treasurer is hereby directed to make and insert all calculations and determinations necessary to complete the Tax Exemption Certificate at issuance of the Notes to certify as to the reasonable expectations and covenants of the Issuer at that date.

Section 18. Continuing Disclosure. The Issuer hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, and the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate are hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Resolution and made a part hereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, failure of the Issuer to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall not be considered an event of default under this Resolution; however, any holder of the Notes or Beneficial Owner may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. For purposes of this section, "Beneficial Owner" means any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Note (including persons holding Notes through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Notes for federal income tax purposes.

Section 19. Additional Covenants, Representations and Warranties of the Issuer. The Issuer certifies and covenants with the purchasers and holders of the Notes from time to time outstanding that the Issuer through its officers, (a) will make such further specific covenants, representations and assurances as may be necessary or advisable; (b) comply with all representations, covenants and assurances contained in the Tax Exemption Certificate, which Tax Exemption Certificate shall constitute a part of the contract between the Issuer and the owners of the Notes; (c) consult with Bond Counsel (as defined in the Tax Exemption Certificate); (d) pay to the United States, as necessary, such sums of money representing

required rebates of excess arbitrage profits relating to the Notes;(e) file such forms, statements and supporting documents as may be required and in a timely manner; and (f) if deemed necessary or advisable by its officers, to employ and pay fiscal agents, financial advisors, attorneys and other persons to assist the Issuer in such compliance.

Section 20. Amendment of Resolution to Maintain Tax Exemption. This Resolution may be amended without the consent of any owner of the Notes if, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, such amendment is necessary to maintain tax exemption with respect to the Notes under applicable Federal law or regulations.

Section 21. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions or Ordinances. All ordinances and resolutions and parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 22. Severability Clause. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining provisions hereof, and this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of June, 2025

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Tony Pertzborn, Barb Wetherell, and Christian Grote, Stille Pierce & Pertzborn Agency were present to discuss the Principal renewal rates. Also present for the presentation were members of the insurance committee-Yvonne Sandhoff, Rob Danielson, and Mark Van Hooser. Pertzborn informed the Board that there are increases for both dental and vision. Dental came in at 20.9% increase, however Pertzborn negotiated it down to 18.5%, with a loss ratio of 131%. Vision came in at 10% increase, with no negotiation, and has a loss ratio of 137%. Sandhoff stated that the insurance committee recommends staying with what the county has now for vision and dental, not making any changes to the policies at this time. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the new rates for **Principal** Dental and Vision, leaving the policies for both unchanged. Carried.

Jim Eliason was present to request the use of the Courthouse lawn on Friday, June 6, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., for a Pro-Veteran Rally on the Anniversary of D-Day. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the application of Jim Eliason to use the **Courthouse lawn** 6/6/25, 5:30-6:30 p.m. for a Pro-Veteran Rally, and waiving the application fees. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 5/27/2025 as corrected, today's **claim approval list, stamped drainage warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **reports**: March Board of Health minutes and April NW IA YES Center minutes. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue** payroll check #923600, dated 3/28/25 for \$210.00. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Confidentiality Agreement** between 3E Partners and Buena Vista County. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Engagement Letter for **Northland Securities** as Underwriter. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to go into **Closed Session** under Chapter 21.5(1)(j) of the 2025 Code of Iowa, to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to go out of **closed session** at 11:32 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve the amount of an **offer** discussed in closed session. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder. Nays: Ringgenberg. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 a.m. until Tuesday, June 10 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (25)
JUNE 10, 2025**

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that MidAmerican Energy is not accepting the **Relocation Agreement** verbiage request to add a maximum amount of reimbursement, not leaving it open ended. Wilkinson has talked with MidAmerican's engineer, but not their legal team. Croker suggested that County Attorney Paul Allen talk with their legal team. Merten stated that he does not want to risk that MidAmerican's estimate is off, and that the reimbursement they request will be a lot higher. Jim Eaton was in attendance and informed the Board that he has talked to the contractors and says that the estimate of MidAmerican is a good one, stating that he does not want the project to be held up. The consensus of the Board was to delay any decision on the Relocation Agreement until next week.

Secondary Road Report: Engineer Wilkinson stated that the centerline has been painted around the Platinum Crush; PCI finished up the driveways and are working on cleanup; the crew has been working on driveways in the Platinum Crush area; Wilkinson stated that they still need permanent signs up and the seeding needs to be done before the road work signs come down; the Railroad has activated the temporary lights at 70th Ave.; Wilkinson stated that the Rise Agreement needs to be modified in order to allow the State to do the intersection work and railroad crossing. Wilkinson stated that after the RISE Agreement is modified, then the county will receive the RISE funds for the work done on Phase 1 and the State will get the rest of the RISE funds that were awarded for the project; the C49 cold-in-place was finished on Friday and must set for a while. Once Heartland is done paving on Hwy 110, they will move to C49 to pave over the cold-in-place in July; crew has been working on shouldering, hauling material, and tile repairs.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson reviewed the **SS4A Safety Grant** project forms from Kimley Horn. These include upgrading to 4' shoulders on 630th St. between Hwy 110/C65 and US 71, a 2' shoulder with safety edge on 630th St. between the west County line and IA 110, and safety upgrades to Co Rd C65/630th St.

and 120th Ave. Merten asked if rumbles could be removed by residences, and Wilkinson stated that he will check on the application to see if they can be removed.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson reviewed the FEMA summary on **DR4796**, which was the June 2024 disaster. The FEMA Program Delivery manager reported that they are nearing the completion of this disaster.

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

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme reviewed with the Board two claims submitted for approval for work done in Jt. DD #143 Lat 3. Blomme stated that the work was all done in Lat 3 which is in Varina, but there is not a separate assessment schedule for Lat 3, the whole Jt. DD #143 will pay for it. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the **Jt. DD #143 Lat 3** claim to Luft & Sons, Inc. for \$14,237.50. Carried. Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve the **Jt. DD #143 Lat 3** claim to Pocahontas Co. Secondary Roads for \$9,291.93. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme informed the Board that Drainage Watchman Eric Yunginger is taking classes to obtain a **drone flying license** to be used in the Drainage Department. Blomme stated that they would not be ready to purchase a drone for three years.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 6/3/2025 as corrected, and accepting the following **reports**: May Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, May Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, and April Board of Health minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **payroll change notices** for the non-elected department heads, for the FY'26 salary increases. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to appoint Jake Heuton to the **Lincoln Benefitted Fire District Board of Trustees**, as of July 1, 2025, replacing James Nelsen who is resigning at 6/30. Heuton's term will expire 6/30/2028. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the Special Class B Retail **Native Wine License application** for Basement Winery LLC. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check #329628** issued 4/8/25 to Denison Police Department for \$35.00. Carried.

Supervisors meeting reports: Merten attended the Department Head meeting last Thursday and will attend a meeting in Sac City tomorrow with representatives from Sac and Calhoun Counties along with Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme to discuss Blomme's contract for FY'26; Croker will attend the Conservation Board meeting today at the Marina; Ringgenberg attended the Board of Health meeting; Hartman attended the Safety Committee meeting last Wednesday.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m. until Tuesday, June 17 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (26)
JUNE 17, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 17, 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, seconded by Croker, to authorize the Chair to sign the **fuel contract with New Century FS**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board of a request from the Buena Vista County Fair Board, requesting up to 75 tons of sand to be donated. Wilkinson stated that the county's cost is approximately \$14/ton, and Reding Gravel will do the hauling for the Fair Board. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the request of the Buena Vista County Fair Board, for the county to **donate up to 75 tons of sand**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he and County Attorney Paul Allen will be on a phone call this afternoon with MidAmerican and their attorney, to discuss the **Relocation & Reimbursement Agreement**.

Secondary Road Report: The seeding is done on 70th Ave. by Platinum Crush; permanent signs will be going up on Thursday on 70th Ave, and the road closed signs will come down; Engineer Wilkinson stated that is some cleanup left to do on 70th, but he is trying to get the contractor to finish this week. Croker informed Wilkinson that there are signs down on C63 from the April storm. Wilkinson stated that he was aware of the signs down, and they are working to put up several signs from the high wind event in April; Engineer Wilkinson informed the Board that he will have a Zoom meeting with the DOT on June 25 at 8:00 a.m. about the 70th Ave. intersection that the State took over; the C49 cold-in-place is curing before the contractor comes in to pave over it; the crew is looking at one area on C49 west of 190th Ave. that they may want to knock down the small hill, but they need to first see where the fiber optic is located. Wilkinson stated that it would be best to remove the hill now during the C49 project.

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

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented his department updates. **Weed Department:** They have a new full-time person hired, Evan Appleby, as a roadside vegetation assistant. The department has been spraying around the parks and bare ground shoulders for Secondary Road. The department worked 4-5 days on leafy spurge and have sprayed 125 road miles. **Conservation:** They have been busy. Bur Oak Campground is completed, with 14 sites out there, and they have water, electric services and restrooms. Timber Ridge has been busy. They have hired a second naturalist. Johnson stated that they received a Community Foundation Grant of \$3,400 for a music garden at BV Park, which will cost \$7,000. Johnson stated that he has given FEMA updated numbers on the Linn Grove Dam for damages caused from flooding. Johnson stated that FEMA has reimbursed them for the May storm, and the paperwork has been submitted for the storm in June, 2024. **Marina:** It has been going good at the

Marina, which they are calling Casino Bay Bait & Tackle. Johnson stated that they have some \$300-\$400 in sales per day. A new roof was installed and now they have HVAC issues. Johnson stated that currently they are open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. They will likely be extending the days they are open since they have hired more help.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson informed the Board that at the last Conservation Board meeting, they discussed and would like to have some of the budget carryover funds from the Marina budget placed into a separate fund that is set aside for capital improvements for the Marina that they may need in 10-15 years. Johnson stated that he is anticipating \$40,000-\$50,000 of carryover in the current year Marina budget. The consensus of the Board was to have Johnson wait until July 2026, to come back and request an actual amount that he would like transferred to the new fund. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to establish **Fund #0038 Marina Capital Improvement Fund**, and as an interest-bearing fund. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 6/10/2025 as corrected, today's **claims approval list, stamped drainage warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **reports**: May Conservation Board minutes, March E911 Board minutes, and May BV County Solid Waste Commission minutes. Carried.

Chairman Merten presented the Board with the Joint Drainage Engineer's FY'26 employment contract. Merten 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 3.5% increase was the approved salary increase for FY'26. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the whole Board to sign the shared **FY'26 employment contract**, with Buena Vista, Calhoun, and Sac Counties, for Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, with a salary of \$118,700. Carried.

Auditor Susan Lloyd requested the Board to approve of her appointment of Yvonne Sandhoff as Payroll Deputy, effective July 1, 2025, at a salary of 80% of the Auditor's salary excluding any additional paid to the Auditor as budget director. Sandhoff has been employed for five years in the Auditor's Office and has done an outstanding job with payroll and all the "HR" issues that come up. Merten agreed with the Auditor's comments. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Certificate of Appointment** of Yvonne Sandhoff as Payroll Deputy in the Auditor's Office, effective July 1, 2025, at a salary of 80% of the Auditor's salary excluding any additional paid to the Auditor as budget director. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **Tobacco License Review Application** for Brew Oil LLC, DBA Brew Oil #1 to sell cigarettes, tobacco, vapor products, and alternative nicotine products. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **Tobacco License Review Application** for Al's Corner Oil Company, DBA Sparky's One Stop Storm Lake, to sell cigarettes, tobacco, vapor products, and alternative nicotine products. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, having had the first right of refusal on the sale of the property located at **315 E. 5th St.**, to approve the negotiated price of \$47,500, to purchase the West Twenty-Five Feet (W 25') of Lot Five (5), Block Seventeen (17), in the City of Storm Lake, Buena Vista County, Iowa, and to authorize the Chair to sign the necessary paperwork. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten. Nays: Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m. until Tuesday, June 24 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (27)
JUNE 24, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, June 24, 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 Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen 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.

Platinum Crush Road Update: Phase 1 is open to traffic and all road closure signs have been taken down and replaced with permanent signage. Wilkinson told the group that he and County Attorney Paul Allen had a phone conversation with MidAmerican's legal team and under Iowa Utility Board rules they cannot take on any risk that might be passed on to their customers and by putting an upper cap on the cost the county would pay, this could potentially happen. They also said they would not change the verbiage of the contract to allow the County to be notified if something major changed. Motion by Croker, seconded by Hartman, to approve the chair to sign the **Relocation and Reimbursement Agreement with MidAmerican** as written. Carried. Croker stated that she hoped this would help in getting the Right of Way purchase agreement signed so that we can move forward with the bid letting on Phase 2. Wilkinson told the Board that he will be meeting with the District III DOT on Phase 3 tomorrow morning at 8:00 A.M.

Secondary Roads Report: The crew has been working on taking down a small hill that was in the line of sight on C49 ahead of Heartland starting the resurfacing. There had been 3 recent accidents at that intersection, and they shaved almost 3 feet off. Croker asked if the fiber optic in the area was a problem, Wilkinson explained the crew was able to find and stay away from it. It will just be shallower in that spot in the future. Heartland will be starting to fill in or shaving down a few needed areas on C49 starting July 3rd and then will complete the resurfacing once they complete Highway 110 in mid to late July. Wilkinson also mentioned that he had talked to Thresherman's and will be back next week for approval on their request.

Wilkinson also brought up an email that Auditor Susan Lloyd forwarded to him and the Board of Supervisors from a resident of the City of Storm Lake on a noise issue. After a brief review of maps, it was determined that the residence lives within city limits and that Engine Break Signs have been posted. Motion by Snyder, seconded by Croker to have **Wilkinson draft a response** to the homeowner explaining that the Board discussed it and found that it is under the City's jurisdiction.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to authorize the Auditor to **transfer** \$2,686,513.42 from the Capital Project-Sec Road/Platinum Fund 1540 to Secondary Road Fund, reimbursing the fund for the phase 1 road project. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present, for his appointment. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to go into **closed session** (at 9:02 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2025 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman to go out of **closed session** at 9:40 a.m. Carried.

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

Michael Pertzborn II, Stille, Pierce & Pertzborn Agency met with the Board to review the renewals for ICAP and IMWCA insurances for the county. Pertzborn stated that the current mod factor is .86, rolling three years of claims, and 45% increase in payroll and with the credits the premium is up 5.82%, to \$389,685 for FY'26. Each year ICAP allows the members to increase their liability coverage if they want.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg to **increase the liability coverage** by \$2 million to \$13,000,000 for an additional \$2,183. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and sign the **ICAP** member proxy, and the increase liability coverage form for FY'26. Carried.

Motion by Croker, seconded by Hartman to **authorize payment** to ICAP for \$297,031 for FY'26 policy. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 6/17/2025 as corrected. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-06-24-A** appropriating funds for FY'26 to departments at 100% per the FY'26 budget. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-06-24-A

WHEREAS, it is desired to make appropriations for each of the different officers and departments for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, in accordance with section 331.434 (Sec 6) 2025 Code of Iowa,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The amounts itemized by department or office on the certified County Budget for 2025-26 are hereby appropriated at 100% to the department or office listed in the 2025-26 budget.

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations and applicable state law, the appropriations authorized under Section 1 shall constitute authorization for the department or officer listed to make expenditures or incur obligations from county funds effective July 1, 2025.

Section 3. In accordance with section 331.437 of the 2025 Code of Iowa, no department or officer shall expend, or contract to expend, any money, or incur any liability, or enter into any contract, which by its

terms involves the expenditure of money, for any purpose in excess of the amounts appropriated pursuant to their resolution.

Section 4. If at any time during the 2025-26 budget year the Auditor shall ascertain that the available resources of a fund for that year will be less than said fund's total appropriation, she shall immediately so inform the Board and recommend appropriate corrective action.

Section 5. The Auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized in Section 1, each of which account shall indicate the amount of the appropriation, the amount charged thereto, and the unencumbered balance. The Auditor shall report the status of such accounts to the applicable departments and officers monthly during the FY2025-26 budget year. The Auditor shall also provide a summary report of all departments to the Board monthly.

Section 6. All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the close of business June 30, 2025

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of June 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors...../s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Elections Deputy

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-06-24-B** authorizing interfund operating transfers from the General and Rural Funds to the Secondary Road Fund, and local option sales tax funds from "Local Option Sales Tax Funds for Secondary Roads" (0019) to the Secondary Road Fund as detailed in the FY'26 budget. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-06-24-B

WHEREAS, it is desired to transfer monies from the General Basic Fund (0001) to the Secondary Road Fund (0020) and to transfer from the Rural Services Basic Fund (0011) to the Secondary Road Fund (0020); and

WHEREAS, said operating transfers are in accordance with section 331.432, 2025 Code of Iowa,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa as follows:

Section 1. The sum of \$226,625.00 is ordered transferred from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund with one-half the amount (\$113,312.50) transferred no earlier than July 1, 2025, and the last one-half transferred no earlier than January 1, 2026.

The sum of \$2,430,943.00 (Rural Basic levy) is ordered transferred from the Rural Services Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund (levy) with one-half the amount (\$1,215,471.50) transferred no earlier than July 1, 2025 and the last one-half transferred no earlier than January 1, 2026. The total maximum transfer from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund shall not exceed \$226,625.00 (levy) and the total maximum transfer from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund shall not exceed \$2,430,943.00 (levy) all for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

Section 3. The total transfer of local option sales tax for Secondary Roads shall be limited to 60% of the total local option sales tax receipts for FY'25 received by the county, estimated for budget purposes at \$600,000.

Section 4. The Auditor is directed to correct her books accordingly and to notify the Treasurer and Engineer of these operating transfers, accompanying the notification with a copy of this resolution and the record of its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of June 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors...../s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Elections Deputy

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-06-24-C** regarding the designation of a portion of the FY'25 General Fund and Rural Fund ending fund balances (June 30, 2025) for the **Drive Trails and County Trail System**. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2025-06-25-C
Drive Trail & County Trail System**

Designated/Committed Ending Fund Balances

WHEREAS Buena Vista County included \$73,289.53 of the original \$100,000 in its FY'25 ending fund balances (\$54,967.15-General, \$18,322.38-Rural) for 'signing' for a Drive Trail to the Alta wind-farm and other attractions around the county in connection with Storm Lake's Project Awaysis; and,

WHEREAS the Drive Trail sign project was started, but not completed by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS Buena Vista County 'pledged' a total of \$400,000 over 8 years for Trails in the county in connection with the Storm Lake Project Awaysis; and,

WHEREAS the FY'14 budget adopted by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors included the last tax asking of \$50,000 for the County Trail System (or 1/8th of total \$400,000) in FY'14; and,

WHEREAS Buena Vista County Trail projects have commenced as of June 30, 2016, with signs being purchased; and,

WHEREAS the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors wishes to set aside the taxes levied for both the "signing" for the Drive Trail and Trails for expenditure at a later time; and

WHEREAS the funding source amounts approved for both "signing" for the Drive Trails and County Trail System are from the General Basic Fund (75%) and Rural Basic Fund (25%);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUENA VISTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, that \$354,967.13 in the FY'25 General Basic ending fund balance, and, \$118,322.40 in the FY'25 Rural Basic ending fund balance, be considered and are hereby unreserved/designated and committed for the "signing" for the Drive Trail and the County Trail System projects associated with Project Awaysis.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of June 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors...../s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Elections Deputy

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-06-24-D** regarding the designation of a portion of the General Fund ending balance (June 30, 2024) for the **FY'26 Heritage Tour** expenditures. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-06-24-D

BV County Heritage Tours

Designated/Committed Ending Fund Balance

WHEREAS Buena Vista County received \$828 in FY'10 to be used for Heritage Tours for schools in Buena Vista County, which were received into the General Fund for expenditure, and

WHEREAS a portion of those funds were not expended in FY'25 and the remainder of those funds may be spent in FY'26,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, that \$242.86 in the General Fund ending fund balance is hereby designated and committed for expenditure on Heritage Tours only.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of June 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors...../s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Elections Deputy

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the **Class B Alcohol License** application for Al's Corner Oil, DBA Sparky's One Stop #16. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve payment to **Ricoh USA, Inc.** for the copier purchased by HHS that is budgeted and due prior to July 1, for a total of \$5,655.63. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve payment to **Central Square Technologies** for the ETI to Vertex 911 Cloud that is due prior to July 1, for a total of \$7,887.55. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize an **appropriation change**, moving \$923 from Department 1 Supervisors budget (9000) to Department 61 Mental Health Director's budget (9040) to cover the payout of an employee. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to reappoint Corey Diischer to the **Veterans Affairs Commission**, with a term expiring 6/30/2028. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Application for Approval of Construction** for Storm Lake II LLC and Storm Lake I LLC across established Buena Vista County Drainage Districts and Multi-County Drainage Districts DD #3, DD #82, DD #104, DD #138, DD #175, and DD #191. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. until Tuesday, July 1 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Paul Merten, Chairperson

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BUENA VISTA COUNTY

APRIL – JUNE 2025

CLAIMS LISTING

360 CUSTOM DESIGNS LLC 300.00; A & A AUTOMOTIVE 2,004.14; A & M SERVICES INC. 752.65; ABBE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH 4,642.25; ACCESS SYSTEMS 665.52; ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING 428.31; ACCURATE CONTROLS INC 7,498.16; ACE BODY SHOP 3,890.26; ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS 23,228.93; ADVANCED NETWORK PROFESSIONALS, LLC 870.01; AFLAC 7,478.90; AGSTATE 7,914.51; AGTERRA TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 1,150.00; AHLERS & COONEY, PC 3,936.42; AIRGAS USA, LLC 357.65; ALAN NELSEN 15.84; ALBERT CITY CORP 4,173.50; ALISA CARLSON 15.00; ALISON MYRTUE 15.00; ALISON'S KITCHEN 750.00; ALLIANT ENERGY /IPL 14,151.75; ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CO. 61,731.20; ALTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4,460.00; ALTA CORP 4,173.50; ALTA IMPLEMENT CO., INC 436.91; ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 1,426.83; ALTA TEC 315.90; ALTA VFW 70.00; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 12,102.97; AMERICAN BROTHERS IN ARMS 3,308.49; ANDREW ALLERDINGS 197.15; ANDREW KELLY 335.80; ANDY GOETTSCH 1,200.00; ANNETTE KOSTER 456.01; ARMINDA MOLINA 150.00; ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 682.82; ASHLYN NORRIS 150.00; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IPERS 9,447.94; ASSOCIATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES, PC 5,530.00; AUGUSTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 900.00; AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE CENTER 928.92; AUXIANT 100,623.19; AXIS FUND 1 115.00; B V COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION 2,000.00; BAMWX LLC 2,115.00; BARRETT AGRI, INC. 276.12; BAXTER & WILD LAW OFFICES, PC 1,512.45; BEN MUEGGENBERG 270.00; BERNARD NELSON 11.88; BIG ROCK SPORTS, LLC 2,773.95; BISON RIDGE LAND IMPROVEMENT LLC 4,995.00; BLACK HAWK COUNTY SHERIFF 37.00; BLACKSTRAP INC 8,176.92; BOB BARKER COMPANY INC 796.40; BOILER & PRESSURE VESSEL INSPECTION BUREAU 40.00; BOJI DIVERS LLC 2,260.00; BOMGAARS 10,463.74; BRENTWOOD CONSTRUCTION, LLC 60,690.00; BRET WILKINSON 24.62; BRIAN JONES 133.74; BROOKE D. BETSWORTH 15.50; BROWNS SHOE FIT 220.00; BRUCE BAIER 27.72; BRUCE KIRSCH 200.00; BUENA VISTA CO AUDITOR 145,349.00; BUENA VISTA CO EMS ASSOCIATION 5,000.00; BUENA VISTA CO. CONSERVATION 1,213.09; BUENA VISTA CO. SHERIFF 1,321.15; BUENA VISTA COUNTY 50,000.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY 2,719.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY ENGINEER/ SECONDARY ROAD 80.50; BUENA VISTA COUNTY JOURNAL 4,345.87; BUENA VISTA REG MEDICAL CENTER 6,506.22; BUILDERS SHARPENING & SERVICE, LLC 232.06; BUTCH ENGEL 59.24; BV CO AGRICULTURAL SOCIET BUENA VISTA COUNTY FAIR 15,000.00; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 720,166.16; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 23,222.24; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 6,155.81; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 32,590.32; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 9,202.52; BV CO/DISASTER SERVICES/HAZMAT 43,500.00; BV GLASS AND PAINT 10,322.68; BV-CALHOUN-SAC DRAINAGE ENGINEER FUND C/O BV COUNTY TREASURER 7,550.00; BVRMC PHARMACY 1,122.38; C & B OPERATIONS, LLC 1,439.62; C & R SUPPLY 418.14; CAASA - CENTERS AGAINST ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT 3,178.99; CALHOUN COUNTY 20,487.79; CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF 468.60; CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC 6,473.99; CAMPBELL SUPPLY COMPANY 80.10; CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES 58.80; CAPITAL ONE 189.39; CAROLYN ARMSTRONG 797.94; CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY 626.66; CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF 1,913.30; CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE 2,032.02; CASSIE CRUM 203.28; CAYLYN BISHOP 309.95; CDW GOVERNMENT INC 3,489.29; CEDAR VALLEY CORP., LLC 2,681,861.73; CENTER FOR SIOUXLAND 6,250.00; CENTRAL BANK 28,600.64; CENTRAL IOWA DETENTION 1,365.25; CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING INC 1,810.60; CENTRAL SQUARE 57,887.55; CENTURY LINK 887.88; CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF 658.80; CHESTERMAN COMPANY 512.40; CHET HARTWELL 450.46; CHRIS DUITSMAN 171.01; CHRISTIAN BROS. EXCAVATING LC 1,075.00; CINDY WIEMOLD 476.53; CINTAS FIRST AID AND SAFETY 924.69; CITY OF ALBERT CITY 141.00; CITY OF FORT DODGE PUBLIC WORKS 2,970.00; CITY OF LINN GROVE 793.94; CITY OF MARATHON 711.55; CITY OF NEWELL 193.89; CITY OF

REMBRANDT 1,143.15; CITY OF SIOUX CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT 10,411.50; CITY OF SIOUX RAPIDS 458.61; CITY OF STORM LAKE 11,264.04; CJIS SOLUTIONS 1,092.00; CLAY COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH 232.00; CLAY COUNTY TREASURER 1,750.00; CNA SURETY 580.00; COMMERCIAL SIGN & DESIGN 2,555.00; COMMUNITY BROADCASTING INC 900.48; COMMUNITY CARE OF KNOXVILLE, LLC 2,000.00; CORE-MARK US, LLC 1,905.12; COREY DIISCHER 351.48; COST ADVISORY SERVICES INC 4,450.00; COUNTRY CARE CENTER CORP 6,552.00; CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH 34,836.05; CRAWFORD COUNTY HOME HEALTH & 29,215.80; CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF 774.41; CRITTENTON CENTER 1,446.15; CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIP INC 771.70; CULLIGAN 367.29; CUNNINGHAM ASSOCIATES, INC. 7,681.80; CYLINDER EXPRESS 92.50; DAN BAILEY 200.00; DANELLE HABERMAN 1,014.41; DANIEL MALOY 150.00; DANIEL ROBINSON 3.70; DANNIELLE BOHLMANN 600.00; DATA CENTER WAREHOUSE, LLC 8,594.06; DAVID MERTEN 18.48; DAWN MENTZER 31.68; DE LINDA LEU 17.00; DEAN ASSMANN 57.18; DEAN CARRINGTON 80.24; DEAN K ELLINGSON 200.90; DENISON POLICE DEPT 35.00; DISTRICT 3 TREASURERS 162.00; DISTRICT III ICCS 250.00; DIXON CONSTRUCTION CO. 9,358.80; DOMINO MOTORS 65.29; DONALD JACKSON 29.25; DOREEN PEDERSEN 172.90; DOUGLAS IMMING 19.50; DOUGLAS J MILLER 18.48; DOYLE ANDERSON 675.71; DULTMEIER SALES, LLC 71.17; ECOLAB 1,910.80; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC. 2,848.81; EDWARDS 53,401.05; EDWIN A. MADSEN 13.20; EJS SUPPLY 1,933.81; EMMONS & OLIVIER RESOURCES INC 3,312.40; ERICA LARSON 230.37; ESRI INC 9,090.00; EVAN APPLEBY 165.85; EZ DOCKS OF THE GREAT PLAINS 69,589.10; FAMILY CRISIS CENTER 5,000.00; FAMILY DENTAL CENTER, PC 468.00; FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER 99.08; FARBER & OTTEMAN 500.00; FAREWAY STORE 175.86; FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD 214.98; FAST LANE AUTO CARE 1,199.90; FILTERCARE OF NEBRASKA LLC 1,571.30; FORCE AMERICA, INC. 69.30; FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LABORATORY, INC 1,316.00; FRANZMEIER FARM CORP 400.00; FRATZKE & JENSEN FUNERAL HOMES 1,000.00; GARRETT FEDDERSEN 1,200.00; GARY SUNDBLAD 73.76; GCC ALLIANCE CONCRETE CO, INC 1,160.00; GERALD WEILAND 862.37; GILL HAULING INC 411.33; GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICAL 508.94; GLENDA FRANCIS 112.00; GORDON FLESCH COMPANY 0.01; GRAFFIX INC. WALL OF FAME 1,996.45; GRAINGER 308.51; GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS 436.64; GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY 300.00; GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF 83.70; GREGORY JOHNSON 521.81; GRELL ROOFING, LLC 2,000.00; GROW'S GARBAGE SERVICE 600.00; GRP & ASSOCIATES INC. 100.00; HARGENS COURT REPORTING 424.50; HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF 237.70; HAWK - I PLUMBING, INC. 765.02; HEARTLAND TIRE 7,130.63; HGM ASSOCIATES INC 10,791.58; HISEY LAW OFFICE 642.60; HIWAY TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC 632.92; HOLIDAY INN DES MOINES AIRPORT 806.40; HONDO'S SALES & SERVICE 207.60; HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF 105.20; HUMBOLDT MFG CO. 770.00; HUNDERTMARK CLEANING SYSTEMS 47.51; HUNTER KNUDTSON 180.00; HY-VEE INC 261.96; I & S GROUP INC 266.50; I.C.C.S.-IOWA'S COUNTY CONSERVATION SYSTEM 2,000.00; IA DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES 619,575.35; IACVS- IOWA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES 50.00; IAED -INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIES OF EMERGENCY DISPATCH 385.00; ICAP IA COMMUNITES ASSURANCE POOL 302,652.00; ICIT 100.00; IDA COUNTY SHERIFF 379.01; IDALS 1,080.52; IEHA IOWA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSN 75.00; ILEA IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY 145.00; IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITES INC 12,741.68; IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PRE SCHOOL 1,161.00; IMWCA 24,252.00; INSPIRON LOGISTICS 3,175.00; INSTITUTE OF IOWA CERTIFIED ASSESSORS 1,485.00; INTEGRATED TELEHEALTH PARTNERS 72,070.98; INTEGRATED WEED CONTROL 3,275.00; INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF SIOUX CITY 580.80; IOWA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S CASE MANAGEMENT PROJECT 16,150.00; IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 116.25; IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 75.00; IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 7,029.97; IOWA DEPT PUBLIC SAFETY 3,213.00; IOWA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASS'N 155.00; IOWA GOOD ROADS ASS'N 95.00; IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP 5,539.69; IOWA LAKES REGIONAL WATER 632.71; IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATI 250.00; IOWA PLAINS SIGNING INC 2,850.00; IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES 784.04; IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE 297.65; IOWA SPORTSMAN 300.00; IOWA STATE COMPTROLLER TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA 69,711.25; IOWA STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER 4,210.00; IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY 125.00; IPERS 364,806.55; ISABEL ANDRADE 150.00;

ISAC 1,401.45; ISCTA IOWA STATE CO TREASURERS ASSOC 400.00; J3RED MARKETING LLC 5,161.00; JACK'S OK TIRE SERVICE 949.45; JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT 2,514.05; JAMIE ADAMS 635.58; JAMIE D JORGENSEN, CSR 24.50; JASON MEYER 77.72; JCL SOLUTIONS/SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES 4,370.39; JEAN L SASSMAN 288.75; JEFF KESTEL 194.73; JENNIFER MORAL 389.40; JENNIFER MORSE 150.00; JIM ELIASON 81.60; JIM FOELL 3.90; JOEL NIEBAUM PC 226.30; JOHN NELSON 15.84; JOHNSTON AUTOSTORES 7,836.08; JON BUSS 60.00; JORDAN GUNNERSON 1,000.00; JOSEPH KELLER 180.00; JOSH NIELSEN 59.20; JUD GRAESING 115.70; JULIE SATHER 323.88; JULIUS CLEANERS 186.15; JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY 2,078.00; KALEIDOSCOPE MARKETING 18,454.00; KARLA AHRENSEN 210.00; KARYN STILLE 150.00; KASPERBAUER CLEANERS, INC. 164.14; KATHRYN CROKER 889.40; KATHRYN STRUSS 150.00; KEITH STOEBER 73.53; KELLY GRIEME PAINTING 1,493.62; KELLY SNYDER 378.84; KELSEY ALLEN 227.72; KENDRA M OLSON ATTORNEY AT LAW 29.20; KETNARINE BOUROMMAVONG 150.00; KIMBALL MIDWEST 1,599.47; KORY DEMEY 200.00; KORY ELSTON 150.00; KRISTI SWIER 11,867.75; KYLE HANSEN 68.48; L & G PRODUCTS INC 413.20; LACEY ANDERSON 56.10; LAKESHORE & FAMILY TABLE 280.00; LANGUAGE LINK 97.35; LARSON OIL & DISTRIBUTING 6,418.28; LAW OFFICE OF LISA K MAZUREK P.L.C. 150.00; LEANNE LIVERMORE 52.83; LEE METH 307.92; LEMMENES & DODGEN 30.40; LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INS CO 9,506.72; LIFELINE 3,168.25; LINN COUNTY AUDITOR 503.66; LINN GROVE CORP 4,173.50; LISA BRINGLE 328.77; LITTLE FALLS MACHINE, INC 257.76; LOFFLER COMPANIES 3,834.65; LONG LINES BROADBAND LLC 10,285.94; LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM 1,367.76; LOUIE DEROOS 555.15; LUFT & SON INC 1,070.89; LULLMANN DUST CONTROL 312.50; LYNNETTE JACOBS 796.43; MAIL SERVICES LLC 8,302.13; MAIN STREET SPECIALTIES, LLC 32,291.36; MARATHON CORP 4,173.50; MARCO 572.75; MARCUS LUMBER 363.20; MARGIE ROBINSON 17.69; MATTHEW BROSTAD 4.22; MCCLURE ENGINEERING CO. 5,300.00; MEDICAL PRIORITY CONSULTANTS, INC 4,200.00; MEGAN R. SANKEY, CSR,RPR 291.20; MEGHAN POST 150.00; MENARDS - SPENCER 1,627.59; MID AMERICAN ENERGY 20,531.20; MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY INC 4,947.31; MIDWEST COMPLIANCE ASSOCIATES 1,500.00; MIDWESTERN MECHANICAL OF IOWA, INC 1,464.97; MIKE'S LAWN SERVICE INC 182.00; MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIP CO. 13,662.26; MITCH SIEVERS 75.08; MITCH STILLE 26.27; MITCHELL HANSEN 700.00; MORROW CONTRACTING INC 1,340.00; MOSAIC 500.00; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. 8,919.92; MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO 1,206.89; MYRON OPERATIONS, LLC 645.82; NEAL KUEHL 137.52; NELSONS VET SUPPLY 444.45; NETSMART TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 18,357.45; NEW CENTURY FS 119,316.74; NEW HOPE VILLAGE 1,839.99; NEWELL CORP 4,173.50; NORTH IOWA JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICE 4,142.20; NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR 26,908.28; NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRIBUTING, INC. 11,851.15; NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS 302.75; NORTHWEST IOWA ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION 375.00; NW IA YES CENTER 34,512.00; NWIPDC -NW IA PLANNING & DEV COM 4,940.00; NYEMASTER GOODE, P.C. 21,356.54; ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC 598.29; OFFICE ELEMENTS 10,297.60; OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE 850.00; OLSEN'S OUTDOOR POWER 19,000.00; OMNIFORM 507.10; PACKTRACK 140.00; PAUL MERTEN 33.00; PAUL SENNERT 351.48; PEPSICO BEVERAGE SALES LLC 413.37; PHILLIP R DRIVER 18.48; PHOENIX SUPPLY 873.00; PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL 39,236.67; PIETZ LAW OFFICE 411.90; PILOT ROCK SIGNS RJ THOMAS MFG. CO., INC 2,764.55; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT 16,361.90; PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC 1,731.06; PITNEY BOWES INC 481.37; PLACER LABS, INC. 7,500.00; PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH, INC 459,765.34; PLATINUM CRUSH 96,308.47; PLUMBING & HEATING 493.73; POCAHONTAS CO SHERIFF 85.40; POCAHONTAS COUNTY 2,109.06; POCAHONTAS COUNTY 164.69; POLK COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES 25,702.49; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC 4,657.96; POSTMASTER 1,370.00; POWER SOLUTIONS, INC. 4,412.56; PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 25,776.32; PRISCILLA A. JACKSON 680.00; QUILL CORPORATION 527.52; R & D INDUSTRIES INC 134,989.36; RAINBOW BAIT, INC 1,918.00; RANDY CATES 700.00; RASHEL VAN HOUTEN 150.00; REBNORD TECHNOLOGIES INC 29,362.20; REDING'S GRAVEL & 47,302.58; REES TRUCK AND TRAILER, INC. 400.00; REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY 12,300.00; REIMER, LOHMAN, & REITZ 957.60; REMBRANDT CORP 4,173.50; RICHARD LANGNER 55.28; RICHARD MARSHALL 57.92; RICHARD RICE 29.25; RICK MEYER 122.46; RICOH USA, INC 43.19;

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (28)
JULY 1, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 1, 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson received a request from the Albert City Threshermen, for the county to install gravel and rock for a driveway around one of their building sites. The Threshermen are willing to reimburse the county for the work. Wilkinson estimates the cost to be about \$3,000. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the request of the **Albert City Threshermen** for the county to install gravel and rock for a driveway around one of their building sites. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Update: Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he participated in a phone call with IDOT and their engineering firm, HNTB, regarding the Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. intersection, the Hwy 7 and 80th Ave. intersection, and the road between the two. Wilkinson stated that the engineering firm is starting over with survey work and plans for the project. Wilkinson stated that B.V. County is tied to the Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. intersection, but not the 80th Ave. intersection. Wilkinson informed the Board that DOT has an estimate of the costs of Hwy 7 and 70th Ave., which will be used to form a new agreement with IDOT and B.V. County. Wilkinson told the Board that the engineering firm, BNTB, was told not to shut off both 70th Ave. and 80th Ave. at the same time, allowing Platinum Crush customers to have access to the plant.

Secondary Roads Report: They have been working on clearing large trees that are in the ditches; the C49 work will be finished today, and Heartland will come in tomorrow to shave off two hills. Thursday, Heartland will start to lay asphalt on C49; Wilkinson stated that he mailed out the relocation agreement to MidAmerican last week, but he has not received a signed document back. Croker asked if all the utilities have the plan, and Wilkinson stated that they all have the plan.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that at last week's meeting, when Michael Pertzborn, Stille, Pierce & Pertzborn Agency, referenced the number of **new pieces of equipment** that were added to the insurance policy without any items coming off the insurance, he wanted the Board to know what purchases and sales took place in his department. Wilkinson stated that he bought three dump trucks and sold three, he bought one semi and sold one semi, he bought five pickups and sold three pickups, and he purchased one big trailer.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the minutes of 6/24/2025 as presented, today's claims approval list, and Auxiant disbursements, and accepting the following reports: None. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that his new software was supposed to be paid out of FY'25 budget, but he did not receive the last and final invoice until yesterday, too late to be paid out of FY'25. Allen requested that the Board allow him to use the FY'25 carryover funds for that account number, to pay for the final invoice for the software, and to include the amount in a future budget amendment. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the request of the County Attorney to allow him to use the remaining funds of 37,268 from his FY'25 budget line item for software in his FY'26 budget and to include the appropriation in a future budget amendment. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 a.m. until Tuesday, July 8 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-NINETH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (29)
JULY 8, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, July 8, 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 Hartman, to amend today's agenda, adding an additional action item to establish a special revenue fund for the County Attorney's Office. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Update: Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that they are working to close out Phase 1 and all the paperwork; Phase 2 is still waiting on the right-of-way with MidAmerican. Wilkinson stated that MidAmerican's legal team has issues with the agreement; there will be a meeting at the end of the month with the IDOT regarding Phase 3. Wilkinson is hoping the DOT will have an estimated cost by the end of the month.

Secondary Roads Report: Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he and his assistant, Justin Anderson, are working on the plans for Business 71 and for N14. Wilkinson stated that once the DOT approves the check plans, then he can move to letting; the crew hauled gravel to Alta for the BV County Fair, and they have also built the road for the Threshermen; they have been working on some tile repairs; Wilkinson stated that with all the rains recently, there has been some water over the road at the south end of the county.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the minutes of 7/1/2025 as presented, and accepting the following reports: September Lake Improvement Commission minutes, April SHIELD Board minutes, May NW IA YES Center minutes, March NW IA Planning & Development Transportation Policy Committee minutes, March NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, July Safety Committee minutes, June Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, and June Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman to accept and approve the Chair to sign the invoices from B&W Control Specialists for the 2024 Chemical Treatment, sprayed in April and May 2025, on the following Joint County Drainage Districts, with the following cost: Jt. DD #16-30-92 MOD (\$3,025.80), Jt. DD #16-30-92 Sac County OD (\$200.70), DD #19-26 MOD (\$292.50), and Jt. DD #274 MOD (Sac County Only) (\$232.50). Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to accept and approve the Chair to sign the invoices of B&W Control Specialists for the 2024 Woody Vegetation Spray Treatment sprayed in March, April, and May 2025 for the following BV County and Joint County Drainage Districts, with the following costs: DD #1 Lat 1 OD (\$307.50), DD #1 Lat 2 OD (\$763.20), DD # 3 & 3 EXT (\$3,220.20), DD #20 (\$768.75), DD #32 (\$125.70), DD #34 Lat 1 OD (\$296.40), DD #34 Lat 2 OD (\$7,180.80), DD #34 Lat 3 OD (\$1,342.80), DD #49 (\$883.10), DD #63 OD Easement (\$1,277.10), DD #101 (\$1,147.50), DD #184 (\$343.20), DD #205 (\$384.45), and JT DD #1 BV, POC, MOD (\$1,804.20), JT DD #183 BV, POC, MOD (1,541.45). Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to authorize the Auditor to void and reissue check #329368, dated 3/11/2025 to Law Office of Lisa K. Mazurek, in the amount of \$240.00. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to authorize the Auditor to void and reissue check #329731, dated 4/8/2025 to Law Office of Lisa K. Mazurek, in the amount of \$150.00. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to authorize the Auditor to create Fund 0022, County Attorney Collection-Bonus 5%, for a bonus coming from the State on collections, restricted for use by the County Attorney. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 a.m. until Tuesday, July 15 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTIETH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (30)
JULY 15, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 15, 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Update: Phase 2: MidAmerican sent a red-lined copy of the right-of-way easements showing some legal verbiage changes. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he forwarded the document to Assistant County Attorney Ashley Herrig, for her to review. Wilkinson stated that once Herrig agrees with the verbiage of the easements, then the county can move forward with the bid letting. Phase 3: On July 30, the IDOT will be having a meeting on the preliminary plans for the Hwy 7 intersections at 70th Ave. and 80th Ave, including the road between them.

Secondary Roads Report: They have been working on some tile repairs, driveways, crossroad culverts, and edge rutting. Wilkinson stated that they helped close M27 on Monday, due to a crash that happened. Wilkinson stated that the pavers will move to C49 either tomorrow afternoon or Thursday.

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 Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 7/1/2025 as presented, today's **claims approval list, (changing the vendor from Alexander Hamilton Institute to Alliant Energy for Secondary Road), stamped warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements,** and accepting the following **reports**: June Conservation Board minutes and June BV County Solid Waste Agency minutes. Carried.

A request was sent by Pocahontas County Auditor asking if the Board of Supervisors would be interested in an MOU for paying invoices, under a set dollar amount, on joint drainage districts. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to continue paying **joint drainage district invoices** as it currently is being done, only paying after both Boards have approved the invoice, and not considering an MOU at this time. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the Chairperson to sign the **HUB Actuarial Services Agreement**. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the amended invoice for three of the BV County and Joint County Drainage Districts, sprayed by B&W Control Specialists for the **2024 Woody Vegetation Spray Treatment: DD #34 Lat 3 OD** (\$1,419.90), **DD #49** (\$833.10), and **JT DD #183 BV, POC, MOD** (\$1,541.55). Carried.

Drainage Clerk Lynnette Jacobs presented to the Board some joint drainage districts that Sac County is "control" of, that have negative fund balances, along with proposed levy amounts, including a maintenance fund for each district. BV, Sac and Calhoun County Boards were not able to have a joint conference call, so each county will be approving the same levies at their respective meetings. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve a levy of 1465% on **Jt. DD #19-26 Main Tile**, with a 10-year waiver. Carried. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve a levy of 104% on **Jt. DD #19-26 MOD**, with no waiver. Carried. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve a levy of 34% on **Jt. DD #19-26 Lat 4**, with no waiver. Carried. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve a levy of 248% on **Jt. DD #16-30-92 MOD** with no waiver. Carried. Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve a levy of 446% on **Jt. DD #16-30-92 Sac Co. OD** with no waiver. Carried. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve a levy of 31% on **Jt. DD #16-30-92 Sac Tile Branch** with no waiver. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. until Tuesday, July 29 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. (no meeting is planned for July 22)

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-FIRST MEETING, 2025 SESSION (31)
JULY 22, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding and the following other members present Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Snyder.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

Platinum Crush Road Update: Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he forwarded the red-lined copy of the MidAmerican right-of-way agreement on to County Attorney Paul Allen to review. Once Allen approves the changes, it will go back for MidAmerican to sign. Once the agreement is signed, the county can move forward with the bid letting for the next phase of the project. Wilkinson also stated that IDOT will have a meeting July 30 with their engineering company, HNTB, to discuss the cost of the paving of Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. intersection and 80th Ave. intersection and Hwy 7 between the two intersections.

Secondary Roads Report: Heartland started paving C49 yesterday and started on the intersections on Hwy 110, moving south to north, Wilkinson stated that they will have 6-7 full days of paving; Engineer Wilkinson stated that they had to close a section of road on 150th Ave. south of C49 due to a lot of water going over the road last weekend. The culvert will be checked for blockages. Wilkinson stated that repairs were done and now the road is back open; the DOT is doing some patchwork on Hwy 10 in BV and Pocahontas; Engineer Wilkinson stated that some material will be coming to the Goldsmith Pit, and he will have it crushed at some point; Wilkinson stated that the crew has been shouldering and working on the gravel roads this week.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Merten attended a meeting with Dawn Mentzer, CEO of Rolling Hills region regarding their close out of the region.

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

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the minutes of 7/15/2025 as presented, and accepting the following reports: June 2 & June 9 Board of Health minutes and 2024-2025 Iowa Land Records Annual Report. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the fireworks permit for Doug DeRoos, 5673 50th Ave, Alta, IA to be held on July 27, 2025. Carried.

No action was taken on voiding and reissuing two lost checks, #330388 and #330611 since they were found.

Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Tim Speers and Deputy Medical Examiner Dave Patton discussed changes that will be happening to the department in August. Speers has been managing the medical examiner investigators (MEI's) for 35 years, and he would like to pass that responsibility on to MEI Dave Patton. Speers stated that he would still work part-time on calls and would also stay for awhile to train Patton. Speers current position receives a salary, and the MEI's are paid an hourly fee for working on cases. Speers would go off salary and insurance August 1 and Patton would begin his salaried position August 1 but wouldn't take the insurance benefit until he retires from the hospital in a year. Speers also stated that he wanted to recognize Doug Simons for his many years of working law enforcement and serving as an MEI. Speers also presented a letter from Medical Examiner Dr. Garrett Feddersen, recommending Nicole Mason (Nikki) to join the county as a medical examiner investigator (MEI). Speers stated that if Mason were appointed, he would get her registered for the necessary training. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to appoint Dave Patton as MEI/MEI Manager as of August 1 with the same salary that Speers was receiving, and to move Tim Speers to an MEI as of August 1, removing his salary since he will be paid hourly, and to remove his insurance benefit. Carried. Speers thanked the Board for working with the medical examiner department. The Board thanked Speers for what he and the ME Department does.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to appoint Nicole Mason as a Medical Examiner Investigator (MEI), effective immediately, based on the recommendation from Medical Examiner Dr. Garrett Feddersen. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to recognize Doug Simons for his many years working for Buena Vista County, both in law enforcement and as a medical examiner investigator (MEI). Carried.

9:45 a.m.—The time having arrived for a joint meeting online with Calhoun and Sac Counties, as the Joint Board of Trustees for Jt. DD #16-30-92 MOD, Jt. DD #16-30-92 Sac County OD, and Jt. DD #16-30-92 Sac Tile Branch. All members of the Boards were present except Kelly Snyder-Buena Vista County. A motion was made and seconded for Ranell Drake-Sac County to be the Chair and Renee Roland-Sac County to be the Secretary of the meeting. The motion carried. There was a motion and a second to approve a levy of 248% on Jt. DD #16-30-92 MOD, to approve a levy of 446% on Jt. DD #16-30-92 Sac Co. OD, and to approve a levy of 31% on Jt. DD #16-30-92 Sac Tile Branch with no waivers on all three. The motion was carried. There was a motion and a second at 9:59 a.m., to adjourn the joint meeting of the three Boards. Motion carried. Following their completion, minutes of the meeting will be forwarded to Calhoun and Buena Vista Counties. (The full set of minutes will be included in the respective Jt. Drainage District records.)

9:59 a.m.—The joint meeting online continued with Sac County Board of Supervisors, to discuss levies on Jt. DD #19-26 Main Tile, Jt. DD #19-26 MOD, and Jt. DD #19-26 Lat 4. All members of the Boards were present except for Kelly Snyder-Buena Vista County. There was a motion and a second to appoint Ranell Drake as Chair and Renee Roland as Secretary of the meeting. Motion carried. There was a motion and a second to approve a levy of 1465% on Jt. DD #19-26 Main Tile, with a 10-year waiver, a levy of 104% on Jt. DD #19-26 MOD, with no waiver, and a levy of 34% on Jt. DD #19-26 Lat 4, with no waiver. Motion carried. There was a motion and a second to adjourn the joint meeting at 10:05 a.m. Motion carried.

Following their completion, minutes of the meeting will be forwarded to Buena Vista County. (The full set of minutes will be included in the respective Jt. Drainage District records.)

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. until Tuesday, July 29 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY- SECOND MEETING, 2025 SESSION (32)
JULY 29, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding and the following other members present Croker, Hartman, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Ringgenberg.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to convert their existing overhead to underground along 440th St. in Sections 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 16 of Barnes Township, from 90th Ave. to 120th Ave. along and under 440th St. for the transmission of electricity. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to acknowledge the name change of **Storm Lake Power Partners I LLC** (SLPP I) to Storm Lake I Redevelopment LLC (SL I Redevelopment), and **Storm Lake Power Partners II LLC** (SLPP II) to Storm Lake II Redevelopment LLC (SL II Redevelopment), each a wholly owned subsidiary of ALLETE Clean Energy, and to authorize the Chair to resign the utility form. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented Resolution #2025-07-29-A which would change the speed limit on 70th Ave. southbound commencing at Hwy 7 to 610th St. and northbound commencing at 610th St. and proceeding North to Hwy 7. Wilkinson asked the Board what they would like to see the speed limit be. Currently, the speed limit is 35 mph north of 600th St. on 70th Ave. to Hwy 7, and the speed limit is 45 mph south of 600th St. on 70th Ave. to C63. Supervisor Croker stated that she would like to raise the speed limit to 55 mph from Hwy 7 to 610th St. (C63), both directions, which is approximately two miles. Chairman Merten commented that he would have liked to raise the current speed limits by 10 mph but would agree to increasing the speed limit to 55 mph. Merten commented that he talked with landowners in the area and the Sheriff, and most thought the engine brakes were more of an issue than the speed limit. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-07-22-A** Establishing a Speed Limit. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten. Nays: Snyder. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-07-29-A
RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Iowa Code Sections 321.255 and 321.285 to determine the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS, the grading and paving of 70th Avenue has increased the safety for this stretch of roadway,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the speed limit is established effective immediately, and appropriate signs shall be erected at the locations described as follows;

55 mph on Southbound 70th Avenue commencing at Highway 7 and proceeding South to 610th Street.

55 mph on Northbound 70th Avenue commencing at 610th Street and proceeding to Highway 7.

Resolution adopted this 29th day of July, 2025

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

Platinum Crush Road Update: Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he had emailed the right-of-way group at MidAmerican regarding 80th Ave. and was told that the relocation agreement needs to be signed by two vice-presidents and so it is making the rounds for signatures; Wilkinson will be meeting tomorrow morning with HNTB Engineering and IDOT, regarding their draft concept statement, which will be presented, and they will have cost estimates on the 70th Ave. and 80th Ave. intersections and Hwy 7 between the two intersections, the project that IDOT took away from the county.

Secondary Roads Report: C49 asphalt paving should be completed this week and then shouldering. The crews have been working on shouldering and hauling gravel to the gravel roads. They have been picking up debris from damages caused by the high wind last night. Redigs are working on the shouldering on Hwy 110 and once finished, they will move to C49.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the **fireworks permit** for Scott Haldin, 1102 Blake St., Sioux Rapids, IA to be held on August 2, 2025, with a rain date of August 9. Carried.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 7/22/2025 as corrected, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **reports:** None. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue** check #329408, dated 3/11/2025 to US Cellular \$532.17. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to accept and authorize the Chair to sign the **Family Crisis Center new contract for FY'26**, which includes an increase in their funding request from FY'25. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to accept and authorize the Chair to sign the **Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. new contract for FY'26**, which includes an increase in their funding request from FY'25. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-07-29-C** Designate Voting Representatives for the Iowa State Association of Counties. Carried.

Resolution #2025-07-29-C
To Designate Voting Representatives for the Iowa State Association of Counties

WHEREAS, Buena Vista County ("County") is a member of the Iowa State Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, the ISAC Articles of Incorporation were updated in November 2024 to require the County to designate, through resolution by its Board of Supervisors, its County Voting Representatives; and

WHEREAS, only the designated County Voting Representatives have the power to vote on behalf of the County at ISAC; and

WHEREAS, the County Voting Representatives must be either elected county officials or the principal officer for each county department represented by an Affiliated Association of ISAC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, effective immediately, hereby designates the following persons as County Voting Representatives for ISAC:

Iowa State Association of County Supervisors: **Dan Hartman, Kathy Croker, Kelly Snyder, Paul Merten, Rhonda Ringgenberg**

Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association: **Kory Elston**

Iowa County Attorneys Association, Inc.: **Paul Allen**

Iowa State Association of County Auditors: **Sue Lloyd**

Iowa State County Treasurers Association: **Danelle Haberman**

Iowa County Recorders Association, Inc.: **Curtis Reis**

Iowa County Engineers Association: **Bret Wilkinson**

Iowa State Association of Assessors: **Joe Cronin**

Iowa Community Services Association: **Tracy Gotto**

Iowa Emergency Management Association: **Aimee Barritt**

County Conservation Directors Association of Iowa: **Greg Johnson**

Iowa Environmental Health Association, Inc.: **Ben Mueggenberg**

Iowa Counties Public Health Association: **Tracy Gotto**

County Zoning Officials of Iowa: **Ben Mueggenberg**

Iowa Counties Information Technology Organization: **Tyler Van Houten**

Iowa Association of County Commissioners and Veterans Service Officers, Inc.: **Louie DeRoos**

The County shall forward a copy of this Resolution with the names of the designated County Voting Representatives to support@iowacounties.org.

Approved by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors on July 29, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Board of Supervisors Chair

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize Supervisor Kelly Snyder to sign the Subdivision participation & Release Forms for the **National Opioid Settlements** for Purdue Direct Settlement and the Sandoz Settlement. Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented the Semi-Annual report for the Board to approve before she publishes in the papers. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **Semi-Annual report** (6/30/2025) as presented and for the Chair to sign the report. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson gave his **department updates**. Weed Department: Johnson presented a map showing the roads that have been sprayed, which totals 566 miles; the spray truck has been down twice for repairs. They have worked on the old spray truck to have it ready to use when the new one is down for repairs; they have been spraying trees every day. Conservation: Standard summer operations. They have been mowing and weeding a lot this summer due to all the rains; Johnson reported that he is still working with FEMA on the Linn Grove Dam; Johnson stated that the cold storage concrete is done; Johnson reported that everything is going well at the Marina. Johnson has received a draft survey from ISG; there has been one food truck at the Marina, and more are interested in coming out there; some concrete work has been done at the Marina, and Johnson stated that he will be applying for a grant to do more work out there; some of the part-time employees at the Marina will be going back to school in August.

Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of Scott Herrig, in Section 23-92-35. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-07-29-B**. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-07-29-B

WHEREAS Scott Herrig has presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

DESCRIPTION LOT F:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 92 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 23, thence South 00° 21' 16" East (assuming bearing) on the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 167.92 feet; thence North 89° 55' 48" West, 749.97 feet; thence South 00°21' 16" East, 2473.05 feet to the west line of the East Half of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 00° 17' 42" West, on said west line, 2640.01 feet to the north line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89° 55' 48" East on said north line, 1322.69 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot F in Section 23, Township 92 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 37.69 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

DESCRIPTION LOT G:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 92 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 23, thence South 00° 21' 16" East (assuming bearing) on the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 167.92 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89° 55' 48" West, 749.97 feet; thence South 00° 21' 16" East, 2473.05 feet to the south line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89° 50' 10" East, on said south line, 342.97 feet to the southwest corner of Lot B which appears of record as document number 051716 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder; thence North 00° 22' 41" West on the west line of said Lot B; 277.31 feet to the northwest corner of said Lot B; thence South 89° 47' 06" East on the north line of said Lot B; 407.21 feet to the east line of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 00° 21' 16" West, on said east line , 2197.33 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot G in Section 23, Township 92 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 40.00 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

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:

DESCRIPTION LOT F:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 92 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 23, thence South 00° 21' 16" East (assuming bearing) on the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 167.92 feet; thence North 89° 55' 48" West, 749.97 feet; thence South 00°21' 16" East, 2473.05 feet to the west line of the East Half of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 00° 17' 42" West, on said west line, 2640.01 feet to the north line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89° 55' 48" East on said north line, 1322.69 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot F in Section 23, Township 92 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

DESCRIPTION LOT G:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 92 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 23, thence South 00° 21' 16" East (assuming bearing) on the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 167.92 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89° 55' 48" West, 749.97 feet; thence South 00° 21' 16" East, 2473.05 feet to the south line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89° 50' 10" East, on said south line, 342.97 feet to the southwest corner of Lot B which appears of record as document number 051716 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder; thence North 00° 22' 41" West on the west line of said Lot B; 277.31 feet to the northwest corner of said Lot B; thence South 89° 47' 06" East on the north line of said Lot B; 407.21 feet to the east line of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 00° 21' 16" West, on said east line , 2197.33 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot G in Section 23, Township 92 North, Range 35 West of the 5th 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:

DESCRIPTION LOT F:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 92 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 23, thence South 00° 21' 16" East (assuming bearing) on the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 167.92 feet; thence North 89° 55' 48" West, 749.97 feet; thence South 00°21' 16" East, 2473.05 feet to the west line of the East Half of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 00° 17' 42" West, on said west line, 2640.01 feet to the north line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89° 55' 48" East on said north line, 1322.69 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot F in Section 23, Township 92 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 37.69 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

DESCRIPTION LOT G:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 92 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 23, thence South 00° 21' 16" East (assuming bearing) on the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 167.92 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89° 55' 48" West, 749.97 feet; thence South 00° 21' 16" East, 2473.05 feet to the south line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89° 50' 10" East, on said south line, 342.97 feet to the southwest corner of Lot B which appears of record as document number 051716 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder; thence North 00° 22' 41" West on the west line of said Lot B; 277.31 feet to the northwest corner of said Lot B; thence South 89° 47' 06" East on the north line of said Lot B; 407.21 feet to the east line of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 00° 21' 16" West, on said east line , 2197.33 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot G in Section 23, Township 92 North, Range 35 West of the 5th 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 29th day of July 2025.

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

No action was needed to **void and reissue** check #923747, as it has been found.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. until Tuesday, August 12 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. (no meeting is planned for August 5)

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY- THIRD MEETING, 2025 SESSION (33)
AUGUST 7, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding and the following other members present Croker, Hartman, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Ringgenberg.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to go into **closed session** (at 10:04 a.m.) to discuss two separate items, under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2025 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:41, the Board ended discussion of the first agenda item, and continued the closed session with the second agenda item.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to go out of **closed session** at 10:53 a.m. Carried.

The Board went back into open session at 10:54 a.m.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Retainer Agreement**, regarding the second agenda item in the closed session, to engage the services of Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. in a construction related dispute. Carried.

No action was taken on approving the **7/29/2025 minutes** today.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. until Tuesday, August 12 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY- FOURTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (34)
AUGUST 12, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 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 Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson started the discussion of the DOT's **Draft Project Concept Statement** on the redesign of the 70th Ave. and 80th Ave. intersections on Hwy 7 near Lake Creek. There were sixteen Lake Creek landowners, Lindsay Kruse-Storm Lake Radio, Jessica Felix and Sarah Tracy-Iowa DOT, in attendance, along with several unidentified callers online. Maps of the three alternatives were shown on the screen as Wilkinson and Felix explained each one. The landowners in attendance voiced their opposition to the DOT's preferred redesign for the 70th Ave. intersection, which would have realigned Villa Road to a 90-degree angle and modified access to St. Andrews Court. Felix stated that the DOT is investing \$6M to this project to be proactive on safety. Felix also stated that the CN Railroad would like to close both railroad intersections on 70th Ave. and 80th Ave. if they could. Complaints were also stated about the loud engine brakes, and residents would like to see signs posted or an Ordinance adopted regarding engine brakes. Felix stated that the landowners could apply for a quiet zone from the Federal Railroad Association. Felix stated that this meeting was to hear the concerns of the Board of Supervisors and get their recommendation. The Board stated that they preferred Alternative #1, which preserves 70th Ave. current angled approach and maintains direct access to Hwy 7, minimizing disruption to homes, farmland, and the NRCS property, which is the option that residents encouraged the Board to approve. At 80th Ave., the Board supported Alternative #3, which includes paving, elevation adjustments, and a tighter railroad crossing footprint, reducing the crossing surface from 86' to 59'. Before any motions were made and voted upon, Croker informed the Board that she had talked with County Attorney Paul Allen to ask if there was a conflict of interest for her since she lives at Lake Creek. Allen informed Croker that there was not a conflict of interest. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve Alternative #1 for the **70th Ave. intersection on Hwy 7** and Alternative #3 for the **80th Ave. intersection on Hwy 7**. Felix asked the landowners for clarification, to be sure that they stated that IDOT taking the least amount of property was more important than railroad crossings and upgrades for safety, and the landowners stated they agreed. Motion carried. Felix stated that IDOT will now revise the plans, with a public hearing expected in April 2026 with construction slated for 2026.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a release for property damage caused when a semi tractor/trailer went into a county ditch on July 15, 2025, gouging the asphalt and requiring some shoulder shaping. Wilkinson stated that he invoiced Bellcock Farms Trucking LLC and John Scott \$500 for the damage caused, and the insurance company asked for this release to be signed, stating that BV County will not pursue further restitution for the incident. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Release for Property Damage** regarding the semi tractor/trailer that went into the county ditch on July 15, 2025, stating that the county will not pursue further restitution for the incident. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Update: Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he has not received the signed right-of-way agreement document from MidAmerican yet. Wilkinson stated that he will have the plans and specifications for the Board to approve at their next meeting, and then they can set a letting date.

Secondary Roads Report: The crews have been hauling gravel and edge rutting; the shouldering is done on Hwy 110, and the contractor has moved to C49 for work on the shouldering. After the shouldering is done on C49, then they will paint the lines, and the road will be ready to open.

Hear the Public: Kevin Cone thanked the Board for approving Alternative #1 on the DOT Draft Project Concept Statement. Cone asked the Board what their reason was for changing the speed limit back to 55 mph on 70th Ave. by Platinum Crush. Croker commented that there isn't much traffic. Cone stated that in the Fall, there will be 500 trucks on that road, and it will be dangerous. Cone stated that he would rather have the Board wait until after the Fall season to see how everything goes before changing the speed limit. Cone commented that when the speed limit goes up, then there are more engine brakes heard.

Public Health Administrator Tracy Gotto and Assistant Administrator Lacey Anderson met with the Board to discuss updating the current **General Assistance** manual and to increase the amount of assistance. Currently, there is a limit of one claim per year, up to \$200, and they would like to raise the amount to \$500. Gotto stated that last year they helped with rent for six families, twenty-eight families for utilities, and had six burials. Gotto informed the Board that they offer financial counseling too. Croker stated that the rate could be increased and see what happens. Merten asked what happens when the dollars appropriated in the budget are used up. Anderson stated that according to Code, the county must pay for assistance, so they would be asking for a budget amendment. Merten stated that he wasn't in favor of a budget amendment. Croker asked Anderson for a copy of the current General Assistance Manual and a copy of the proposed new manual, so she could review and compare them, and asked that Gotto and Anderson return to the Board at another meeting for a decision.

Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller gave his **department update**. Keller stated that the active shooter training was well received. Keller stated that he and I.T. Director Tyler Van Houten are working on a notification system through the phones if there is ever an incident taking place. A new door has been installed at the VA Office, with the handicap push button coming. The sidewalk on the west side of the courthouse has been fixed. A new railing is coming for the south steps of the courthouse, and the steps also need to be repaired. New signs have gone up at Public Health. Keller stated that he has been reviewing his 3-year projects that were covered by the capital projects loan and has been working on several project bids to see what projects can be done. Keller stated that he would like to have the courthouse washed and sealed and looked at installing new doors with crash bars on the south and west doors. The CPR and Stop the Bleed class is coming up soon for county employees that would like to take it. Chairman Merten thanked Keller for all that he does.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 7/29/2025 and 8/7/2025 as presented, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **reports:** July Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, Quarterly Recorder's Report of Fees Collected (Apr-Jun), June Lake Improvement Commission minutes, June NW IA YES Center minutes, July Board of Health minutes, and June SHIELD Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Auxiant Buy Down Agreement**. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. until Tuesday, August 19 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY- FIFTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (35)
AUGUST 19, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 9:15 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.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, to bore under 100th Ave. between Sections 21 and 22 Washington Township, from east to west to install a 1.5" 250 PSI PE Pipeline for the transmission of water, to serve the Lenhart family. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to install underground facilities for the transmission of electricity along 480th St. in Section 5 Lincoln Township, boring under 480th St. north to south, upgrading their facilities. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to install underground facilities for the transmission of electricity along 120th Ave. in Sections 35 and 36 Washington Township, to provide power to a hog site. Carried.

County Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented the plans and bid documents to the Board, for Phase 2 of the paving project near Platinum Crush. Wilkinson stated that the plans are for paving east on 600th St. from the existing pavement, adding a new curve onto 80th Ave. and then paving north on 80th Ave. to 500' south of the tracks. Wilkinson stated that this is a local bidding project, with bids due back at 1:00 p.m. on September 18, and then the Board would make their decision on awarding the bid on September 23. Wilkinson stated that there will be a pre-bid meeting on September 3 at the Engineer's Office. Wilkinson stated that the completion date is September 15, 2026. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the plans and bid documents for **Project L-PAV24--73-11**, which is Phase 2 around the Platinum Crush plant, paving east on 600th St. from the existing pavement, adding a new curve onto 80th Ave. and then paving north on 80th Ave. to 500' south of the tracks. Carried.

Secondary Roads Report: The crew have been picking up trees, shouldering, edge rutting, and hauling rock; shoulder stone is being placed along Hwy 110, and then that project should be wrapped up tomorrow; the painting crew will be on C49 tomorrow and then the road should be open for traffic by the end of the day on Wednesday; Engineer Wilkinson is going to Des Moines for ISAC this week.

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 Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 8/12/2025 as corrected, and accepting the following **report**: July Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and allow the Chair to sign the BV County Flexible Benefit Plan Amendment #1 to the Dependent Child Care Assistance Program, to allow the maximum amount of \$7,500 for an employee to withhold for **Dependent Care**. Carried.

10:00 a.m.—The time having arrived for a joint meeting online with Calhoun and Sac Counties, as the Joint Board of Trustees for **Jt. DD #16-30-92**. All members of the Boards were present, along with Sac County Auditor Jim Dowling, Sac County Deputy Auditor Renee Roland, Drainage Watchman Eric Yunginger, Calhoun County Auditor Robin Batz, Buena Vista County Auditor Susan Lloyd, Drainage Clerk Lynnette Jacobs, Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, and Lindsay Kruse-Storm Lake Radio. A motion was made and seconded for Ranell Drake-Sac County to be the Chair and Renee Roland-Sac County to be the Secretary of the meeting. Ayes all, the motion carried. A claim for engineering services, in the amount of \$360, was presented for the joint boards consideration for payment. Motion by Wissler (Sac County), second by George (Calhoun County) to approve the claim of the Jt. BV, Sac, Calhoun Drainage Fund, for engineering services of Brian Blomme, in **Jt. DD #16-30-92 MOD** in the amount of \$360.00. Carried. Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme presented information to the Joint Boards regarding an MOU, which would allow the Boards to take care of action items, within a certain dollar amount, without a joint meeting. Blomme stated that Drainage Code 468 does not allow the joint boards to act individually, without an MOU. Merten asked Jacobs (Calhoun County) if IDDA would approve, and Jacobs stated that this is what was suggested, to have an MOU between the joint counties. Blomme stated that there needs to be an MOU with each county that is part of a joint district and suggests a limit of \$2,500. Blomme stated that he would like a consensus today, and then he will draft an MOU and come back together with the Joint Boards to approve. Sac County would like a \$5,000 limit, as they already have an MOU with Webster County with \$5,000 but stated that Pocahontas wants \$2,500 as the limit. The consensus for BV County was to go with the \$5,000 limit, and the consensus for Calhoun was in favor of \$5,000. Blomme will draft an MOU and then there will be another conference call to discuss and approve. There was a motion and a second at 10:22 a.m., to adjourn the joint meeting of the three Boards. Motion carried. Following their completion, minutes of the meeting will be forwarded to Calhoun and Buena Vista Counties. (The full set of minutes will be included in the respective Jt. Drainage District records.)

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. until Tuesday, August 26 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY- SIXTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (36)
AUGUST 26, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 26, 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 Hartman, second by Snyder, to amend **today's agenda**, adding another action item, voting on the slate of candidates for the IMWCA Board of Trustees. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to install underground facilities for the transmission of electricity along 110th Ave. between Sections 10 and 11 Washington Township, boring under 110th Ave. to provide service for a grain bin site. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: Phase 2 is out for letting. There will be a pre-bid meeting at the Engineer's office at 1:00 p.m. on September 3. Bids are due September 18 at 1:00 p.m. and will be on the agenda September 23 for awarding the project. Engineer Bret Wilkinson would like to have the initial paperwork from Northland Securities on September 23, to start the bond process. Wilkinson stated that Phase 3, the two intersections at 70th Ave. and 80th Ave. and Hwy 7, the HNTB responded back this morning about different options. Wilkinson stated that the onsite meeting that DOT had scheduled for August had been rescheduled for September 16, but now that date may also be pushed back.

Secondary Roads Report: Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that C49 was opened last Wednesday, and he is working on finishing the project paperwork. The Board informed Wilkinson that they have received several complaints about the paint job on C49, that the lines are crooked, and asked Wilkinson to make a note in his file not to use this same company in the future. The crew has been working on shouldering, working on some driveways, tile repairs, and culvert repairs. An online caller, Mitch Sievers, stated that the Farm Bureau membership is complaining about the lack of gravel on the roads. Sievers commented that they used to have gravel placed on the roads at least once a year, but for some roads it has already been three years without gravel being placed on them.

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

Joint Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme started the discussion with the Board about DD #13 which the City of Storm Lake are the Trustees of. Blomme showed a map of the DD #13 area, which is mostly Expansion Blvd. The City of Storm Lake is looking at three options for this district, either to make repairs in the estimated amount of \$655,000, or an estimated \$1.5M improvement plan, or an estimated \$2.4M improvement plan. Blomme stated that the district was installed in the 1900's for ag purposes and now it is ag and urban. Blomme stated that this proposal is for a large facility and lacks discussion of those downstream that will be getting the water, and they can't handle the flow of water. Blomme stated that he provided a letter to the Storm Lake City Council and their engineer for the project, back in April, and heard nothing back for a response. The public hearing was scheduled for 9/2, but during today's meeting, information was received from the City of Storm Lake that the meeting has been rescheduled for October 6, with new notices to be sent out. Blomme has been working with Engineer Bret Wilkinson to prepare a remonstrance, to be sent to the Storm Lake City Council, to try and stop the project from going forward. If 50% of the landowners owning 70% of the land in the drainage district objects, the project would stop. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, directing Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme to prepare remonstrance documentation for **DD #13**, and authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 8/19/2025 as presented, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **report:** July NW IA YES Center minutes. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Certificate of Appreciation** for Dawn Mentzer for her 31 years of working for Buena Vista County as the Mental Health Director and later becoming CEO of the Rolling Hills Mental Health Region. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Auxiant Disclosure Statement**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to authorize the Chair to sign the **IMWCA** vote for up to three members to the IMWCA Board of Directors, with their votes being cast for the three members on the ballot. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. until Tuesday, September 9 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried. (no meeting is planned for September 2)

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY- SEVENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (37)
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding and the following other members present Croker (virtual), Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen 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.

Secondary Roads Report: Wilkinson told the group that he had his workers and contract haulers hauling gravel to the roads to get them done before harvest starts. The mowers are still going full time and probably will be until the middle of October to keep up with grass. He said they like to do one final mowing after the first hard frost to make sure the grass is kept down over the winter. Crews are still working on blading for now but will be looking to start putting snowplows on starting next month. Merten asked how it was going with getting the trees cleaned up in the ROW way so there would be no sight line issues this fall. Wilkinson said that they are still working on this and will go back to that heavier once the gravel is all hauled. He will be bringing the Board quotes on a new skid loader next week.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: The pre-bid meeting was held last week to allow potential bidders to ask questions and for clarification. Wilkinson stated that no questions arose that concerned him and felt the meeting went very well. Bids will be accepted until 1:00 pm on September 18th and then the Board will award the bid on September 23. Wilkinson will meet with Mid-American on September 16 at 10:00 on moving the electrical poles before construction on 80th can begin.

Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities joined the meeting to review the financial plan for the \$4.8 million GO Bonds. Kuhl started by reviewing the timing of the issuance and the structure of the borrowing. She explained that these are just estimates based off the numbers she had been given and if the actual bid comes in higher or lower, she will adjust accordingly. Northland will go to the bond market on October 6th with the issuance resolution to be adopted on October 21st and the fund available November 5th. She did

mention of talk that interest rates might go down and felt that it was a good time to enter the bond market. No action was needed at this time.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the minutes of 8/26/2025 as presented, today's claims approval list, and Auxiant disbursements, and accepting the following report: August Board of Health minutes, September Safety Committee minutes, Dry Hydrant Grant update from EMA director Aimee Barritt, January VA commission minutes. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the fireworks permit for Doug DeRoos, 5673 50th Ave, Alta, IA to be held on September 12, 2025, because the July date was cancelled due to a family emergency. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize Supervisor Kelly Snyder to docu-sign the Secondary Manufacturers Opioid settlement. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to authorize Supervisor Kelly Snyder to sign the ballot for Purdue Opioid Settlement accepting their bankruptcy plan. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to table the approval of the 2025 Confidential Military List, 2025 Confidential Disabled Military List, 2025 Homestead Credit List, 2025 Homestead 65+ list, and the Disallowance List of ten 2025 Homestead Tax Credits as per Iowa Code Section 425.7, and the Disallowance List of one 2025 Military Credit until next week as Croker is still waiting on answers to a couple of questions. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, seconded by Hartman, to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution #2025-09-09-A. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, and Merten. Nays: Snyder. Carried.

RESOLUTION OF THE BUENA VISTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION No. 2025-09-09-A

WHEREAS Buena Vista County is a stakeholder in the Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center (hereinafter CIJDC), and

WHEREAS the CIJDC is the Respondent in Hardin County Case No. CVCV102247, whereby Hardin County calls into question the validity of prior 28E agreements, and

WHEREAS the outcome of that litigation is uncertain, and Buena Vista County has an interest in the outcome of that litigation, and

WHEREAS the CIJDC Commission has voted 22-5 to approve the attached compromise settlement agreement resolving the litigation, and

WHEREAS the compromise settlement agreement is a compromise between Hardin County and the CIJDC that acknowledges the membership of counties joining the CIJDC through 2012 and also allows the remaining counties to maintain certain benefits that the litigation does not otherwise guarantee, while also allowing the counties joining through 2012 to adopt a new 28E agreement and even vote to allow the remaining counties to regain full membership in the CIJDC, and

WHEREAS the Parties will file with the Court a consent decree memorializing the full terms and conditions of the Parties' compromise settlement agreement following approval of the compromise settlement by a majority of the member counties.

THEREFORE, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby approve and adopt the attached compromise agreement, and authorize the CIJDC to execute and present to the court a consent decree consistent with the attached compromise settlement.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....Attest: Karla Ahrendsen, County Election Deputy

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

Iowa Lakes Corridor: Senior Vice President Trevor Smith and Coordinator of Administration and Communication Alyssa Petersen with the Iowa Lakes Corridor and Beth Fraser a Corridor Member from Sioux Rapids joined the Board for an update and review of the happenings in the Corridor. Smith told the group he had been in BV county earlier for the ribbon cutting on 75 new townhouses owned by Kading Properties, LLC that will bring affordable rental housing to the community. Housing and daycare are the two biggest issues when trying to grow and maintain workforces in a community. He also updated the group that they had over 100 people show up at the golf outing to raise money for the “Home Grown Initiative” and enough money was raised that in 2026 a \$6,000 grant will be awarded in each member county. More information will be coming this winter.

Beth Fraser told the group how she worked to renovate her Sioux Rapids building after the flood and start her own business, Small Batch Baking Co., in the building that had been in her family for generations. She also told the group how she is working with Iowa Economic Development Authority Downtown Resource Center to help rebuild Sioux Rapids’ Main Street which was severely damaged in the flood last summer. Beth told the group she has purchased the lot next to her building and is hoping to build retail space with apartments above it. The Sioux Rapids community needs affordable housing like many small rural communities. The Board thanked Beth for sharing her story.

Smith and Petersen closed by presenting the findings of the Business retention and expansion study and the employment survey conducted this winter. Businesses are still reporting growth in sales with Buena Vista County being slightly above the average. Both studies still show that affordable housing and daycare are playing a large role in retention and new hires. Merten asked the group if any direct advertising was utilized in areas where unemployment is higher and was told that the Corridor works with employment agencies and headhunters in these areas but are unable to do much for direct advertising. Petersen also highlighted the 19th Annual Entrepreneurial Class that was put on in August stating this was the largest class to date and was very impressed with all the participants. She pointed out that a Buena Vista University Student won the ideas portion of the class. She also highlighted how Katherine Cota helped facilitate Storm Lake businesses to allow the participants to stop and observe local businesses on the way home from the class since it was too far to travel during actual class time. The Board thanked the group for all the hard work that they put in and told them they always enjoy their updates.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **Law Enforcement 28E Agreement** with the City of Albert City for FY’26 and FY’27. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the **Law Enforcement 28E Agreement** with the City of Lakeside for FY’26 and FY’27. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the **Law Enforcement 28E Agreement** with the City of Truesdale for FY’26 and FY’27. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the **Law Enforcement 28E Agreement** with the City of Linn Grove for FY’26 and FY’27. Carried.

Sgt Stacey Smith presented the service contract with Lexipol. He explained to the group the Sheriff Elston would like to use them for updating policy and procedure manuals. They have an extensive catalog of services that they offer. Smith told the group for the services that Elston is looking at the contract would be around \$30,000 for FY26 and \$30,000 for FY27 and he would use Federal Inmate Funds to pay this. The question was raised whether this would meet some of the continuing education requirements for the officers and Sgt. Smith was not sure. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to table signing the **service contract with Lexipol** until more information was available. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. until Tuesday, September 16 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.

Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY- EIGHTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (38)
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, September 16, 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 Ringgenberg, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

County Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a support letter for a Little Sioux River Analysis. The Silver Jackets team is applying for a grant, which is not requiring any time or funding from the county, to do an analysis of the Little Sioux River and how it reacts to certain rain events. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Little Sioux River Hazard Analysis & Flood Risk Understanding** form. Carried.

County Engineer Bret Wilkinson requested that the Board allow him to purchase a Cat265 Compact Track Loader, to replace and upgrade the one the department currently has. Wilkinson stated that the price for the Compact Track Loader is \$96,702.00 less a trade-in of \$36,000, for a net cost of \$60,702. Merten asked whether this was budgeted, and Wilkinson stated that it was not in the budget, but that a final drive went out on the current machine, and so he has a major concern as to what else can break. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the County Engineer to purchase a **Cat265 Compact Tract Loader**, for a net cost of \$60,702. Ayes: Croker, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Hartman, Merten. Motion carried.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: The bids on Phase 2 are due by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, and the Board will consider awarding the contract on the 23rd. The onsite meeting on Phase 3 that was scheduled to be today has been re-scheduled to October 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Secondary Roads Report: They have finished the major shouldering work and have been hauling gravel. They hope to finish the graveling this week and be off the roads during harvest.

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

Sheriff Kory Elston presented the service contract with Lexipol. He explained that he would like to use them for updating policy and procedure manuals. They have an extensive catalog of services that they offer. Elston would like to have the Jail policies and the Sheriff's Department policies all updated. Elston stated that the contract would be \$30,516 for FY26 and \$30,516 for FY27 and then \$16,261.60 annually thereafter. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign the **service contract with Lexipol.** Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **Law Enforcement 28E Agreement** with the City of Marathon for FY'26 and FY'27. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston informed the Board that he has 18-AED's that will be expiring in the next 2-6 months, and he would like to use COVID-19 (Cares) funds or Opioid funds. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve allowing the Sheriff to purchase 18-AED's from **Opioid funds.** Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder to declare the following list of **computer equipment and six office chairs** at the LEC as excess and to authorize their disposal: DELL-R310-SERVER-SN#43292210869, DELL-R310 SERVER-SN#24690226717, DELL-R410-SERVER-SN#B2DT15100335, HP-PRODESK 600-DESKTOP-SN#2UA6191SJY, HP-PRO DESK 6300-DESKTOP-SN#2UA24708BM, HP-PRO DESK 4000-DESKTOP-SN#MXL2290J48, ACER-V246HC-DISPLAY-SN#44203469242, HP-PRODESK 600 G1-DESKTOP-SN#2UA5121WBW, HP-P202M-DISPLAY-SN#6CM63901JY, PLANAR-PLL1920M-DISPLAY-SN#PL23451600246, DELL-OPTIPLEX-DESKTOP-SN#34171798718, HP-PRODESK 400 G1-DESKTOP-SN#2UA4151BLY, PLANAR-PXL2230MW-DISPLAY-SN#PL407HT501605, HP-PRODESK 600 G1-DESKTOP-SN#2UA54416X0, HP-PRODESK 600 G3-DESKTOP-SN#8CG72952QX, HP-ELITE 800 G3-DESKTOP-SN#8CG9134J09, HP-PRODESK G5-DESKTOP-SN#MXL7151B1W, HP-PRODESK G5-DESKTOP-SN#MXL0132BCB, HP-ELITE 300-DESKTOP-SN#2UA3462M3B, HP-PRODESK 600 G2-DESKTOP-SN#2UA6511V3B, DELL-OPTIPLEX 3050-DESKTOP-SN#34217053742, HP-PRODESK 600 G1-DESKTOP-SN#2UA52118NZ, HP-PRODESK 600 G1-DESKTOP-SN#MXL52419Q1, DELL-PRECISION T1650-DESKTOP-SN#36397812565, DELL-PRECISION T3600-DESKTOP-SN#24927476509, DELL-PRECISION T3600-DESKTOP-SN#24930789085, DELL-PRECISION T3600-DESKTOP-SN#24930742429, PANASONIC-CF-31-LAPTOP-SN#1L TSA33077, DELL-LATITUDE E6400-LAPTOP-SN#30365806969, HP-ELITE 8000-DESKTOP-SN#MXL95305WB, HP-DX7500-DESKTOP-SN#MXL9380GC8. Carried.

I.T. Director Tyler Van Houten presented a list of **excess computer equipment** and asked the Board to allow him to dispose of them. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to declare the following list of computer equipment as excess and authorize their disposal:

Desktops

Model	Serial#
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPL
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H22
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H1Y
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPJ
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H20
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H2G
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H26
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPM
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA8121NTN
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA8121NTW
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPT
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H29
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H28
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H24
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPX

HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPN
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPY
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPH
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	MXL8162B01
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPW
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA73521MR
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H1Z
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H1V
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H2R
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA8121NTL
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H1X
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA8121NTH

Laptops

Model	Serial#
HP Probook 4540S	2CE3321FVW
HP Probook 4540S	2CE3462DFD
HP Probook 4540S	2CE3321J1N
HP Probook 4540S	CNU2300K3T
HP Probook 4540S	2CE3321HP2
HP Probook 640 G1	5CG5210VP7
HP Probook 640 G2	5CG51935DQ
HP Probook 640 G3	5CG519353N
HP Probook 640 G4	5CG51935F1
HP Compaq 6730b	CNU9277DD3
HP Compaq 6730b	CNU00654RV
HP Compaq 6730b	CNU9253W6G
HP 250 G6	CND9044FFN
HP 250 G6	CND9044FGZ
HP 250 G6	CND9044FGG

Lenovo ThinkPad 13	1S20J1001FUSLR09ACL2
Lenovo ThinkPad 13	1S20J1001FUSLR095V42
Lenovo ThinkPad 13	1S20J1001FUSLR095V41
HP Compaq nc6320	CNU65121B0
HP Probook 6360b	2CE1240G3T
HP Probook 650 G1	5CG520355B
Toshiba Satellite L855D-S5117	3D113403Q
Dell Latitude E5570	8nzmsf2
HP ProBook 450 G5	5CD8297Y8M
HP Pavilion dv6-2151cl	CNF0234C1W
HP Probook 4540S	2CE3321HYR
GP 250 G6	CND81147P0

Printers

Model	Serial#
HP Laserjet 1320	CNHC63F219
HP Laserjet 2300	CNBFB57759
Dell H815	8TP2882
HP Laserjet 600	CNBCDN050
Savin CLP131DN	S3899400018
Lanier MP C305	W792P601553

HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPK	GP 250 G6	CND8133M3W
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	MXL921294C	GP 250 G6	CND81147PB
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPP	GP 250 G6	CND8133M2H
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	MXL0101VKW	GP 250 G6	CND81147PT
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H27	GP 250 G6	CND8133M5S
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H23	GP 250 G6	CND72864GN
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H2K	GP 250 G6	CND8133M60
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H2Q	GP 250 G6	CND81147RV
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H2H	GP 250 G6	CND8133M4T
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPB	GP 250 G6	CND81147SO
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H2S	GP 250 G6	CND81147PZ
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383H2C	GP 250 G6	CND74855P9
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA8121NTS	GP 250 G6	CND81147QZ
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPS	GP 250 G6	CND8133M3J
HP Prodesk 600 G4 SFF	2UA7383GPL	GP 250 G6	CND81147R8
HP Prodesk 600 G1-SFF	2UA5123C3R	GP 250 G6	CND81147QN
HP Prodesk 600 G1-SFF	2UA5042L2X	GP 250 G6	CND8133M2R
HP Prodesk 600 G1-SFF	2UA7031YVG	GP 250 G6	CND81147QG
HP Prodesk 600 G1-SFF	2UA7031YVH	GP 250 G6	CND833MGD
HP Prodesk 600 G1-SFF	2UA5042L2Y	GP 250 G6	CND7455WO
HP Prodesk 600 G1-SFF	2UA7031YVC	GP 250 G6	CND8114752
HP Prodesk 600 G1-SFF	2UA619213R		
HP Prodesk 600 G3-SFF	2UA7383GPR		
HP ProDesk 600 G2 SFF	2UA7031YVJ		
HP Compaq 8000 EliteSFF	2UA3282QVY		
HP Compaq 8000 EliteSFF	2UA3282QW6		
HP Compaq 8000 EliteSFF	MXL95109B9		
Dell Optiplex 390	JM6WJS1		
HP Z200 Worklstation	2UA1250NBH		
HP Z400 Worklstation	2UA1201TZH		
Hp ProDesk 600	2UA7031YBJ		
Hp ProDesk 600	2UA7031YTX		
Hp ProDesk 600 G4-SFF	MXL921924C		
Hp ProDesk 600 G3-SFF	2UA7383GPR		
HP ProDesk 600 G3-SFF	2UA8121NTT		

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the minutes of 9/9/2025 as presented, and accepting the following reports: August Conservation Board minutes, August Federal Inmate Billing, August Sheriff's Report, August BV County Solid Waste Commission minutes, and Hunzelman's Compilation Report for BV County Solid Waste Commission. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the 2025 Confidential Military List, 2025 Confidential Disabled Military List, 2025 Homestead Credit List, 2025 Homestead 65+ list, and the Disallowance List of one 2025 Homestead Tax Credit and one Homestead 65+ Tax Exemption as per Iowa Code Section 425.7, and the Disallowance List of two 2025 Military Exemptions. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m. until Tuesday, September 23 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY- NINTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (39)
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

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

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to convert the existing overhead to underground, burying cable along 615th St., in Section 7 Providence Township, from approximately 650' east of Hwy 71, along different points, to approximately 3,600' east of Hwy 71 along the south right-of-way. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board of the eight bids received on the Phase 2 road project. Bids were received from: Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, IA (\$2,391,959.61), Godbersen-Smith Construction Co. & Subsidiary, Ida Grove, IA (\$2,572,736.41), Cedar Valley Corp., LLC, Waterloo, IA (\$2,588,854.64), Wicks Construction, Inc., Decorah, IA (\$2,712,294.01), Bainbridge Construction, LLC, Kingsley, IA (\$2,771,216.24), Moyna, C.J. & Sons, LLC, Elkader, IA (\$2,784,092.35), Reilly Construction Co., Inc., Ossian, IA (\$3,009,199.42), and Hulstein Excavating, Inc., Edgerton, MN (\$3,320,695.86). Wilkinson recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder, Peterson Contractors, Inc. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and award the contract for **Project #L-PAV24--73-11**, Phase 2 of the Platinum Crush Road Project, to Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, IA, in the amount of \$2,391,959.61, and to allow the Chair to sign the contract as soon as it is ready. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that the **City of Marathon** had contacted the County Auditor to see if the County was interested in the parcel of land where the city's old water treatment plant was located, since it is next to the Goldsmith Pit, in Section 20 Poland Township. The consensus of the Board was that they are not interested in this small piece of land owned by the City of Marathon, where their old water treatment plant was, and the city will be notified.

Secondary Roads Report: They have been hauling gravel and hope to wrap it up next week in the north part of county. They are almost done with graveling the east part of the county. Tile crews are out making repairs. They have one mower still out working.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: Engineer Bret Wilkinson has received a set of plans from the State and their engineering firm regarding Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. and 80th Ave. The onsite meeting on Phase 3 will be October 1 at 10:00 a.m. Wilkinson stated that the plans show a turn lane of 550' for eastbound traffic on Hwy 7 turning south on to 70th Ave., which he states would allow six trucks to line up there. Wilkinson stated that the standard turn lane is 250' plus taper. Wilkinson stated that the State plans to raise the 70th Ave. intersection about a foot, which will help with the sight, but there will still be an issue with sight on 80th Ave.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 9/16/2025 as presented, today's **claims approval list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **report**: August Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the request from NW IA Regional Housing Trust Fund to have the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the FY'26 pledge contribution letter to **NW IA Regional Housing Trust Fund, Inc.** in the amount of \$2,080 as the funds are used for their local match, to maintain housing, which will contribute to economic retention of workers and work done. Carried.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen presented the FY'25 Annual Urban Renewal Report for the Board to approve. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to accept the County's **FY'25 Annual Urban Renewal Report** and authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to authorize the Auditor to **void and re-issue check** #329843 dated 4/22/25 to Stanley Law Firm, LLC in the amount of \$197.60. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to set a public hearing for a FY'26 BV County **budget amendment**, for October 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the Auditor to notify **S&P Global** that a credit rating was being requested. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22 Lat 19-101** claim to Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc. for \$7,630.00 for repairs and Jt. DD #22 Lat 19-101 claim to Kent Malm for \$80.00 for inspections. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg presented Zoning Compliance Permits for WECS (Wind Energy Conversion Systems). Also present for this discussion was Alex Luman-Minnesota Power, Michael Cummings-Fredrikson & Byron, Jessica Wilkening Travis-Merjent, Inc., Jim Moran-Allete Clean Energy, Josh Yernatich-Allete Clean Energy, Gwynn Gerlach-landowner, and Brittany Decker-Sunderman Farm Mgt. Co. The permits are for 59 locations, where 44-55 new wind turbines will be installed. There will be 259 current pads and turbines coming down. Mueggenberg stated that the permits are good for two years, and the intention is to have the decommissioning of the old turbines and installation of the new turbines done in 2027. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the **Zoning Compliance Permits for WECS** and allow Ben Mueggenberg to sign them all. Carried.

Auditor Susan Lloyd presented information to the Board, asking whether they would approve having someone come from Ahlers & Cooney for an HR training session with department heads. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with **HR training** for department heads.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme discussed a tile repair project conducted with the BV Tile Crew and a contractor for DD #81 west of Albert City. Blomme stated that the work was within the north road ditch of C-29. The lower 600' of Lateral 3 (12") was replaced with 12" tile along with 600' of 10" Lateral 3A was replaced with 12" tile. The new tile will be extended across N-14 when a road project is conducted. An existing manhole near the existing stop sign at the intersection will be tied in at that time. Blomme state that the repair was necessary due to the existing 1,200' tile segment experiencing multiple blowouts in recent years and creating washouts within the roadbed of C-29. Blomme stated that Secondary Road is willing to pay 50% of the cost of the pipe (\$3,805.44) and the District will reimburse Secondary Roads for the remaining \$3,805.44. The cost to the District for installation would be \$12,585.00. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize payment for labor to install 1,200' of 12" tile to **DD #81**, for a total cost of \$12,585.00. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson gave a **department update**. The Weed Department has sprayed 1,600 miles of the 2,000 miles within the county. Johnson stated that they plan on starting the fall application for State Roads on Monday and dedicating four spray days with the spray truck next week, and some follow up gator work may be necessary thereafter. The remaining 398 miles will take the Weed Department approximately 11-12 days (35 miles per day) to complete, which will put them right up to October 15. Johnson stated that they anticipate hydroseeding Platinum Crush the week of October 27th with November 12-21 timeframe being a backup. Conservation Department has lost some of their seasonal help. Johnson stated that they are still mowing, they have been installing playground equipment and they have some capital projects coming up. Johnson stated that he has not received any messages from FEMA, no funds have been obligated on the Linn Grove Dam since the County won arbitration.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to go into **closed session #1 and #2** (at 10:32 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2025 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to go out of **closed session #1 and #2** at 10:58 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. until Tuesday, September 30 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTIETH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (40)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Vice-Chairperson Croker presiding and the following other members present Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Merten.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson requested that the Board allow him to purchase brine tanks for the existing tandem trucks. Wilkinson stated that there is \$200,000 in the budget for these. Wilkinson stated that he would like to purchase 2-3 brine tanks this year, to test them, and decide whether to purchase more kits for the rest of the fleet. The cost is \$8,860 per truck, if Secondary Roads installs them. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the County Engineer to purchase three **brine tanks** and have the Secondary Roads crew installing them. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: Engineer Wilkinson stated that he is working on the final payment for Phase 1 of the project. The pre-construction meeting for Phase 2 will hopefully be set by the end of the week. Wilkinson anticipates the contractor to begin Phase 2 soon. Wilkinson stated that DOT onsite meeting will be tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Wilkinson informed the Board that he was going to meet with Platinum Crush representatives today at 11:00 to discuss the issues of a lot of trucks parking on 70th Ave. causing issues. Platinum Crush has only been using two of the four stagings.

Secondary Roads Report: The crew has been finishing local graveling. Wilkinson stated that the crew has a couple miles of contractor miles yet to do and then they will be spot rocking. Crews have also been working on tile repairs, installing driveways, mowing, and will be working on spraying trees.

Vice-Chairperson Croker asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. Bev McGriff was online and asked whether the Board has updated right-of-way for roads and bridges regarding the Co2 pipeline, and if they have not, she urges the county to look at it.

Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities reviewed the **Preliminary Official Statement** on the Phase 2 borrowing. Kuhl stated that this Preliminary Official Statement is not finalized until bonds are sold. Snyder questioned whether to add a 10% contingency rather than the 7% that was in the Statement. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that the Phase 2 project won't be dealing with the railroad or the DOT. Kuhl stated that adding another 3% contingency would be borrowing another \$37,000. The consensus of the Board was to add the additional contingency, from 7% to 10%. Kuhl mentioned that next week they will be locking in the amount of the bonds and the interest rate. Kuhl also mentioned that insurance could be purchased, like what was done in 2022, which would add more buyers and has a lower interest rate. Chairman Merten called in to see how the bond discussion was going and said that he was okay with going with a 10% contingency. Board Member Snyder introduced the following resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING DISTRIBUTION OF PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT" and moved that the resolution be adopted. Board Member Hartman seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was, Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Whereupon, the Vice-Chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025-09-30-A
RESOLUTION APPROVING DISTRIBUTION OF PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

WHEREAS, in conjunction with its Underwriter, Northland Securities, Inc., the County has caused an Official Statement to be prepared outlining the details of the proposed sale of the Notes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

That the preliminary Official Statement in the form presented to this meeting be and the same hereby is approved as to form and deemed final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, subject to such revisions, corrections or modifications as the Chairperson and Auditor, upon the advice of bond counsel and the County's Underwriter, shall determine to be appropriate, and is authorized to be distributed in connection with the offering of the Notes for sale.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 30th Day of September, 2025.

/s/ Kathy Croker, Vice-ChairpersonAttest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

J. D. Myers, **Summit Pipeline** presented an update of the CO2 pipeline. Myers stated that they have a landowner community partner program. Myers mentioned the emergency plans, 60,000 Grant and training, and they work with fire departments. Myers stated that there would be open Houses in November, with Cherokee open house being November 11.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 9/23/2025 as corrected, and accepting the following **reports**: FY'25 REAP Report and NWIPDC June minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder , second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Auditor to write a check for \$18,815.54 from **Early Childhood to Three County Empowerment**, to close out the Treasurer's balance of the fund. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. until Tuesday, October 7 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Kathy Croker, Vice Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-FIRST MEETING, 2025 SESSION (41)
OCTOBER 7, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 7, 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**, and removing the 28e Agreement for the Lake Improvement Commission from action items. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson along with Sarah Tracy (IDOT District 3 Planner) discussed with the Board the **Hwy 7 & 70th Ave. intersection**. Lake Creek landowners present for this discussion included Dan Connell, Doug Heppner, Jeff Stark, and Terry Bauer. Lindsay Kruse, Storm Lake Radio was also present. Wilkinson stated that the Board previously recommended Alternative 1 on 70th Ave., but Tracy stated that Alternative 2 or 3 are more beneficial for safety, and there would be a long holdup with NRCS if they continued with Alternative 1. Tracy stated that Alternative 2 might be a good compromise with the State and the railroad. Tracy informed the Board that they will still have a railroad diagnostic meeting, which may still change things regarding the railroad crossing, but IDOT needs something to present to the railroad at this meeting as to which Alternative has been recommended. Tracy stated that DOT would like to set up the diagnostic meeting with the railroad as soon as possible, but they need to know which Alternative to present. Tracy stated that Alternative 2 would have a better chance of being approved by the railroad, over Alternative 1. Two other representatives from IDOT were online to talk about the NRCS and how going with Alternative 1 would significantly affect the timeline. IDOT prefers Alternative 3. Heppner stated that he would like to see the 70th Ave. intersection closed to truck traffic and said that what the DOT was proposing was invasive. Connell stated that there will be a drainage problem if they do Alternative 2, and

that he thinks that the DOT can work with NRCS and said that he would bet that everyone will be back in 6-weeks and told they must go with Alternative 3. Bauer asked who owns the hedges, Peterson or are they in DOT right-of-way? Tracy stated that she thinks the hedges are in DOT right-of-way. Hartman stated that NRCS could take 18-24 months to get this done. Bauer stated that they should leave 70th Ave. alone and do 80th Ave. Hartman stated that there is a safety issue out there. Heppner told the DOT to install stop lights up and arms for the railroad. Croker asked the group if they thought the current intersection is safe now, and Connell said yes he drives it 5-days a week. Tracy stated that the traffic doesn't warrant having a traffic signal installed and stated that traffic signals are not a safety device. Merten commented that he would like to have a traffic light like what is on 90th Ave. Lake Creek resident, Scott Randall was present online and informed the Board that the road is coming closer to his house, and if the hedges are removed, this will cause a big safety issue for his property. Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to direct the IDOT to schedule the diagnostics meeting with the railroad, and state that the Board prefers Alternative 1 for **Hwy 7 & 70th Ave. intersection** but would compromise to Alternative 2 for the Hwy 7 & 70th Ave. intersection. Carried.

Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities, was present online to discuss **Resolution #2025-10-07-A** Directing the Acceptance of a Proposal to Purchase \$3,135,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025B, and a contract to lock in the interest rate at 3.96%. Kuhl stated that the issuance resolution will be considered in two weeks, and funds will be available November 5.

Board Member Croker introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE \$3,135,000 (SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT PER TERMS OF OFFERING) GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025B" and moved that it be adopted. Board Member Snyder seconded the motion to adopt, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10-07-A

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE \$3,135,000 (SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT PER TERMS OF OFFERING) GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025B

WHEREAS, Buena Vista County, sometimes hereinafter referred to as the County, is a political subdivision duly incorporated, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary that the County should enter into a Loan Agreement and borrow the amount of \$3,135,000 (Subject to adjustment per terms of offering) as authorized by Sections 331.402 and 331.443, Code of Iowa as amended; and

WHEREAS, proposals have been requested and received from financial institutions offering to enter into such Loan Agreement; and

WHEREAS, after a review of all the proposals received, it has been determined that the best and most favorable proposal is that of Northland Securities of Minneapolis, MN; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Board of Supervisors to enter into a Loan Agreement in accordance with said proposal dated October 7, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Board of Supervisors does hereby accept the attached proposal of Northland Securities of Minneapolis, MN, and takes additional action to permit the entering into of a Loan Agreement.

Section 2. The Chairperson and County Auditor are authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the County to enter into such Loan Agreement, to negotiate the final terms of a Loan Agreement, to take all action necessary to permit the entering into of a Loan Agreement on a basis favorable to the County and acceptable to the Purchaser, and to proceed to meet the conditions of this accepted proposal.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of October, 2025.

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

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented his quote for a Freightliner M2 106 Plus truck chassis. This would be a heavy-duty single axle truck to be used as a tile truck. The cost of the truck chassis would be \$117,618.00 and Wilkinson stated that they would be mounting a flatbed, to be purchased from another company, later. Wilkinson stated that this truck could pull a backhoe to save time, and he plans to dispose of the current truck. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the purchase of a **Freightliner M2 106 Plus** truck chassis for the Secondary Road Department for a cost of \$117,618.00. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he has had a request from some of his employees to participate in the uniform program, that currently only the mechanics participate in. Wilkinson stated that the employee would purchase their clothing, with the cost paid for by the employees through payroll deductions. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the request of Secondary Road employees to be able to participate in the **uniform program**. Carried.

Secondary Roads Report: Crews have also been working on tile repairs, installing driveways, brush cutting, and working on a stretch of ditch cleaning to help the flow of water. Wilkinson stated that they need to do dust control on the road by Albert City. Wilkinson stated that 80th Ave. is rough, but it will be closed when they do Phase 2 of the project, so they don't want to put anything down on it now.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: The pre-construction meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 10, on Phase 2 of the road project, at the County Engineer's Office. Engineer Wilkinson is continuing to work with Phase 1 with the contractor and DOT for the RISE dollars.

Chairman Merten brought up the subject of the Secondary Roads uniform program, as he thought of some questions as to how it was going to work through payroll. The amount that is going to be deducted from Secondary Roads participant's paycheck will have to be a set amount to match the monthly invoice from the vendor. Merten suggested that more information is needed and asked if the Board wanted to rescind the previous motion to approve. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to rescind the motion approved earlier regarding the **Secondary Roads uniform program**, and to wait for a study to be done. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to have a study done on the **Secondary Roads uniform program** that was requested by employees. Carried.

Snyder left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the **Proclamation** Recognizing Manufacturing Month. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 9/30/2025 as corrected, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **reports**: July Lake Improvement Commission Minutes, and September Sheriff's Report of the Federal Inmate Billings. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. until Tuesday, October 14 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-SECOND MEETING, 2025 SESSION (42)
OCTOBER 14, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, October 14, 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 Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Cherokee Rural Water, Cherokee, IA, to install a water pipeline by boring under 20th Ave. south of 610th St., in Maple Valley Township, Sections 7 and 8. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: Engineer Bret Wilkinson attended the pre-construction meeting for Phase 2 last Friday. Gus Construction started working on the box culvert yesterday. Wilkinson stated that the estimated replacement will be 6-8 weeks, then they will backfill and open the road for winter. PCI will do the dirt work in the spring, widening the road and building the curve. For Phase 3, they are waiting on the railroad diagnostic, which will probably be in the first two weeks of November.

Secondary Roads Report: Normal operations for this time of year. They have been installing the snowplows and going through the trucks, making sure they are ready for winter. They have been mowing the ditches and cutting trees to increase site distance, Crews have also been working on tile repairs, installing driveways, and crossroad culverts. Engineer Wilkinson stated that he had three trucks in Minnesota to be outfitted with snowplows, and he hopes to have at least one back in January.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 10/7/2025 as corrected, and accepting the following **reports:** September Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected and October Safety Committee minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to set the **Public Hearing** for Master Matrix for Doug White in the SW ¼ NW ¼ Section 25 Hayes Township for Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., and publish the notice in the official newspapers. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen updated the Board on the status of the State's transfer of title over to the County. Allen stated that originally, the State wanted a report of ownership on the Marina, but now they want a complete abstract and want the county to pay for it. Allen stated that currently there is a 50/50 split on the lift station maintenance, and the State wants the County to take over the maintenance. Chairman Merten commented that if the hatchery is going through the lift station, then the State should have to pay something. Croker stated that the State wants to retain ownership of the fishery, so they need to have some ownership of the lift station. Allen stated that this can be discussed with the State. Merten commented that he did not have an issue with having an abstract prepared, which the rest of the Board agreed with. Conservation Director Greg Johnson asked the Board if they wanted his department to pay for the abstract with the ARPA Funds, which the Board agreed to. Allen stated that after the abstract is done, then the State will create a land patent. Croker asked Johnson if Conservation were still planning to continue using the Marina, or if things change, would the Conservation Board want to give it up. Johnson stated that at this time, the Conservation Board wants to continue with the plans at the Marina. Allen commented that according to the Code of Iowa, if the State transfers the property of the Marina over to the County, it must be used for a park under the direction of the Conservation Board. Johnson informed the Board that the current temporary management agreement will expire 12/31/25 so they will have to extend it since the transfer will not be completed by then. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve having an abstract created on the **Marina** property, and to discuss the lift station with the State. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that he had reviewed the current 28E Agreement on the **Lake Improvement Commission** and some changes that he would propose. Croker stated that she will take the suggestions to the next Lake Improvement Commission meeting and bring it back to the Board when it is ready to be approved.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m. until Tuesday, October 21 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-THIRD MEETING, 2025 SESSION (43)
OCTOBER 21, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 21, 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 Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to amend **today's agenda**, by adding approval of VISA bill for Rolling Hills and approval of the 28E Agreement for the Lake Improvement Commission. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he talked to the company that would be invoicing for the Secondary Road Uniform Program and also talked with Payroll Deputy Yvonne Sandhoff about the program, to make sure that the process would work for everyone. The company will create a separate account for the uniform charges, and a set amount will come out of the employee's paycheck and then be sent to the company. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the **Uniform Program** for Secondary Roads. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Corn Belt Telephone Company, Wall Lake, IA, to bury fiber optic cable along 230th Ave. and 650th Street, from the Sac County line on 230th north to 650th Street to 205th Ave. and 1 location west on 650th St. Carried.

Motion by Croker to approve a **utility permit** for Interstate Power & Light Co., dba Alliant Energy, Ames, IA, for the accommodation of 8" DC pipe for the transmission of natural gas along 80th Ave., in Sections 31 and 32 Washington Township, crossing ROW to ROW, to be out of the way of Phase 2 of the Platinum Crush road project. Croker asked if Alliant Energy knows that the road is going to be moved, and Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that they did know, but there isn't enough information from the State as to where the road will be. Motion died for a lack of a second. Motion by Snyder to approve the **utility permit** for Alliant Energy for south of the gate station. Motion died for a lack of a second. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve a **utility permit** for Interstate Power & Light Co., dba Alliant Energy, Ames, IA, for the accommodation of 8" DC pipe for the transmission of natural gas along 80th Ave., in Sections 31 and 32 Washington Township, crossing ROW to ROW, to be out of the way of Phase 2 of the Platinum Crush road project, adding a disclaimer to the permit stating that the permit is approved with the knowledge that there is a future project planned for 80th Ave. north of the gate station. This future road project may require the new line to be relocated again at a future date. This additional move shall be made at no cost to BV County. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: No date has been set for the railroad diagnostic, which will probably be in the first two weeks of November. Engineer Wilkinson is working on the close out of Phase 1, working on the final payment which will be in two weeks. The contractor is working on the box culvert on Phase 2, working on 80th Ave., so 80th Ave. is closed. Wilkinson stated that the RISE reimbursement was submitted, and he is working with IDOT for additional supporting documents. Croker asked about change orders, stating that she would like to know when they come through, what the amounts are and what the change order is for.

Secondary Roads Report: They have been mowing the ditches and cutting brush. Crews have also been working on tile repairs, installing driveways, and working on a pile of concrete that will be crushed this winter.

Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. Kevin Cone was present and asked about the bid on the paving, thought it was up to the tracks. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that BV County didn't pay it, that the county only pays for what is layed. Cone mentioned that Keith Reetz would like to have a supervisor come out, as he runs the can redemption center, and stated that Reetz didn't know that 70th Ave. was going to be closed for two days.

The Chair opened the public hearing for a **Master Matrix** for Doug White-Rice in Section 25 of Hayes Township, with Environmental Health Director Ben Mueggenberg, Lindsey Kruse-Storm Lake Radio, and Charles Hernandez present and nine unidentified callers online. Mueggenberg stated that there are no new facilities, and the current buildings are within 2,500' of each other, and they received 440 points for the Matrix. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **Master Matrix** for Doug White-Rice in Section 25 of Hayes Township and authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve **Resolution 2025-10-21-A**, Master Matrix for Doug White-Rice in Section 25 of Hayes Township. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-10-21-A
Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors

APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY'S RIGHTS TO APPEAL ISSUANCE OF FINAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Section 1. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has received notice from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that **Doug White-Rice** has been issued a draft permit for the construction of confined animal feeding operation building(s) located in the **SW1/4 of the NW1/4 in Section 25 T90N R37W Hayes Township** in unincorporated Buena Vista County.
- Section 2. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors reviewed the construction permit application and the manure management plan and determined that both appeared to be in compliance with the requirements of the Master Matrix, Iowa Code Section 459 and Iowa DNR rules and recommended approval of said application on **10/3/2025**.
- Section 3. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby waives its right to appeal the issuance of the final permit within the fourteen (14) day limit from the time of receipt of notice of the issuance of the draft permit.
- Section 4. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors encourages the Iowa DNR to issue the Final Permit immediately upon notification of this waiver.
- Section 5. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Board Chairman to notify the Iowa DNR of this waiver.
- Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Board Member Ringgenberg introduced the following resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPOINTING UMB BANK, N.A. OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA, TO SERVE AS PAYING AGENT, NOTE REGISTRAR, AND TRANSFER AGENT, APPROVING THE PAYING AGENT AND NOTE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT", and moved that the resolution be adopted. Board Member Hartman seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was, AYES: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

Resolution #2025-10-21-B

RESOLUTION APPOINTING UMB BANK, N.A. OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA, TO SERVE AS PAYING AGENT, NOTE REGISTRAR, AND TRANSFER AGENT, APPROVING THE PAYING AGENT AND NOTE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, \$3,235,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025B, dated November 5, 2025, have been sold and action should now be taken to provide for the maintenance of records, registration of certificates and payment of principal and interest in connection with the issuance of the Notes; and

WHEREAS, this Board has deemed that the services offered by UMB Bank, N.A. of West Des Moines, Iowa, are necessary for compliance with rules, regulations, and requirements governing the registration, transfer and payment of registered notes; and

WHEREAS, a Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement (hereafter "Agreement") has been prepared to be entered into between the County and UMB Bank, N.A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

1. That UMB Bank, N.A. of West Des Moines, Iowa, is hereby appointed to serve as Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent in connection with the issuance of \$3,235,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025B, dated November 5, 2025.
2. That the Agreement with UMB Bank, N.A. of West Des Moines, Iowa, is hereby approved and that the Chairperson and Auditor are authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of October, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Board Member Croker introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF LOAN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,235,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025B, AND LEVYING A TAX TO PAY SAID NOTES; APPROVAL OF THE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AND CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE" and moved that it be adopted. Board Member Hartman seconded the motion to adopt, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows: AYES: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

Resolution #2025-10-21-C

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF LOAN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,235,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025B, AND LEVYING A TAX TO PAY SAID NOTES; APPROVAL OF THE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AND CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, the Issuer is a political subdivision, organized and exists under and by virtue of the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer is in need of funds to pay costs of construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including improving, widening, installing culverts, paving and updating the 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site in multiple phases, specifically including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7; approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7; and updating and improving the intersection of Hwy 7 and 70th Ave to add turning lanes and other improvements to increase safety at this intersection (the "Roads Project"), essential county purpose(s), and it is deemed necessary and advisable that General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, to the amount of \$3,235,000 be authorized for said purpose(s); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice published as required by Sections 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa, this Board has held a public meeting and hearing upon the proposal to institute proceedings for the issuance of the Notes, and the Board is therefore now authorized to proceed with the issuance of said Notes for such purpose(s); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings in this Resolution unless the text expressly or by necessary implication requires otherwise:

- "AG" shall mean Assured Guaranty Inc., or any successor thereto.
- "Authorized Denominations" shall mean \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.
- "Beneficial Owner" shall mean, whenever used with respect to a Note, the person in whose name such Note is recorded as the beneficial owner of such Note by a Participant on the records of such Participant or such person's subrogee.
- "Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations" shall mean the Representation Letter from the Issuer to DTC, with respect to the Notes.
- "Capitalized Interest Fund" shall mean the portion of the Project Fund allocated to the Capitalized Interest Fund as required by this Resolution, to be used for the payment of capitalized interest.
- "Cede & Co." shall mean Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC, and any successor nominee of DTC with respect to the Notes.
- "Continuing Disclosure Certificate" shall mean that certain Continuing Disclosure Certificate approved under the terms of this Resolution and to be executed by the Issuer and dated the date of issuance and delivery of the Notes, as originally executed and as it may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

- "Depository Notes " shall mean the Notes as issued in the form of one global certificate for each maturity, registered in the Registration Books maintained by the Registrar in the name of DTC or its nominee.
- "DTC" shall mean The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, which will act as security depository for the Note pursuant to the Representation Letter.
- "Issuer" and "County" shall mean Buena Vista County, State of Iowa.
- "Loan Agreement" shall mean a Loan Agreement between the Issuer and a lender or lenders in substantially the form attached to and approved by this Resolution.
- "Note Fund" shall mean the fund created in Section 3 of this Resolution.
- "Notes" shall mean \$3,235,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025B, authorized to be issued by this Resolution.
- "Participants" shall mean those broker-dealers, banks and other financial institutions for which DTC holds Notes as securities depository.
- "Paying Agent" shall mean UMB Bank, N.A., or such successor as may be approved by Issuer as provided herein and who shall carry out the duties prescribed herein as Issuer's agent to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes as the same shall become due.
- "Policy" shall mean the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy issued by AG that guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Notes when due.
- "Project" shall mean the costs of construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including improving, widening, installing culverts, paving and updating the 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site in multiple phases, specifically including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7; approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7; and updating and improving the intersection of Hwy 7 and 70th Ave to add turning lanes and other improvements to increase safety at this intersection (the "Roads Project").
- "Project Fund" shall mean the fund required to be established by this Resolution for the deposit of the proceeds of the Notes.
- "Rebate Fund" shall mean the fund so defined in and established pursuant to the Tax Exemption Certificate.
- "Registrar" shall mean UMB Bank, N.A. of West Des Moines, Iowa, or such successor as may be approved by Issuer as provided herein and who shall carry out the duties prescribed herein with respect to maintaining a register of the owners of the Notes. Unless otherwise specified, the Registrar shall also act as Transfer Agent for the Notes.
- "Resolution" shall mean this resolution authorizing the Notes.
- "Tax Exemption Certificate" shall mean the Tax Exemption Certificate approved under the terms of this Resolution and to be executed by the Treasurer and delivered at the time of issuance and delivery of the Notes.

• "Treasurer" shall mean the County Treasurer or such other officer as shall succeed to the same duties and responsibilities with respect to the recording and payment of the Notes issued hereunder.

Section 2. Levy and Certification of Annual Tax; Other Funds to be Used.

a) Levy of Annual Tax. That for the purpose of providing funds to pay the principal and interest of the Notes hereinafter authorized to be issued, there is hereby levied for each future year the following direct annual tax on all of the taxable property in Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, to-wit:

AMOUNT	FISCAL YEAR (JULY 1 TO JUNE 30) YEAR OF COLLECTION
\$82,543.06*	2025/2026*
\$264,250	2026/2027
\$263,250	2027/2028
\$262,000	2028/2029
\$260,500	2029/2030
\$263,750	2030/2031
\$261,500	2031/2032
\$264,000	2032/2033
\$261,000	2033/2034
\$262,750	2034/2035
\$264,000	2035/2036
\$261,600	2036/2037
\$259,000	2037/2038
\$261,200	2038/2039
\$263,000	2039/2040
\$259,400	2040/2041
\$260,600	2041/2042
\$260,825	2042/2043
\$260,625	2043/2044

*Capitalized interest in the amount of \$82,543.06 will be used to pay the interest of the Note coming due in fiscal year 2025/2026. No principal is due in fiscal year 2025/2026.

(NOTE: For example the levy to be made and certified against the taxable valuations of January 1, 2024 will be collected during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025/2026.)

b) Resolution to be Filed With County Auditor. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Auditor of Buena Vista County, Iowa and the Auditor is hereby instructed in and for each of the years as provided, to levy and assess the tax hereby authorized in Section 2 of this Resolution, in like manner as other taxes are levied and assessed, and such taxes so levied in and for each of the years aforesaid be collected in like manner as other taxes of the County are collected, and when collected be used for the purpose of paying principal and interest on said Notes issued in anticipation of the tax, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

c) Additional County Funds Available. Principal and interest coming due at any time when the proceeds of said tax on hand shall be insufficient to pay the same shall be promptly paid when due from current funds of the County available for that purpose and reimbursement shall be made from such special fund in the amounts thus advanced.

Section 3. Note Fund. Said tax shall be assessed and collected each year at the same time and in the same manner as, and in addition to, all other taxes in and for the County, and when collected they shall be converted into a special fund within the Debt Service Fund to be known as the "GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTE FUND SERIES 2025B" (the "Note Fund"), which is hereby pledged for and shall be used only for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes hereinafter authorized to be issued; and also there shall be apportioned to said fund its proportion of taxes received by the County from property that is centrally assessed by the State of Iowa.

Section 4. Application of Note Proceeds. Proceeds of the Notes, other than accrued interest except as may be provided below, shall be credited to the Project Fund and expended therefrom for the purposes of issuance. Any amounts on hand in the Project Fund shall be available for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Notes at any time that other funds shall be insufficient to the purpose, in which event such funds shall be repaid to the Project Fund at the earliest opportunity. Any balance on hand in the Project Fund and not immediately required for its purposes may be invested not inconsistent with limitations provided by law or this Resolution. Within the Project Fund, \$82,543.06 of the Proceeds shall be allocated to the Capitalized Interest Fund.

Section 5. Investment of Note Fund Proceeds. All moneys held in the Note Fund, provided for by Section 3 of this Resolution shall be invested in investments permitted by Chapter 12B, Code of Iowa, as amended, or deposited in financial institutions which are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the deposits in which are insured thereby and all such deposits exceeding the maximum amount insured from time to time by FDIC or its equivalent successor in any one financial institution shall be continuously secured in compliance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa, as amended, or otherwise by a valid pledge of direct obligations of the United States Government having an equivalent market value. All such interim investments shall mature before the date on which the moneys are required for payment of principal of or interest on the Notes as herein provided.

Section 6. Note Details, Execution and Redemption.

a) Note Details. General Obligation Capital Loan Notes of the County in the amount of \$3,235,000, shall be issued to evidence the obligations of the Issuer under the Loan Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Sections 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa for the aforesaid purposes. The Notes shall be issued in one or more series and shall be secured equally and ratably from the sources provided in Section 3 of this Resolution. The Notes shall be designated "GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTE, SERIES 2025B", be dated November 5, 2025, and bear interest from the date thereof, until payment thereof, at the office of the Paying Agent, said interest payable on June 1, 2026, and semiannually thereafter on the 1st day of June and December in each year until maturity at the rates hereinafter provided.

The Notes shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chairperson and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Auditor, and impressed or printed with the seal of the County and shall be fully registered as to both principal and interest as provided in this Resolution; principal, interest and premium, if any, shall be payable at the office of the Paying Agent by mailing of a check to the registered owner of the Note. The Notes shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or multiples thereof. The Notes shall mature and bear interest as follows:

Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity June 1st
\$120,000	5.000%	2027
\$125,000	5.000%	2028
\$130,000	5.000%	2029
\$135,000	5.000%	2030
\$145,000	5.000%	2031
\$150,000	5.000%	2032
\$160,000	5.000%	2033
\$340,000	5.000%	2035*
\$570,000	4.000%	2038*
\$640,000	4.000%	2041*
\$720,000	4.250%	2044*

*Term Notes

b) Redemption.

i. Optional Redemption. Notes maturing after June 1, 2033, may be called for optional redemption by the Issuer on that date or any date thereafter, from any funds regardless of source, in whole or from time to time in part, in any order of maturity and within an annual maturity by lot. The terms of redemption shall be par, plus accrued interest to date of call.

Thirty days' written notice of redemption shall be given to the registered owner of the Note. Failure to give written notice to any registered owner of the Notes or any defect therein shall not affect the validity of any proceedings for the redemption of the Notes. All Notes or portions thereof called for redemption will cease to bear interest after the specified redemption date, provided funds for their redemption are on deposit at the place of payment. Written notice will be deemed completed upon transmission to the owner of record.

If selection by lot within a maturity is required, the Registrar shall designate the Notes to be redeemed by random selection of the names of the registered owners of the entire annual maturity until the total amount of Notes to be called has been reached.

If less than all of a maturity is called for redemption, the Issuer will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be redeemed prior to maturity. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each Participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each Participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interests in such maturity to be redeemed. All prepayments shall be at a price of par plus accrued interest.

ii. Mandatory Payment and Redemption of Term Notes. All Term Notes are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity at a price equal to 100% of the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed plus accrued interest at the redemption date on June 1st of each of the years in the principal amount set opposite each year in the following schedule:

Term Note #1

Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity June 1st
\$165,000	5.000%	2034
\$175,000	5.000%	2035*

*Final Maturity

Term Note #2

Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity June 1st
\$185,000	4.000%	2036
\$190,000	4.000%	2037
\$195,000	4.000%	2038*

*Final Maturity

Term Note #3

Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity June 1st
\$205,000	4.000%	2039
\$215,000	4.000%	2040
\$220,000	4.000%	2041*

*Final Maturity

Term Note #4

Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity June 1st
\$230,000	4.250%	2042
\$240,000	4.250%	2043
\$250,000	4.250%	2044*

*Final Maturity

The principal amount of Term Notes may be reduced through the earlier optional redemption, with any partial optional redemption of the Term Notes credited against future mandatory redemption requirements for such Term Notes in such order as the County shall determine.

Section 7. Issuance of Notes in Book-Entry Form; Replacement Notes.

a) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Resolution regarding registration, ownership, transfer, payment and exchange of the Notes, unless the Issuer determines to permit the exchange of Depository Notes for Notes in Authorized Denominations, the Notes shall be issued as Depository Notes in denominations of the entire principal amount of each maturity of Notes (or, if a portion of said principal amount is prepaid, said principal amount less the prepaid amount). The Notes must be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC. Payment of semiannual interest for any Notes registered in the name of Cede & Co. will be made by wire transfer or New York Clearing House or equivalent next day funds to the account of Cede & Co. on the interest payment date for the Notes at the address indicated or in the Representation Letter.

b) The Notes will be initially issued in the form of separate single authenticated fully registered bonds in the amount of each stated maturity of the Notes. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of the Notes will be registered in the registry books of the UMB Bank, N.A. kept by the Paying Agent and Registrar in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. The Paying Agent and Registrar and the Issuer may treat DTC (or its nominee) as the sole and exclusive owner of the Notes registered in its name for the purposes of payment of the principal or redemption price of or interest on the Notes, selecting the Notes or portions to be redeemed, giving any notice permitted or required to be given to registered owners of Notes under the Resolution of the Issuer, registering the transfer of Notes, obtaining any consent or other action to be taken by registered owners of the Notes and for other purposes. The Paying Agent, Registrar and the Issuer have no responsibility or obligation to any Participant or Beneficial Owner of the Notes under or through DTC with respect to the accuracy of records maintained by DTC or any Participant; with respect to the payment by DTC or Participant of an amount of principal or redemption price of or interest on the Notes; with respect to any notice given to owners of Notes under the Resolution; with respect to the Participant(s) selected to receive payment in the event of a partial redemption of the Notes, or a consent given or other action taken by DTC as registered owner of the Notes. The Paying Agent and Registrar shall pay all principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Notes only to Cede & Co. in accordance with the Representation Letter, and all payments are valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the Issuer's obligations with respect to the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Notes to the extent of the sum paid. DTC must receive an authenticated Bond for each separate stated maturity evidencing the obligation of the Issuer to make payments of principal of and premium, if any, and interest. Upon delivery by DTC to the Paying Agent and Registrar of written notice that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., the Notes will be transferable to the new nominee in accordance with this Section.

c) In the event the Issuer determines that it is in the best interest of the Beneficial Owners that they be able to obtain Notes certificates, the Issuer may notify DTC and the Paying Agent and Registrar, whereupon DTC will notify the Participants, of the availability through DTC of Notes certificates. The Notes will be transferable in accordance with this Section. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Notes at any time by giving notice to the Issuer and the Paying Agent and Registrar and discharging its responsibilities under applicable law. In this event, the Notes will be transferable in accordance with this Section.

d) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Resolution to the contrary, so long as any Note is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Note and all notices must be made and given, respectively to DTC as provided in the Representation letter.

e) In connection with any notice or other communication to be provided to Noteholders by the Issuer or the Paying Agent and Registrar with respect to a consent or other action to be taken by Noteholders, the Issuer or the Paying Agent and Registrar, as the case may be, shall establish a record date for the consent or other action and give DTC notice of the record date not less than 15 calendar days in advance of the record date to the extent possible. Notice to DTC must be given only when DTC is the sole Noteholder.

f) The Representation Letter is on file with DTC and sets forth certain matters with respect to, among other things, notices, consents and approvals by Noteholders and payments on the Notes. The execution and delivery of the Representation Letter to DTC by the Issuer is ratified and confirmed.

g) In the event that a transfer or exchange of the Notes is permitted under this Section, the transfer or exchange may be accomplished upon receipt by the Registrar from the registered owners of the Notes to be transferred or exchanged and appropriate instruments of transfer. In the event Note certificates are issued to holders other than Cede & Co., its successor as nominee for DTC as holder of all the Notes, or other securities depository as holder of all the Notes, the provisions of the Resolution apply to, among other things, the printing of certificates and the method or payment of principal of and interest on the certificates. Any substitute depository shall be designated in writing by the Issuer to the Paying Agent. Any such substitute depository shall be a qualified and registered "clearing agency" as provided in Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The substitute depository shall provide for (i) immobilization of the Depository Notes, (ii) registration and transfer of interests in Depository Notes by book entries made on records of the depository or its nominee and (iii) payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes in accordance with and as such interests may appear with respect to such book entries.

h) The officers of the Issuer are authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the purchaser, and to the attorneys approving the legality of Notes, certified copies of proceedings, ordinances, resolutions and records and all certificates and affidavits and other instruments as may be required to evidence the legality and marketability of the Notes, and all certified copies, certificates, affidavits and other instruments constitute representations of the Issuer as to the correctness of all stated or recited facts.

Section 8. Registration of Notes; Appointment of Registrar; Transfer; Ownership; Delivery; and Cancellation.

a) Registration. The ownership of Notes may be transferred only by the making of an entry upon the books kept for the registration and transfer of ownership of the Notes, and in no other way. UMB Bank, N.A. is hereby appointed as Note Registrar under the terms of this Resolution and under the provisions of a separate agreement with the Issuer filed herewith which is made a part hereof by this reference. Registrar shall maintain the books of the Issuer for the registration of ownership of the Notes for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes as provided in this Resolution. All Notes shall be negotiable as provided in Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code and Section 331.446 of the Code of Iowa, subject to the provisions for registration and transfer contained in the Notes and in this Resolution.

b) Transfer. The ownership of any Note may be transferred only upon the Registration Books kept for the registration and transfer of Notes and only upon surrender thereof at the office of the Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the holder or his duly authorized attorney in fact in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Registrar, along with the address and social security number or federal employer identification number of such transferee (or, if registration is to be made in the name of multiple individuals, of all such transferees). In the event that the address of the registered owner of a Note (other than a registered owner which is the nominee of the broker or dealer in question) is that of a broker or dealer, there must be disclosed on the Registration Books the information pertaining to the registered owner required above. Upon the transfer of any such Note, a new fully registered Note, of any denomination or denominations permitted by this Resolution in aggregate principal amount equal to the unmatured and unredeemed principal amount of such transferred fully registered Note, and

bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date or dates shall be delivered by the Registrar.

c) Registration of Transferred Notes. In all cases of the transfer of the Notes, the Registrar shall register, at the earliest practicable time, on the Registration Books, the Notes, in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

d) Ownership. As to any Note, the person in whose name the ownership of the same shall be registered on the Registration Books of the Registrar shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal of any such Notes and the premium, if any, and interest thereon shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note, including the interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

e) Cancellation. All Notes which have been redeemed shall not be reissued but shall be cancelled by the Registrar. All Notes which are cancelled by the Registrar shall be destroyed and a certificate of the destruction thereof shall be furnished promptly to the Issuer; provided that if the Issuer shall so direct, the Registrar shall forward the cancelled Notes to the Issuer.

f) Non-Presentation of Notes. In the event any payment check, wire, or electronic transfer of funds representing payment of principal of or interest on the Notes is returned to the Paying Agent or if any note is not presented for payment of principal at the maturity or redemption date, if funds sufficient to pay such principal of or interest on Notes shall have been made available to the Paying Agent for the benefit of the owner thereof, all liability of the Issuer to the owner thereof for such interest or payment of such Notes shall forthwith cease, terminate and be completely discharged, and thereupon it shall be the duty of the Paying Agent to hold such funds, without liability for interest thereon, for the benefit of the owner of such Notes who shall thereafter be restricted exclusively to such funds for any claim of whatever nature on his part under this Resolution or on, or with respect to, such interest or Notes. The Paying Agent's obligation to hold such funds shall continue for a period equal to two years and six months following the date on which such interest or principal became due, whether at maturity, or at the date fixed for redemption thereof, or otherwise, at which time the Paying Agent shall surrender any remaining funds so held to the Issuer, whereupon any claim under this Resolution by the Owners of such interest or Notes of whatever nature shall be made upon the Issuer.

g) Registration and Transfer Fees. The Registrar may furnish to each owner, at the Issuer's expense, one note for each annual maturity. The Registrar shall furnish additional Notes in lesser denominations (but not less than the minimum denomination) to an owner who so requests.

Section 9. Reissuance of Mutilated, Destroyed, Stolen or Lost Notes. In case any outstanding Note shall become mutilated or be destroyed, stolen or lost, the Issuer shall at the request of Registrar authenticate and deliver a new Note of like tenor and amount as the Note so mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost, in exchange and substitution for such mutilated Note to Registrar, upon surrender of such mutilated Note, or in lieu of and substitution for the Note destroyed, stolen or lost, upon filing with the Registrar evidence satisfactory to the Registrar and Issuer that such Note has been destroyed, stolen or lost and proof of ownership thereof, and upon furnishing the Registrar and Issuer with satisfactory indemnity and complying with such other reasonable regulations as the Issuer or its agent may prescribe and paying such expenses as the Issuer may incur in connection therewith.

Section 10. Record Date. Payments of principal and interest, otherwise than upon full redemption, made in respect of any Note, shall be made to the registered holder thereof or to their designated agent as the same appear on the books of the Registrar on the 15th day of the month preceding the payment date. All such payments shall fully discharge the obligations of the Issuer in respect of such Notes to the extent of the payments so made. Upon receipt of the final payment of principal, the holder of the Note shall surrender the Note to the Paying Agent.

Section 11. Execution, Authentication and Delivery of the Notes. Upon the adoption of this Resolution, the Chairperson and Auditor shall execute the Notes by their manual or authorized signature and deliver the Notes to the Registrar, who shall authenticate the Notes and deliver the same to or upon order of the Purchaser. No Note shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or shall be entitled to any right or benefit hereunder unless the Registrar shall duly endorse and execute on such Note a Certificate of Authentication substantially in the form of the Certificate herein set forth. Such Certificate upon any Note executed on behalf of the Issuer shall be conclusive evidence that the Note so authenticated has been duly issued under this Resolution and that the holder thereof is entitled to the benefits of this Resolution.

No Notes shall be authenticated and delivered by the Registrar unless and until there shall have been provided the following:

1. A certified copy of the resolution of Issuer approving the execution of a Loan Agreement and a copy of the Loan Agreement;
2. A written order of Issuer signed by the Treasurer of the Issuer directing the authentication and delivery of the Notes to or upon the order of the Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price as set forth therein;
3. The approving opinion of Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Bond Counsel, concerning the validity and legality of all the Notes proposed to be issued.

Section 12. Right to Name Substitute Paying Agent or Registrar. Issuer reserves the right to name a substitute, successor Registrar or Paying Agent upon giving prompt written notice to each registered noteholder.

Form of Note. Notes shall be printed substantially in the form as follows:

"STATE OF IOWA"
"COUNTY OF BUENA VISTA"
"GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTE"
"SERIES 2025B"
ESSENTIAL COUNTY PURPOSE

Rate: _____
Maturity:
Note Date: November 5, 2025
CUSIP No.: _____
"Registered"
Certificate No. _____
Principal Amount: \$ _____

Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, a political subdivision organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa (the "Issuer"), for value received, promises to pay from the source and as hereinafter provided, on the maturity date indicated above, to

(Registration panel to be completed by Registrar or Printer with name of Registered Owner).

or registered assigns, the principal sum of (enter principal amount in long form) THOUSAND DOLLARS in lawful money of the United States of America, on the maturity date shown above, only upon presentation and surrender hereof at the office of UMB Bank, N.A., Paying Agent of this issue, or its successor, with interest on the sum from the date hereof until paid at the rate per annum specified above, payable on June 1, 2026, and semiannually thereafter on the 1st day of June and December in each year.

Interest and principal shall be paid to the registered holder of the Note as shown on the records of ownership maintained by the Registrar as of the 15th day of the month preceding such interest payment date. Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

This Note is issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of paying costs of construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, or equipping of bridges, roads, and culverts which assist in economic development through the creation of jobs and wealth, including improving, widening, installing culverts, paving and updating the 4 miles of roads directly surrounding the Platinum Crush site in multiple phases, specifically including approximately 2.1 miles of 70th avenue from C63 (610th St) north to Hwy 7; approximately 1.75 miles of 600th Street and 80th Ave from 70th Ave east then north to Hwy 7; and updating and improving the intersection of Hwy 7 and 70th Ave to add turning lanes and other improvements to increase safety at this intersection (the "Roads Project"), and in order to evidence the obligations of the Issuer under a certain Loan Agreement dated the date hereof, in conformity to a Resolution of the Board of said County duly passed and approved. For a complete statement of the funds from which and the conditions under which this Note is payable, and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this Note is issued, reference is made to the above described Loan Agreement and Resolution.

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a limited purpose trust company ("DTC"), to the Issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other Issuer as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE

OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL in as much as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

Notes maturing after June 1, 2033, may be called for optional redemption by the Issuer and paid before maturity on said date or any date thereafter, from any funds regardless of source, in whole or from time to time in part, in any order of maturity and within an annual maturity by lot. The terms of redemption shall be par, plus accrued interest to date of call.

Thirty days' written notice of redemption shall be given to the registered owner of the Note. Failure to give written notice to any registered owner of the Notes or any defect therein shall not affect the validity of any proceedings for the redemption of the Notes. All notes or portions thereof called for redemption will cease to bear interest after the specified redemption date, provided funds for their redemption are on deposit at the place of payment. Written notice will be deemed completed upon transmission to the owner of record.

If selection by lot within a maturity is required, the Registrar shall designate the Notes to be redeemed by random selection of the names of the registered owners of the entire annual maturity until the total amount of Notes to be called has been reached.

If less than all of a maturity is called for redemption, the Issuer will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be redeemed prior to maturity. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each Participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each Participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interests in such maturity to be redeemed. All prepayments shall be at a price of par plus accrued interest.

The Notes maturing on June 1, 2035 are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity by application of money on deposit in the Note Fund and shall bear interest at 5.000% per annum at a price of the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed plus accrued interest at the redemption date on June 1st of each of the years in the principal amount set opposite each year in the following schedule:

Term Note #1

Principal Amount	Maturity June 1st
\$165,000	2034
\$175,000	2035*

*Final Maturity

The Notes maturing on June 1, 2038 are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity by application of money on deposit in the Note Fund and shall bear interest at 4.000% per annum at a price of the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed plus accrued interest at the redemption date on June 1st of each of the years in the principal amount set opposite each year in the following schedule:

Term Note #2

Principal Amount	Maturity June 1st
\$185,000	2036
\$190,000	2037
\$195,000	2038*

*Final Maturity

The Notes maturing on June 1, 2041 are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity by application of money on deposit in the Note Fund and shall bear interest at 4.000% per annum at a price of the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed plus accrued interest at the redemption date on June 1st of each of the years in the principal amount set opposite each year in the following schedule:

Term Note #3

Principal Amount	Maturity June 1st
\$205,000	2039
\$215,000	2040
\$220,000	2041*

*Final Maturity

The Notes maturing on June 1, 2044 are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity by application of money on deposit in the Note Fund and shall bear interest at 4.250% per annum at a price of the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed plus accrued interest at the redemption date on June 1st of each of the years in the principal amount set opposite each year in the following schedule:

Term Note #4

Principal Amount	Maturity June 1st
\$230,000	2042
\$240,000	2043
\$250,000	2044*

*Final Maturity

The principal amount of Term Notes may be reduced through the earlier optional redemption, with any partial optional redemption of the Term Notes credited against future mandatory redemption requirements for such Term Notes in such order as the County shall determine.

Ownership of this Note may be transferred only by transfer upon the books kept for such purpose by UMB Bank, N.A., the Registrar. Such transfer on the books shall occur only upon presentation and surrender of this Note at the office of the Registrar as designated below, together with an assignment duly executed by the owner hereof or his duly authorized attorney in the form as shall be satisfactory to the Registrar. Issuer reserves the right to substitute the Registrar and Paying Agent but shall, however, promptly give notice to registered Noteholders of such change. All notes shall be negotiable as provided in Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code and Section 331.446 of the Code of Iowa, subject to the provisions for registration and transfer contained in the Note Resolution.

This Note is a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" designated by the County for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

And it is hereby represented and certified that all acts, conditions and things requisite, according to the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa, to exist, to be had, to be done, or to be performed precedent to the lawful issue of this Note, have been existent, had, done and performed as required by law; that provision has been made for the levy of a sufficient continuing annual tax on all the taxable property within the territory of the Issuer for the payment of the principal and interest of this Note as the same will respectively become due; that such taxes have been irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest; and the total indebtedness of the Issuer including this Note, does not exceed the constitutional or statutory limitations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Issuer by its Board, has caused this Note to be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of its Chairperson and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of its County Auditor, with the seal of the County printed or impressed hereon, and to be authenticated by the manual signature of an authorized representative of the Registrar, UMB Bank, N.A., West Des Moines, Iowa.

Date of authentication: _____

This is one of the Notes described in the within mentioned Resolution, as registered by UMB Bank, N.A.

UMB BANK, N.A., Registrar

By: _____
Authorized Signature

Registrar and Transfer Agent: UMB Bank, N.A.
Paying Agent: UMB Bank, N.A.

SEE REVERSE FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

(Seal)
(Signature Block)

BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA

By: _____ (manual or facsimile signature) _____
Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____ (manual or facsimile signature) _____
County Auditor

(Information Required for Registration)

STATEMENT OF INSURANCE

Assured Guaranty Inc. ("AG"), has delivered its municipal bond insurance policy (the "policy") with respect to the scheduled payments due of principal of and interest on this Note to UMB Bank, N.A., West Des Moines, Iowa, or its successor, as paying agent for the Notes (the "Paying Agent"). Said policy is on file and available for inspection at the principal office of the Paying Agent and a copy thereof may be obtained from AG or the Paying Agent. All payments required to be made under the Policy shall be made in accordance with the provisions thereof. The owner of this Note acknowledges and consents to the subrogation rights of AG as more fully set forth in the Policy.

ASSIGNMENT

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____ (Social Security or Tax Identification No. _____) the within Note and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____ attorney in fact to transfer the said Note on the books kept for registration of the within Note, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

(Person(s) executing this Assignment sign(s) here)

SIGNATURE)
GUARANTEED) _____

IMPORTANT - READ CAREFULLY

The signature(s) to this Power must correspond with the name(s) as written upon the face of the certificate(s) or note(s) in every particular without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever. Signature guarantee must be provided in accordance with the prevailing standards and procedures of the Registrar and Transfer Agent. Such standards and procedures may require signature to be guaranteed by certain eligible guarantor institutions that participate in a recognized signature guarantee program.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER

Name of Transferee(s) _____
Address of Transferee(s) _____
Social Security or Tax Identification
Number of Transferee(s) _____
Transferee is a(n):
Individual* _____ Corporation _____
Partnership _____ Trust _____

*If the Note is to be registered in the names of multiple individual owners, the names of all such owners and one address and social security number must be provided.

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this Note, shall be construed as though written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

- TEN COM - as tenants in common
TEN ENT - as tenants by the entireties
JT TEN - as joint tenants with rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common
IA UNIF TRANS MIN ACT - Custodian
(Cust) (Minor)
Under Iowa Uniform Transfers to Minors Act..... (State)

ADDITIONAL ABBREVIATIONS MAY ALSO BE USED THOUGH NOT IN THE ABOVE LIST

(End of form of Note)

Section 14. Loan Agreement and Closing Documents. The form of Loan Agreement in substantially the form attached to this Resolution is hereby approved and is authorized to be executed and issued on behalf of the Issuer by the Chairperson and attested by the County Auditor. The Chairperson and County Auditor are authorized and directed to execute, attest, seal and deliver for and on behalf of the County any other additional certificates, documents, or other papers and perform all other acts, including without limitation the execution of all closing documents, as they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement and carry out the intent and purposes of this Resolution.

Section 15. Contract Between Issuer and Purchaser. This Resolution constitutes a contract between said County and the purchaser of the Notes.

Section 16. Non-Arbitrage Covenants. The Issuer reasonably expects and covenants that no use will be made of the proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Notes issued hereunder which will cause any of the Notes to be classified as arbitrage notes within the meaning of Sections 148(a) and (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as amended, and that throughout the term of the Notes it will comply with the requirements of statutes and regulations issued thereunder.

To the best knowledge and belief of the Issuer, there are no facts or circumstances that would materially change the foregoing statements or the conclusion that it is not expected that the proceeds of the Notes will be used in a manner that would cause the Notes to be arbitrage notes.

Section 17. Approval of Tax Exemption Certificate. Attached hereto is a form of Tax Exemption Certificate stating the Issuer's reasonable expectations as to the use of the proceeds of the Notes. The form of Tax Exemption Certificate is approved. The Issuer hereby agrees to comply with the provisions of the Tax Exemption Certificate and the provisions of the Tax Exemption Certificate are hereby incorporated

by reference as part of this Resolution. The County Treasurer is hereby directed to make and insert all calculations and determinations necessary to complete the Tax Exemption Certificate at issuance of the Notes to certify as to the reasonable expectations and covenants of the Issuer at that date.

Section 18. Continuing Disclosure. The Issuer hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, and the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate are hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Resolution and made a part hereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, failure of the Issuer to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall not be considered an event of default under this Resolution; however, any holder of the Notes or Beneficial Owner may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. For purposes of this section, "Beneficial Owner" means any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Note (including persons holding Notes through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Notes for federal income tax purposes.

Section 19. Additional Covenants, Representations and Warranties of the Issuer. The Issuer certifies and covenants with the purchasers and holders of the Notes from time to time outstanding that the Issuer through its officers, (a) will make such further specific covenants, representations and assurances as may be necessary or advisable; (b) comply with all representations, covenants and assurances contained in the Tax Exemption Certificate, which Tax Exemption Certificate shall constitute a part of the contract between the Issuer and the owners of the Notes; (c) consult with Bond Counsel (as defined in the Tax Exemption Certificate); (d) pay to the United States, as necessary, such sums of money representing required rebates of excess arbitrage profits relating to the Notes; (e) file such forms, statements and supporting documents as may be required and in a timely manner; and (f) if deemed necessary or advisable by its officers, to employ and pay fiscal agents, financial advisors, attorneys and other persons to assist the Issuer in such compliance.

Section 20. Amendment of Resolution to Maintain Tax Exemption. This Resolution may be amended without the consent of any owner of the Notes if, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, such amendment is necessary to maintain tax exemption with respect to the Notes under applicable Federal law or regulations.

Section 21. Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. For the sole purpose of qualifying the Notes as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, the Issuer hereby designates the Notes as qualified tax-exempt obligations and represents that the reasonably anticipated amount of tax-exempt governmental and qualified 501(c)(3) obligations which will be issued during the current calendar year will not exceed Ten (10) Million Dollars.

Section 22. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions or Ordinances. All ordinances and resolutions and parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 23. Severability Clause. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining provisions hereof, and this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of October, 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the minutes of 10/14/2025 as corrected, today's claims approval list, stamped warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements, adding a VISA bill for Rolling Hills, and accepting the following reports: September Conservation Board minutes, Recorder's Report of Fees Collected (July0Sept), and July SHIELD Board minutes. Ayes: Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Croker (opposed paying the Rolling Hills VISA bill). Motion carried.

Supervisor Croker informed the Board that the Lake Improvement Commission would like to have a signed 28E Agreement by tonight. County Attorney Paul Allen had reviewed the current 28E Agreement on the Lake Improvement Commission and had some changes that he would propose, but the Commission does not want to make any changes. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and adopt the original 28E Agreement for the Lake Improvement Commission. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to authorize the Auditor to transfer \$247,058 of TIF revenue, Fund 0037, to Fund 2022 Debt Service-Platinum Crush. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme stopped in to update the Board on the DD #13 meeting he attended at Storm Lake City Hall. Blomme will be meeting sometime with the City's Engineer and Attorney to discuss DD #13.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. until Tuesday, October 28 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (44)
OCTOBER 28, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, October 28, 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve today's agenda. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to renew the lease on the building in Linn Grove, to Eagles Landing, LLC, for 3 years, FY'26, FY'27, and FY'28, at \$600 per year. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: The work on the box culvert on Phase 2, working on 80th Ave., continues. The final payment will be made next week on Phase 1. Bond proceeds will be coming in next week for the Phase 2 project.

Secondary Roads Report: They have been working on driveways, concrete, hauling limestone to stockpiles, and cleaning up road ditches. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he met with DOT on the IA

Transportation Funding Steering Committee, and the DOT's 20-year projection is a shortfall of \$600M per year for the next 20 years.

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

EMA Director Aimee Barritt informed the Board that the Opioid Committee had met and discussed some uses for the Opioid Funds. Barritt would like to use some of the Opioid Funds to replace the AED electrodes in county buildings and Sheriff Department vehicles. Barritt stated that currently there are 32 AEDs, and the electrode sets have different expiration dates, most of them need replacing now or in 2026. She also informed the Board that there is a need for 3 additional AED units in county facilities. The Opioid Committee approved a standing approval to use Opioid Funds to replace electrodes and batteries in the existing AEDs, and to purchase 3 additional AEDs. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to authorize using up to \$12,000 of Opioid Funds to purchase AED's and updates for the existing AED's. Carried.

The Chair opened the public hearing for the 1st **FY'26 budget amendment**, Notice was published as required. Croker asked questions about the amendments submitted by Conservation, particularly about the proposed transfer from General Basic to the new Marina Improvement Fund. Conservation Director Greg Johnson was online to answer the question, stating that the Conservation Board would like to place some of the past two years carryover for the Marina budget to a separate fund that would accrue interest so that when docks need to be replaced, there would be a fund to pay those expense from. The Board suspended the public hearing until later in the meeting when Johnson would be available in-person.

Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of David R. Turnquist and Laura L. Turnquist, in Section 14-91-38. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, authorize the Chair to sign Resolution #2025-10-28-B. Carried.

RESOLUTION # 2025-10-28-B

WHEREAS David R. & Laura L. Turnquist have presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

DESCRIPTION LOT E

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 38 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14; thence South 89° 36' 00" East (assumed bearing), on the south line of said Southeast Quarter, 582.00 feet to the Southeast Corner of a parcel which appears of record in Book 49, Page 871 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder, also being the Point of Beginning; thence North 00° 01' 39" East, on the east line of said parcel, 299.00 feet to the Northeast Corner of said parcel; thence continuing North 00° 01' 39" East, 104.62 feet; thence South 89° 38' 27" East, 425.45 feet to the Northwest Corner of Lot B which appears of record as document number 062983 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder; thence South 00° 00' 57" West, on the West Line of said Lot B, 403.93 feet to the south line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 89° 36' 00" West, on said South Line, 425.53 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot E in Section 14, Township 91 North, Range 38 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 3.94 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

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:

DESCRIPTION LOT E

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 38 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14; thence South 89° 36' 00" East (assumed bearing), on the south line of said Southeast Quarter, 582.00 feet to the Southeast Corner of a parcel which appears of record in Book 49, Page 871 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder, also being the Point of Beginning; thence North 00° 01' 39" East, on the east line of said parcel, 299.00 feet to the Northeast Corner of said parcel; thence continuing North 00° 01' 39" East, 104.62 feet; thence South 89° 38' 27" East, 425.45 feet to the Northwest Corner of Lot B which appears of record as document number 062983 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder; thence South 00° 00' 57" West, on the West Line of said Lot B, 403.93 feet to the south line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 89° 36' 00" West, on said South Line, 425.53 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot E in Section 14, Township 91 North, Range 38 West of the 5th 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:

DESCRIPTION LOT E

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 38 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14; thence South 89° 36' 00" East (assumed bearing), on the south line of said Southeast Quarter, 582.00 feet to the Southeast Corner of a parcel which appears of record in Book 49, Page 871 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder, also being the Point of Beginning; thence North 00° 01' 39" East, on the east line of said parcel, 299.00 feet to the Northeast Corner of said parcel; thence continuing North 00° 01' 39" East, 104.62 feet; thence South 89° 38' 27" East, 425.45 feet to the Northwest Corner of Lot B which appears of record as document number 062983 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder; thence South 00° 00' 57" West, on the West Line of said Lot B, 403.93 feet to the south line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 89° 36' 00" West, on said South Line, 425.53 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot E in Section 14, Township 91 North, Range 38 West of the 5th 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 28th day of October 2025.

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

Public Health Assistant Administrator Lacey Anderson informed the Board of an employee that is need of donated time, as they are having a non-elective surgery in November, and they have been employed less than six months and don't have any sick leave yet. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to allow county employees to **donate time** to an employee in the Public Health Office, who doesn't have any sick leave yet. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson reviewed the 2025 Weed Commissioner's Report. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **2025 Weed Commissioner's Report**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 10/21/2025 as presented, and accepting the following **reports**: September NW IA YES Center minutes, October CIJDC minutes, and CIJDC FY'23 Audit Report. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the supervisors to sign **Operation Green Light for Veterans Proclamation**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the slate of officers for the **Iowa Lakes Corridor Directors**, voting for the five candidates on the ballot. Carried.

Supervisors Croker had requested time on the agenda to update the public on the **Marina**. Those in attendance were Charles Hernandez, Lindsay Kruse (Storm Lake Radio), Conservation Director Greg Johnson, Conservation Board Member Jeff Kestel, Michael Pertzborn II, Tony Pertzborn, Jared Brashears, and Mike Wilson. Croker reviewed the recent public survey conducted by the marina subcommittee, which showed 80% of the respondents preferred using the lakefront building at the Marina for public events and community education. The remaining 20% backed the Conservation Board's proposal for offices and environmental programming. Croker stated that the subcommittee met for two years and couldn't come to a consensus of the use of the lakefront area of the Marina building. Croker stated that she was on the subcommittee and favors restoring the lakefront building to a public gathering space. Johnson stated that he would like to move the Conservation offices from the Buena Vista County Park, which is 30 miles away, to the Marina. Johnson presented a drawing of an expansion, stating that the site could serve dual purposes, hosting events while also providing workspace for staff. Croker commented that the county shouldn't ask taxpayers to fund an addition. Croker stated that she would like to remodel the back buildings at the marina to be used for workspace, keeping the lakefront part of the building available for public events. Merten stated that the supervisors wanted to have public input on the Marina project, stating that a compromise needs to be worked out and then determine where the funds will come from.

The Board continued the public hearing on the FY'26 County budget amendment. 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 Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the 1st **FY'26 budget amendment** as published, to authorize the Chair to sign the Budget Amendment certification, and to approve the following appropriations:

Increase activity	0300	General Basic (0001) Transfer to 0038	Dept 90	\$130,000
Increase activity	0220	Capital Project (1520)	Dept 22	\$186,371
Increase activity	1000	Special Law Enforcement (0026)	Dept 17	\$4,500
Increase activity	1100	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 04	\$37,268
Increase activity	3200	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 21	\$3,000
Increase activity	6100	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 22	\$4,500
Increase activity	6110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 22	\$22,420
Increase activity	8000	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 02	\$1,932

Increase activity	8010	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 02	\$7,000
Increase activity	9030	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$3,300
Increase activity	9040	MHDS Fund (0006)	Dept 61	\$18,996 Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-10-28-A**, amending the FY'26 Annual Budget. Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10-28-A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY'26 ANNUAL BUDGET
BY ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #1**

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 has reviewed the budget amendment #1 for FY'26, as presented by the County Auditor, increasing appropriations by \$419,287; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors believe the aforesaid budget amendment #1 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 28th day of October, 2025, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors.

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

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Non-Disclosure Agreement** for Central Insure. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. until Tuesday, November 4 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-FIFTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (45)
NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 4, 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **gravel stockpile lease** with the City of Newell, for 3 years, beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028, at \$100 per year, for the life of the lease. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for ITCMW, Dubuque, IA, to remove a 3-mile stretch of electric lines along C13/440th St. in Sections 9, 10, 13, and 14, going west from Sioux Rapids. Carried.

Platinum Crush Road Project Update: The work on the box culvert on Phase 2, working on 80th Ave., continues. They have made two pours so far on the box culvert, and will pour the outlet section on Friday, and next week will be building upwards with walls. Engineer Wilkinson stated that 80th Ave. will be open for the winter. The Phase 1 payment is going out this week. Wilkinson stated that there are no dates yet on the railroad diagnostic meeting.

Secondary Roads Report: The crew has been getting the snow equipment ready. They are also working on driveways, mowing around guardrails, and removing some downed trees from the wind on Sunday.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 10/28/2025 as corrected, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accepting the following **reports:** September 30 CIJDC Executive Committee minutes, October 10 CIJDC Executive Committee minutes, October 20 CIJDC Executive Committee minutes, and September 26 Central IA Detention Commission minutes. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. until Wednesday, November 12 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session and to canvass the City/School Election. Carried.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-SIXTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (46)
NOVEMBER 12, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Wednesday, November 12, 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 Hartman, to amend **today's agenda**, to table the abatement on parcel #1034430024. Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman updated the Board on motorcycle testing and new DOT equipment. October 30 was the last day for the motorcycle testing season. Haberman stated that the DOT is revamping the 2010 software used in Motor Vehicle and Drivers Licensing. A new check-in scheduling system for the Driver's License Department will be coming first. The DOT will be paying for the equipment, which includes a 50" TV and a kiosk. Haberman stated that individuals will be able to walk in and use the kiosk to make appointments or there will be a number to call to make an appointment.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 11/4/2025 as presented, and accepting the following **reports**: November Safety Committee minutes, October Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, October Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, May-Aug VA Commission minutes, and Post-Election Audit Report & Auditor Certification. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **transfer** \$102,614.64 from Fund 1540 Capital Projects-Secondary Roads/Platinum Crush to Fund 0020 Secondary Roads for reimbursement of Phase 2 and Phase 3 expenditures paid before bond proceeds came in. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to accept the Assessor's recommendation for allowance of the **2025 Family Farm Credits**, as per Iowa Code Section 425.3. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and sign the **14-day waiver** of the construction permit of Doug White-Rice in Section 25 Hayes Township. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-11-12-A** Approval of waiver of Buena Vista County's Rights to Appeal Issuance of Final Construction Permit for the Construction of Confined Animal Feeding Operation by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for Doug White-Rice in Section 25 Hayes Township. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-11-12-A
Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors

APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY'S RIGHTS TO APPEAL ISSUANCE OF FINAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Section 1. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has received notice from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that **Doug White-Rice** has been issued a draft permit for the construction of confined animal feeding operation building(s) located in the **SW1/4 of the NW1/4 in Section 25 T90N R37W Hayes Township** in unincorporated Buena Vista County.
- Section 2. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors reviewed the construction permit application and the manure management plan and determined that both appeared to be in compliance with the requirements of the Master Matrix, Iowa Code Section 459 and Iowa DNR rules and recommended approval of said application on **10/3/2025**.
- Section 3. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby waives its right to appeal the issuance of the final permit within the fourteen (14) day limit from the time of receipt of notice of the issuance of the draft permit.
- Section 4. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors encourages the Iowa DNR to issue the Final Permit immediately upon notification of this waiver.
- Section 5. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Board Chairman to notify the Iowa DNR of this waiver.
- Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check #331667**, dated 9/9/2025 to Lacey Anderson in the amount of \$24.75. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize all members to sign their respective **Public Official Bond Renewal**. Carried.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen was present for the canvass of the City/School Election. Ahrendsen stated that there was a 20.71% turnout for this election. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to declare the results of the **canvass** of the 2025 Regular City-School Election held November 4, as follows:

City of Albert City:

MAYOR (2 YR)

Dale Skog 70 elected
Scattering 1

COUNCIL MEMBERS (2 - 4 YR.)

Kenneth Krohn 68 elected
Bruce Forbes 64 elected
Scattering 3

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City of Alta -

MAYOR (2 YR)

Desi Suter 343 elected
Jonathan Hansen 163
Scattering 7

COUNCIL MEMBERS (2 - 4 YR)

Alyson Sievers 269 elected
Laura Millard 224 elected
Michael Miller 210
Tom Lane 103
Linda Pickett 77
Jerry Stone 51
Scattering 21

COUNCIL MEMBER TO FILL A VACANCY (1-2 YR)

Peggy Hinkeldey 412 elected
Scattering 37

PARK BOARD (2 – 6 YR)

Anna Speers 461 elected
Brian Schreck 8 elected
Scattering 25

PARK BOARD TO FILL A VACANCY (1 – 4 YR)

Shannon Strand 401 elected
Scattering 20

For Public Measure C1 – Shall the City of Alta, in Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, enter into a loan agreement and issue general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding \$1,250,000 for the purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of constructing, furnishing and equipping a municipal library?

Yes 208
No 315

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City of Lakeside -

MAYOR (2 YR)

Troy Mayland 53 elected
Scattering 6

COUNCIL MEMBERS (3 - 4 YR)

Charlie Larson 49 elected
Steve Brashears 42 elected
Diane Fulcher 40 elected
Geneva Brungardt 36
Scattering 1

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City of Linn Grove -

MAYOR (2 YR)

Aaron Anderson 35 elected
Scattering 4

COUNCIL MEMBERS (5 – 2)

Eugene Johnson 33 elected
Wade Withers 32 elected
Steven C. Jessen 31 elected
Jud Graesing 30 elected
Denny Graesing 26 elected
Melissa Merida 24
Scattering 7

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City of Marathon -

MAYOR (2 YR)

Mary Brooks 28 elected
Scattering 9

COUNCIL MEMBERS (2 - 4 YR)

Dakota York 27 elected
Douglas L. Enger 23 elected
Jon A. Carlsen 16
Terry Swisse 13
Scattering 1

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City of Newell -

MAYOR (4 YR)

Justin Lyman 110 elected
Wayne Westergaard 73

COUNCIL MEMBERS (3 - 4 YR)

Larry Nielsen 127 elected
Stephen Taylor 117 elected
Quinten Robinson 35 elected
Scattering 30

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COUNCIL MEMBERS (3 - 4 YR)

Daymon Lynn Hickman 22 elected
Michael Siebrecht 21 elected
Natasha Hickman 6
Justin Harrington 15 elected
Scattering 6

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City of Sioux Rapids -		COUNCIL MEMBERS (2 - 4 YR)	
MAYOR (4 YR)			
Michael Katschman	92 elected	Susan Mathe	48 elected
James Wise	73	Christy Wernimont	38 elected
Scattering	1	Angie Gunderson	28
		Scattering	40

COUNCIL TO FILL VACANCY (1 – 2 YR)

Kevin Thompson	139 elected
Scattering	8

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City of Storm Lake -		COUNCIL MEMBERS (2 - 4 YR)	
MAYOR (4 YR)			
Meg McKeon	301 elected	Margaret Martinez	502 elected
Charles Hernandez	158	Richard Riner	404 elected
Scattering	131	Dalton Walker	393
		Scattering	20

COUNCIL MEMBER (1 – 2 YR)

Don Piercy Jr.	581 elected
Scattering	41

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City of Truesdale -		COUNCIL MEMBERS (5 - 2 YR)	
MAYOR (2 YR)			
Mike Paulsen	8 elected	Melinda Barkley	8 elected
Scattering	1	Needra Ripke	7 elected
		La Tonya Weiland	7 elected
		Kevin Weiland	9 elected
		Vaughn Barkley	7 elected
		Scattering	8

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All school results will not be final until November 18th, after the second-tier canvass-

Albert City-Truesdale School District:

For School Board Director - elect 3	
Roman De La Torre	92
Kayla McCarthy	101
Megan Lovin	104
Scattering	4

Alta- Aurelia Community School District:

For School Board Director - elect 2	
Jayden Van Berkum	426
Thomas Hinkeldey	500
Lindsay Brown	211
Scattering	9

Galva Holstein School District:

For School Board Director, At-Large - elect 1	
Reuben DeLaO	0
Tyler Vohs	0
For School Board Director, District 1 - elect 1	
Jeff Witzke	0
For School Board Director, District 2 - elect 1	
Jamie Whitmer	0
For School Board Director, District 5 – elect 1	
Matthew Wittrock	0

Laurens/Marathon School District:
 For School Board Director - elect 2
 Mason Reed 25
 Amanda J. Martz 26
 Scattering 1

Newell-Fonda School District:
 For School Board Director, District 1 - elect 1
 John Sievers 172
 Scattering 5

 For School Board Director, District 2 - elect 1
 Amanda Johnson 165

Schaller Crestland School District:
 For School Board Director, District 1 - elect 1
 Matt Cress 0
 For School Board Director, District 2 – elect 1
 Steven R. Mason 0

Sioux Central School District:
 For School Board Director, District 2 - elect 1
 Randy Ripke 256
 For School Board Director, District 3 – elect 1
 Jennifer Thomsen 234
 Scattering 2
 For School Board Director, District 5 To Fill a Vacancy - elect 1
 Scattering 26

For Public Measure CJ – Shall the Sioux Central Community School District change the method of electing school directors from using 5 director districts to having 3 director districts and 2 directors elected at large.

Yes 195
 No 62

Storm Lake School District:
 For School Board Director - elect 2
 Steven Mills 660
 Erika Dierking 745
 Scattering 12 Motion carried.

Iowa Central Community College:
 For Director, District 2 – elect 1
 Brandon Wessels 912
 Scattering 6
 For Director, District 3 – elect 1
 Larry Hecht 742
 Scattering 4

Iowa Lakes Community College:
 For Director, District 6 – elect 1
 Patrick Kibbie 38

For Public Measure VT – Shall the Board of Directors of the Iowa Central Community College in the Counties of Boone, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Carroll, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Humboldt, Ida, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Sac, Webster and Wright, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation bonds to provide funds to remodel, improve, repair, construct, erect, furnish, and equip buildings and additions to buildings for educational and workforce training, to make improvements to sites and acquire land, to contract indebtedness therefore, and issue its school bonds in an amount not exceeding \$35,000,000 for those purposes?

Yes	1,169
No	816

Western Iowa Tech Community College:
For Director, District 2 – elect 1

Brad Griffin	4
Scattering	1 Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. until Tuesday, November 18 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session and for the 2nd tier canvass for the School portion of the City/Election. Carried.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (47)
NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 18, 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 Ringgenberg, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Tracy Feathers, Director of Development for **Family Crisis Centers**, and an advocate expressed their gratitude for the funds received from the County and gave an update to the Board on the previous year's activities. In Buena Vista County, they saw 47 domestic violence clients, 42 homicide & violent crime clients, 16 clients for medical clinic outreach, 15 clients for housing, and took 90 crisis line calls. Feathers also presented a letter requesting funds for FY'27 in the amount of \$7,500, which is the same as the current signed contract.

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 11/12/2025 as corrected, today's claims approval list, stamped warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements, and accepting the following reports: Two sets of Conservation Board minutes from 10/14/25, FY'25 Annual Report for Elderbridge, and October BV County Solid Waste Commission minutes. Carried.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen was present for the 2nd Tier canvass of the School portion of the City/School Election. Ahrendsen stated that one write-in candidate for Alta Park Board declined the appointment (Brian Shreck) so it will go to the next highest vote getter, Linda Pickett. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to declare the results of the 2nd Tier Canvass of the 2025 Regular City-School Election held November 4, as follows:

Albert City-Truesdale School District:

For School Board Director - elect 3

Roman De La Torre	99	elected
Kayla McCarthy	107	elected
Megan Lovin	110	elected
Scattering	4	

Alta- Aurelia Community School District:

For School Board Director - elect 2

Jayden Van Berkum	590	elected
Thomas Hinkeldey	679	elected
Lindsay Brown	282	
Scattering	13	

Newell-Fonda School District:

For School Board Director, District 1 - elect 1

John Sievers	270	elected
Scattering	7	

For School Board Director, District 2 - elect 1

Amanda Johnson	269	elected
Scattering	1	

Sioux Central School District:

For School Board Director, District 2 - elect 1

Randy Ripke	413	elected
Scattering	2	

For School Board Director, District 3 – elect 1

Jennifer Thomsen	394	elected
Scattering	5	

For School Board Director, District 5 To Fill a Vacancy - elect 1

Lynn Sharn	6	elected
Scattering	31	

For Public Measure CJ – Shall the Sioux Central Community School District change the method of electing school directors from using 5 director districts to having 3 director districts and 2 directors elected at large.

Yes	301	Approved
No	138	

Storm Lake School District:

For School Board Director - elect 2

Steven Mills	661	elected
Erika Dierking	747	elected
Scattering	12	Motion carried.

Emily Winker, LifeLong Links Director from **Elderbridge Agency**, presented the agency's annual report. Elderbridge supports the 60 and over population in BV County, helping them to stay in their own homes rather than going to a nursing home. They are asking for \$3.30 per senior in county support for the FY'27 budget allocation for a total of \$14,797, up from \$13,778 approved in FY'26. Winker thanked the board for past and future support to the seniors of our county.

Platinum Crush Road Project update: Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that the railroad diagnostic meeting took place onsite with the CN Railroad and Iowa DOT. Wilkinson stated that he received draft minutes from the diagnostic meeting from HNTB, the DOT engineering firm. Wilkinson stated that the draft minutes state that the railroad wants 70th Ave. shifted north so that it is 90° with Hwy 7, yet he thought that the railroad stated that they were fine with a 75°, and they would like a semi fully on the road ahead of the tracks. Croker asked Wilkinson if he could send back comments to HNTB regarding their draft minutes, Wilkinson stated that there will be an online meeting update tomorrow morning and see how HNTB will move forward. Wilkinson stated that the plan is roughly 30% complete and expects HNTB to modify the plan with what came out of the meeting, and once they get to 30%, they will send the plan to the railroad for their approval. Wilkinson stated that the 30% plans are due in March, 2026, with a public meeting to be held in April, 2026. Phase 2: They have finished all the pouring on the box culvert, waiting for it to cure, and they will begin backfilling in the next week. After the backfilling is complete, the road will be opened for traffic.

Secondary Road Report: The crews are continuing to work on brush cutting, tile repairs, and driveways.

10:30 a.m. — The time having arrived for a joint meeting online with Calhoun and Sac Counties, as the Joint Board of Trustees for **Jt. DD #16-30-92**. All members of the Boards were present, except Supervisor Mike Fischer from Sac County, along with Calhoun County Auditor Robin Batz, Calhoun County Drainage Clerk Savana Dettmann, Sac County Auditor Jim Dowling, Sac County Deputy Auditor Renee Roland, Buena Vista County Auditor Susan Lloyd, Buena Vista County Drainage Clerk Lynnette Jacobs, and Jt. Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme. Blomme stated that the purpose of the meeting was to have the Jt. Boards consider/approve an MOU so that each county can approve repairs up to \$5,000 without having a joint meeting to approve. Blomme stated that the same information will be sent to all the counties at the same time. A motion was made and seconded for Ranell Drake-Sac County to be the Chair and Renee Roland-Sac County to be the Secretary of the meeting. The motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to approve the MOU regarding **JT. DD #16-30-92** to allow for repairs up to \$5,000, between Calhoun, Sac, and Buena Vista Counties without having a joint meeting. Carried. A motion was made and seconded to **adjourn** this joint meeting with Calhoun, Sac, and Buena Vista Counties. Carried.

Next on the agenda was discussing/approving the MOU regarding BV County controlled Jt. DD #43-41, Jt. DD #156, and Jt. DD #274, and Sac County controlled Jt. DD #19-26, Jt. DD #64-105, and Jt. DD #76-133. All members of both Boards were present except Supervisor Mike Fischer from Sac County, along with Sac County Auditor Jim Dowling, Sac County Deputy Auditor Renee Roland, Buena Vista County Auditor Susan Lloyd, Buena Vista County Drainage Clerk Lynnette Jacobs, and Jt. Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme. Blomme stated that the purpose of the meeting was to have the Jt. Boards consider/approve an MOU so that each county can approve repairs up to \$5,000 without having a joint meeting to approve. Blomme stated that the same information will be sent to all the counties at the same time. A motion was made and seconded for Ranell Drake-Sac County to be the Chair and Renee Roland-Sac County to be the Secretary of the meeting regarding **Jt. DD #43-41**, **Jt. DD #156**, and **Jt. DD #274**, and Sac County controlled **Jt. DD #19-26**, **Jt. DD #64-105**, and **Jt. DD #76-133**. The motion carried. A motion was made

and seconded to approve the MOU regarding BV County controlled Jt. DD #43-41, Jt. DD #156, and Jt. DD #274, and Sac County controlled Jt. DD #19-26, Jt. DD #64-105, and Jt. DD #76-133, to allow for repairs up to \$5,000 between Sac and Buena Vista Counties, without having a joint meeting. Carried. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn this joint meeting with Sac and Buena Vista Counties. Carried.

10:45 a.m. — The time having arrived for a joint meeting online with Buena Vista, Pocahontas, and Sac Counties, as the Joint Board of Trustees for BV controlled Jt. DD #199. All members of the Boards were present except Supervisor Mike Fischer from Sac County, along with Pocahontas County Auditor Nita Hinrickson, Sac County Auditor Jim Dowling, Sac County Deputy Auditor Renee Roland, Buena Vista County Auditor Susan Lloyd, Buena Vista County Drainage Clerk Lynnette Jacobs, and Jt. Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme. Blomme stated that the purpose of the meeting was to have the Jt. Boards consider/approve an MOU so that each county can approve repairs up to \$5,000 without having a joint meeting to approve. Blomme stated that the same information will be sent to all the counties at the same time. A motion was made by Stauter (Pocahontas County) and seconded by Drake (Sac County) for Paul Merten-Buena Vista County to be the Chair and Susan Lloyd-Buena Vista County to be the Secretary of the meeting regarding Jt. DD #199. Carried. A motion was made by Drake (Sac County) and seconded by Snyder (Buena Vista County) to approve the MOU regarding BV County controlled Jt. DD #199, to allow for repairs up to \$5,000 between Pocahontas, Sac and Buena Vista Counties, without having a joint meeting. Carried. A motion was made by Smith (Pocahontas County) and seconded by Wissler (Sac County) to adjourn this joint meeting with Pocahontas, Sac, and Buena Vista Counties. Carried.

Next on the agenda was a joint meeting online with Buena Vista and Pocahontas Counties, as the Joint Board of Trustees for BV controlled Jt. DD #1 MOD, Jt. DD #18-42, Jt. DD #143, Jt. DD #144, Jt. DD #146, Jt. DD #183, and Pocahontas controlled Jt. DD #109, Jt. DD #145, and Jt. DD #150. All members of both Boards were present along with Pocahontas County Auditor Nita Hinrickson, Buena Vista County Auditor Susan Lloyd, Buena Vista County Drainage Clerk Lynnette Jacobs, and Jt. Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme. Blomme stated that the purpose of the meeting was to have the Jt. Boards consider/approve an MOU so that each county can approve repairs up to \$5,000 without having a joint meeting to approve. Blomme stated that the same information will be sent to all the counties at the same time. A motion was made by Stauter (Pocahontas County) and seconded by Ringgenberg (Buena Vista County) for Paul Merten-Buena Vista County to be the Chair and Susan Lloyd-Buena Vista County to be the Secretary of the meeting regarding BV controlled Jt. DD #1 MOD, Jt. DD #18-42, Jt. DD #143, Jt. DD #144, Jt. DD #146, Jt. DD #183, and Pocahontas controlled Jt. DD #109, Jt. DD #145, and Jt. DD #150. Carried. Motion by Snyder (Buena Vista County), second by Seehusen (Pocahontas County) to approve the MOU regarding BV County controlled Jt. DD #1 MOD, Jt. DD #18-42, Jt. DD #143, Jt. DD #144, Jt. DD #146, Jt. DD #183, and Pocahontas controlled Jt. DD #109, Jt. DD #145, and Jt. DD #150, to allow for repairs up to \$5,000 between Pocahontas and Buena Vista Counties, without having a joint meeting. Carried. A motion was made by Smith (Pocahontas County) and seconded by Croker (Buena Vista County) to adjourn this joint meeting with Pocahontas and Buena Vista Counties. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Board to sign Resolution #2025-11-18-A Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding between Buena Vista County and Sac County regarding Joint Drainage Districts. Carried.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN BUENA VISTA COUNTY AND SAC COUNTY
REGARDING JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICTS**

Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors Resolution 2025-11-18-A

A resolution by Buena Vista County to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between Sac County, Iowa and Buena Vista County, Iowa establishing procedures for joint drainage districts to promote efficient repairs and maintenance.

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of efficient management of joint drainage districts within the county, including cooperation with neighboring counties for repairs and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority under Iowa Code 331.301 and Chapter 468, and acting as Drainage District Trustees, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Sac County, Iowa and Buena Vista County, Iowa regarding joint drainage district; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding between Sac County, Iowa and Buena Vista County, Iowa, regarding joint drainage districts is hereby adopted in the form attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
2. The agreement shall take effect upon adoption by resolution of both the Sac County Board of Supervisors and Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, acting as Drainage District Trustees, as provided in paragraph 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

APPROVAL:

Supervisor Croker moved to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Supervisor Ringgenberg moved to adopt the foregoing resolution.

The vote was: Ayes all.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2025

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson, /s/ Kathy Croker, Vice-Chair, /s/ Kelly Snyder, Board Member, /s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Board Member, /s/ Dan Hartman, Board Member.....Attest: Susan Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Board to sign **Resolution #2025-11-18-B** Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding between Buena Vista County and Pocahontas County regarding Joint Drainage Districts. Carried.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN BUENA VISTA COUNTY AND POCAHONTAS COUNTY
REGARDING JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICTS**

Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors Resolution 2025-11-18-B

A resolution by Buena Vista County to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County, Iowa and Buena Vista County, Iowa establishing procedures for joint drainage districts to promote efficient repairs and maintenance.

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of efficient management of joint drainage districts within the county, including cooperation with neighboring counties for repairs and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority under Iowa Code 331.301 and Chapter 468, and acting as Drainage District Trustees, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County, Iowa and Buena Vista County, Iowa regarding joint drainage district; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County, Iowa and Buena Vista County, Iowa, regarding joint drainage districts is hereby adopted in the form attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

2. The agreement shall take effect upon adoption by resolution of both the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors and Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, acting as Drainage District Trustees, as provided in paragraph 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

APPROVAL:

Supervisor Snyder moved to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Supervisor Hartman moved to adopt the foregoing resolution.

The vote was: Ayes all.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2025

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson, /s/ Kathy Croker, Vice-Chair, /s/ Kelly Snyder, Board Member, /s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Board Member, /s/ Dan Hartman, Board Member.....Attest: Susan Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Board to sign **Resolution #2025-11-18-C** Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding between Sac County, Buena Vista County, and Calhoun County regarding Joint Drainage Districts. Carried.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN SAC, BUENA VISTA, AND CALHOUN COUNTIES
REGARDING JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICTS**

Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors Resolution 2025-11-18-C

A resolution by Buena Vista County to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between Sac County, Iowa, Calhoun County, Iowa, and Buena Vista County, Iowa establishing procedures for joint drainage districts to promote efficient repairs and maintenance.

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of efficient management of joint drainage districts within the county, including cooperation with neighboring counties for repairs and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority under Iowa Code 331.301 and Chapter 468, and acting as Drainage District Trustees, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Sac County, Iowa, Buena Vista County, Iowa, and Calhoun County, Iowa regarding joint drainage district; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding between Sac County, Iowa, Buena Vista County, Iowa and Calhoun County, Iowa, regarding joint drainage districts is hereby adopted in the form attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
2. The agreement shall take effect upon adoption by resolution of the Sac County Board of Supervisors, Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors and Calhoun County Board of Supervisors, acting as Drainage District Trustees, as provided in paragraph 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

APPROVAL:

Supervisor Croker moved to adopt the foregoing resolution.
Supervisor Hartman moved to adopt the foregoing resolution.
The vote was: Ayes all.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2025

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson, /s/ Kathy Croker, Vice-Chair, /s/ Kelly Snyder, Board Member, /s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Board Member, /s/ Dan Hartman, Board Member.....Attest: Susan Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Board to sign **Resolution #2025-11-18-D** Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding between Buena Vista County, Sac County, and Pocahontas County regarding Joint Drainage Districts. Carried.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN BUENA VISTA, SAC AND POCAHONTAS COUNTIES
REGARDING JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICTS**

Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors Resolution 2025-11-18-D

A resolution by Buena Vista County to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between Sac County, Iowa, Pocahontas County, Iowa, and Buena Vista County, Iowa establishing procedures for joint drainage districts to promote efficient repairs and maintenance.

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of efficient management of joint drainage districts within the county, including cooperation with neighboring counties for repairs and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority under Iowa Code 331.301 and Chapter 468, and acting as Drainage District Trustees, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Buena Vista County, Iowa, Sac County, Iowa, and Pocahontas County, Iowa regarding joint drainage district; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding between Buena Vista County, Iowa, Sac County, Iowa and Pocahontas County, Iowa, regarding joint drainage districts is hereby adopted in the form attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
2. The agreement shall take effect upon adoption by resolution of both the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, Sac County Board of Supervisors, and Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors acting as Drainage District Trustees, as provided in paragraph 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

APPROVAL:

Supervisor Snyder moved to adopt the foregoing resolution.
 Supervisor Ringgenberg moved to adopt the foregoing resolution.
 The vote was: Ayes all.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2025

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson, /s/ Kathy Croker, Vice-Chair, /s/ Kelly Snyder, Board Member, /s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Board Member, /s/ Dan Hartman, Board Member.....Attest: Susan Lloyd, County Auditor

A letter was received from ISAC stating that Shelby and Story Counties have been battling a local ordinance case through the courts over the last few years. This case is specifically on the preemption of the pipeline safety act, and Iowa Code regarding hazardous liquid pipelines. The counties have now voted to petition the U.S. Supreme Court to hear Couser v. Shelby County, et al. The question in this case has the potential to impact all counties nationwide, and therefore, the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) has voted to weigh in with the Court. The letter states that ISAC intends to file an amicus brief on behalf of ISAC members which will focus on the importance of local control. ISAC is asking counties to support Shelby and Story Counties by joining its amicus brief and contributing \$500 to ISAC to help cover the cost of this endeavor. Snyder stated that he has received some phone calls asking for the county to join this effort. Merten stated that he would add a caveat stating that when the lawsuit was going on with the Des Moines Water Works, ISAC declined to contribute to help the counties involved, but others did provide support and contributed, just not ISAC. Merten stated that he would be willing to reciprocate and join the other counties by contributing \$500 to help cover the cost. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to commit a \$500 contribution to ISAC to support **Shelby and Story Counties** by joining its amicus brief. Carried.

Supervisor Reports: Croker and Merten contacted a contractor to look at remodeling the back building at the Marina and presented an alternative plan to the Conservation Board at their last meeting.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. until Tuesday, November 25 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (48)
NOVEMBER 25, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, November 25, 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 Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen 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 Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

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

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 11/18/2025 as presented. Carried.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen presented the Certification of TIF Debt for the County and asked the Board for approval to have the chair sign. Ahrendsen explained to clean up the certification process she decertified previous debt and completed the form more to meet the preferred method of certification with the state. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the **Certification of TIF Debt** for the county and allow the Chair to sign. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, seconded by Ringgenberg to approve the **Public Official Surety Bond** renewals of the elected officials. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to set a public hearing for a FY'26 BV County **budget amendment**, for December 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 a.m. until Tuesday, December 2 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.

Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-NINTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (49)
DECEMBER 2, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 2, 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 Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen 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 Ringgenberg, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Roads Maintenance Agreement** with the City of Lakeside. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Roads Maintenance Agreement** with the City of Linn Grove. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Roads Maintenance Agreement** with the City of Rembrandt. Carried.

Secondary Roads Report: Chairman Merten questioned if we had an agreement with Truesdale and Wilkinson said no that we only do the main road in town under the Farm to Market requirements. Wilkinson told the group that he had not seen the Railroad diagnostic testing done a couple of weeks ago and had nothing to report. Phase 2 is moving just a little behind schedule due to the weather. They are hoping to have the culvert back filled and ready to be opened by the end of the week. The contractor will then be done until Spring.

Plows were out Saturday, Sunday and Monday cleaning from the last storm. Motor graders went out Sunday and Monday. Hartman asked if the brine truck was used this time and was told it is not completed yet but hopefully some warmer temperatures will allow them to still test it out this winter once completed. They are still hauling some rock for stock piling while the quarries are still open and refilling the salt sheds. Wilkinson was questioned when Business 71 would be bid-let, and he responded that they were still completing some engineering and that once it was completed it would be submitted to the DOT for review, and they would then get a letting date, hopefully late winter or early spring. Merten mentioned that some of the traffic signs out by Lakeside were being blocked by trees and Wilkinson said he would check into it. Wilkinson closed by telling the group he would be going to Des Moines this week for meetings but could still be reached by phone and email.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme stopped in during **Hear the Public** to update the Board on the DD13 drainage meeting the city held the previous night. He told the Board that only 11% of the acreage and 15% of the owners wrote letters for remonstrance and 50% of the owners and 70% of the land is required so that would not be an option. He did tell the Board that the city received 8 objections. Both Blomme and the Board question if that was an accurate representation and wondered if all the landowners are even aware of what is happening. Blomme did tell the group that he felt that by the city tabling everything until February when Tyson is to get back to the city on what exactly they are expecting that things might be moving in the right direction.

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

Emergency Management Coordinator Aimee Barritt informed the Board that the **Hazard Mitigation Plan** was last approved July 2023, and so an update needs to be done and approved by July 2028. Barritt started the process earlier this year and got notice that \$30,000 would be funded by the Federal Government and that the State would fund \$4,550 leaving the county to cover \$10,950 of the \$45,500 bill. Barritt contracted with JEO Consulting out of Carroll, IA to update the plan and they will be doing this during FY28. Monthly bills will be sent and once paid reimbursement can be requested. Barritt told the Board she is looking forward to working with this company as they redid Clay County's plan after the flood and they were very happy with them. Motion by Snyder, seconded by Ringgenberg, to approve \$45,500 in funding for the **Hazard Mitigation Plan** Update. Carried.

Barritt also told the Board that on December 5 at 1:00pm that she and Sioux Rapids City Officials are going to kick off a fund-raising campaign for the American Legion Building in Sioux Rapids. She explained that they are getting close to getting the FEMA worked out but would need about \$83,000 in matching funds to receive the FEMA grant. She said that they have a little over \$30,000 in volunteer hours but would still need to raise the remaining \$50,000. Rusty Smith and Lacey Garberding will be presenting to all the local media the importance of the Legion to the community and all donations will go through the Disaster Relief Fund so that donators will receive a letter for tax deductions.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 11/25/2025 as presented, today's **claim approval list, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: Audit Report NW IA YES Center, Conservation Annual Report. Carried.

Ginny and Rusty Smith of the **Sioux Rapids Historical Society** informed the Board that they had completed the furnace and air conditioning project with a little bit of money left over that they used to commission a sign for the Memorial Building that houses Abner Bells cabin and other memorabilia. She mentioned that this year's funding would be used for more programs and events as they have now completed all the repairs that were needed from the flood. They are requesting \$1,000 in funds for FY'27 and thanked the Board for their support each year. The Board thanked them for all their hard work.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented his 2025 Annual Conservation Report. Johnson reviewed the information presented in the report highlighting the 425 programs and the camping. He told the group that he had contracted with Placer AI to gather data on the visitors to the park. He said that the information is collected based on cell phone usage. He said they could see how many times the same cell phone was in an area and the duration and frequency that it was used. He is hoping to use this information to make the parks better for the type of visitors using them. He did a brief update on the Linn Grove Dam and FEMA stating that they can't get any direct answers and that they are still waiting for the approved projects to be appropriated. He explained that the channel cut by the flooding is part of the Park Project with FEMA and not the Dam project.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to accept the **2025 Annual Conservation Report**. Carried. Johnson did tell the group that Conservation had received a monetary gift of \$150,000 from John G. Black Family Trust. This money is to be used for Educational Programs and park improvements. Johnson put \$25,000 in the Educational Trust and the remainder in the LATF Trust.

Johnson presented the group with the Storm Lake Marina Maintenance Agreement Amendment stating that it just renewed the same agreement another year. Johnson said that he would be in next week to present the transfer agreement. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the **Storm Lake Marina Maintenance Agreement**. Carried.

Snyder asked Johnson if he had heard anything on a new location for trap shooting. Johnson said he had an idea, but it would take a substantial investment to make it happen. He would keep thinking on it.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. until Tuesday, December 9 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.

Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTIETH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (50)
DECEMBER 9, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, December 9, 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 Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen 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 **amend today's agenda**, adding two action items, signing off on the BV Blizzard Busters request to use county right-of-way for the snowmobile route and Public Health's request for a letter to be signed stating that the county is fiscal and legally responsible for them as part of the Medicare approval process. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **gravel/stockpile lease** for the McKay stockpile beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028, in the amount of \$125 annually. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign off on the DOT form to allow **Buena Vista Blizzard Busters** to use county right-of-way for their snowmobile trails. Carried.

Secondary Roads Report: Wilkinson gave a brief update on the department stating that for the most part everyone was just dealing with the clean up from the last storm. Plows were out Saturday and Sunday cleaning up and will continue as needed. He did say that they would still work on small trees and brush in the ditches if it could be reached without anyone going into the ditch. He said that contractors finished up on 80th for the season and that he had no new information from the DOT with regards to Phase 3.

Public Health Administrator Tracy Gotto informed the Board that he is working on credentialing for Public Health with Medicare. This is required every time a new director takes over. Gotto stated that one of the requirements for Medicare is to have the Board Chair sign a letter stating that the Board is legally and financially responsible. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Legal and Financial Responsibility letter for Medicare, as it is needed for the **credentialing process** for Public Health. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Abstention: Merten. Carried.

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

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Management and Title Transfer Agreement for the Storm Lake Marina. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointments. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to go into closed session (at 9.06 A.M.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2025 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to go out of closed session at 10:59 A.M. Carried.

Environmental Health/Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of Mark & Pamela Caboth in the NE NE Section 26-91-38. Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution #2025-12-09-A. Carried.

RESOLUTION # 2025-12-09-A

WHEREAS Mark & Pamela Caboth have presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

DESCRIPTION LOT A OF LOT THREE

A PART OF LOT THREE OF THE AUDITOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 38 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 26; thence South 00° 28' 34" West (assumed bearing) on the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 295.90 feet to the Southeast Corner of Mummert's Addition in said Lot Three, which appears of record as document number 973637 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder, also being the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 00° 28' 34" West, on said east line, 182.05 feet; thence North 89° 37' 36" West, 657.38 feet to the west line of said Lot Three; thence North 00° 36' 47" East, on said west line, 179.42 feet to the Southwest Corner of said Mummert's Addition; thence South 89° 51' 23" East on the south line of said Mummert's Addition, 656.95 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot A of Lot Three in the Auditor's Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 91 North, Range 38 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 2.73 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

DESCRIPTION LOT B OF LOT THREE

A PART OF LOT THREE OF THE AUDITOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 38 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 26; thence South 00° 28' 34" West (assumed bearing) on the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 477.95 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89° 37' 36" West, 657.38 feet to the west line of said Lot Three; thence South 00° 36' 47" West, on said west line, 179.42 feet to the Southwest Corner of said Lot Three; thence South 89° 23' 51"

East on the south line of said Lot Three, 657.81 feet to the east line of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 00° 28' 34" East, on said east line, 182.05 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot B of Lot Three in the Auditor's Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 91 North, Range 38 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 2.73 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

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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Hereafter known as Lot B of Lot Three in the Auditor's Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 91 North, Range 38 West of the 5th 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 of Lot Three in the Auditor's Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 91 North, Range 38 West of the 5th 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 9th day of December 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors...../s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Elections Deputy

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the minutes from 12/02/2025 as presented, and accept the following reports: December 2025 Safety Meeting Minutes, September 2025 Board of Health Minutes, November 2025 Board of Health Minutes, and November 2025 Sheriff Report. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. until Tuesday, December 16 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.

Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTY-FIRST MEETING, 2025 SESSION (51)
DECEMBER 16, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 16, 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 Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Platinum Crush Project update: Engineer Bret Wilkinson says he is still working with DOT on the RISE grant, giving them more information for Phase 1. They are waiting for spring now on Phase 2, and the road is back open for now. Regarding Phase 3, Wilkinson received an email from the DOT and stated that the railroad agreed to what was presented at the railroad diagnostic meeting, so option 2 will be used for 70th Ave. and option 3 for 80th Ave. The consultant is moving forward with plans, having 30% plans in March, have a meeting in April, and having the 100% plans by March/April of 2027.

Secondary Roads Report: The plow crews were out on Saturday, but not on Sunday due to the bitter cold. Wilkinson stated that the hydraulic hoses can break when it is that cold. They may be hauling limestone and moving gravel this week once the roads are cleaned up and the trucks are cleaned up. There are still trees to cut down. Merten asked when there is a contract with the towns, don't they need to clear their roads? Wilkinson stated that Secondary Roads clears roads if they are out, and on Sunday, he had guys driving the roads and since nobody was stuck, they did not send anyone out to move snow. Wilkinson stated that towns have phone numbers to call if they have concerns about their roads.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** from 12/02/2025 as presented, and accept the following **reports:** November Conservation Board minutes and November BV County Solid Waste Commission minutes. Carried.

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

Auditor Susan Lloyd requested that the Board allow employees to donate vacation or comp time to an employee in her office (LJ) who is dealing with a medical issue and will exhaust all her available leave in the upcoming weeks. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and allow county employees to **donate vacation or comp time** to an employee in the Auditor's Office (LJ) who is dealing with a medical issue and will exhaust all her available leave in the upcoming weeks. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Purchase Agreement** on 315 E. 5th St., Storm Lake, IA, between Thomas W. Fitzpatrick as trustee of Thomas and Susan Fitzpatrick Revocable Family Trust, dated July 15, 2024 (Sellers) and Buena Vista County (Buyers) for \$47,500. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder. Nays: Ringgenberg. Motion carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve issuing a check for the purchase of **315 E. 5th St., Storm Lake, IA**, and authorize the Chair to sign any additional paperwork that may be needed, prior to the closing on December 30, 2025. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder. Nays: Ringgenberg. Motion carried.

Colleen Schwanz and Mitch Hogrefe with the **Buena Vista County Soil and Water Conservation District** presented their 2025 Report and came to ask for continued support in the FY'27 Budget. They have requested \$4,200, which is \$200 over the current year allocation. They use the county funds to support the conservation education programs in Buena Vista County. The board thanked the group for all they provided to the communities.

Executive Director Julie Edwards, **Upper Des Moines Opportunity**, presented the annual report for 2024 and requested \$20,000 for FY'27. During FY'25, they delivered a total of \$977,342 in direct assistance to individuals and families in BV County. The funds received from BV County are designated solely for UDMO client services and are used exclusively to support individuals in need within the county.

President/CEO Curt Strouth, VP of Economic Development Trevor Smith, and Business Retention & Workforce Partnership Coordinator Joanne Fallon, **Iowa Lakes Corridor**, presented the FY27 funding request. They reviewed some of the recent new programs that were implemented in 2025 including Homegrown Talent Initiative and the Big IDEA Challenge, along with Build My Future, which will be new for 2026. The group thanked the board for their continued support and requested \$35,000 for FY'27.

CEO High Lively and Associate Executive Director Cindy Voss, **Regional Transit Authority (RIDES)**, reviewed the FY'25 activities, which included 20,241 one-way trips within BV County. Voss stated that in BV County, they have a funding deficit of \$108,870. Lively stated that they are requesting a total of \$15,000 for FY'27, which is the first increase in their funding request in over two decades. This includes Operational Funding and Capital Replacement for transportation services in the county.

Mike Sandhoff, Buena Vista County Compensation Board Representative presented their Board's FY'27 salary recommendations from their November 19, 2025 meeting. Sandhoff stated that each Compensation Board representative prepared documentation supporting their elected official's recommended salary increase, and it will all be included with the minutes. Recommendations were as follows: 3% increase for all the elected officials, continuing Longevity for all elected officials and a \$2,000 stipend for the Board Chair, a \$500 stipend for the Board Vice-Chair, and a \$5,000 stipend for the Auditor, as the Board's Budget Director. The Board of Supervisors thanked Sandhoff for his time. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to acknowledge receipt of the **Buena Vista Compensation Board** salary recommendations for FY'27 for the elected officials. Carried.

Suana Wessendorf, President of the **Newell Historical Society** gave a summary of all their activities of the past year and reviewed their plans for FY'27. They are requesting \$1,000 for FY'27, which is the same as the current fiscal year. Wessendorf thanked the Board for their support.

Three members of the Buena Vista County **Library Association** (representing Linn Grove, Rembrandt, Sioux Rapids and Storm Lake) came in to thank the Board for their past support of the County libraries. The librarians reviewed their past programs, and each thanked the Board for supporting their city's library. Information from Albert City and Alta libraries, was also given to the Board. The Board thanked the Librarians for their service.

Attorney Katie Graham, Nyemaster Goode was present for the possible closed session. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to go into **closed session** (at 11:19 A.M.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2025 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to go out of **closed session** at 11:52 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 a.m. until Tuesday, December 23 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTY-SECOND MEETING, 2025 SESSION (52)
DECEMBER 23, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding and the following other members present Croker, Hartman, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Ringgenberg.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to amend **today's agenda**, adding a certificate of appreciation for Jim Temple to the action items. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented information to the Board for the purpose of a Tiger Brand 72" side rotary mower, to be used along the gravel roads. Wilkinson stated that they currently have a pull behind mower that is used along the hard surface roads. The cost of the mower is \$41,285. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the purchase of a Tiger Brand 72" side rotary **mower** for Secondary Roads, with a cost of \$41,285. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he would like to order two tandem **truck chassis** now, to be paid for out of the FY'27 budget. 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 put on the chassis. The cost of the two tandem truck chassis is \$339,552. The consensus of the Board was to table this until next week.

Secondary Roads Report: They have been working on equipment in the shop, and mounting brine tanks on three trucks and getting them working. They will also be hauling gravel to stockpiles.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a **Certificate of Appreciation** for Jim Temple for his 26 years of service to Buena Vista County Secondary Roads. Carried.

Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none. Terry Murray was present in-person and asked for training for the Secondary Road employees on using the motor graders. Murray also stated that there are lots of allocation requests coming in, and he appreciates selling off equipment that isn't needed, and budget constraints on purchases, as taxes are high.

Sheriff Kory Elston informed the Board that the main network switch needs to be replaced at the LEC. The network has been going down a lot, and it hasn't been replaced since the LEC was built. Elston stated that the cost is around \$28,000, and he would like to use CARES funds to pay for it. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the purchase of a main **network switch** for the LEC and to pay the cost out of CARES funds. Carried.

Emergency Management Director, Aimee Barritt, presented her FY'27 funding request. Barritt is requesting \$85,000 for **Emergency Management** and \$22,000 for **Hazmat**. Barritt stated that the EMPG Grant is tied up in litigation, and not knowing if any funds will be available, that is the reason for the increase of \$20,000 for her agency request. The Hazmat contract is with Sioux City Fire for \$1/person based on the 2020 population. The contract runs through 2027. Barritt updated the Board on activities her agency has been involved with over the past year and on initiatives for the coming year.

Buena Vista County EMS Association President, Kirk Reetz, presented their FY'27 funding request. Reetz thanked the Board for their support and is asking for \$10,000, which is the same as the current year. The funds they receive from the county is primarily allocated for EMS provider training in the county. The EMS Association pays for initial education, as well as the continuing education required to maintain certification. They currently have 38 responders, all volunteers. They also put the funds towards any equipment costs to keep equipment up-to-date. The Board thanked Reetz and stated that they appreciate all they do.

Stephanie Henrich, Executive Director with **CAASA**, along with Katie Farrel, one of her advocates, presented their FY'27 funding request. Henrich stated that they use the funding for responding to crisis calls. In FY'25, their advocates provided direct services to 41 survivors in BV County, including crisis intervention, counseling, medical and legal advocacy, relocation assistance, transportation, and help with basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter. CAASA operates with limited state and federal funding, \$595,637 per year for all 19 counties, while salaries alone are \$501,416 annually. Henrich stated that they are requesting \$10,000 from Buena Vista County, an increase of \$2,500 over the current fiscal year. They thanked the Board for their continued support.

Lucille Fitzsenry and Kristen Watts, **Buena Vista Historical Society & Genealogy Library** thanked the board for the contribution to the historical society. Fitzsenry and Watts updated the Board on the progress after the April, 2025 storm took the roof off their building and the water damage that occurred. They are requesting \$12,000 for FY'27, an increase from the current allocation of \$4,500. The funds would be utilized to install new commercial-grade carpet tiles, replacing the carpet damaged by the April, 2025 storm.

Gary Sundblad and Brady Bonin, **Albert City Threshermen & Collectors Assn.** presented their FY'27 funding request of \$5,000. Sundblad stated that in 2026, their show is going to be having an "Old Power Roundup & Wheat Run", which will feature pre-1930's tractors and equipment as well as demonstrating an old-fashioned wheat run with many old combines in the field at the same time. Sundblad stated that the money would be used for advertising in local and national publications, to hopefully draw 15,000-20,000 people to their event. The board said how proud they are for the national spotlight this event brings to the county. They thanked Sundblad and Bonin for coming and told him they would get back to them on the allocation for the coming year.

Vernon Winterhof, **Hanover Historical Society**, presented their funding request of \$1,500 for FY'27, the same as FY'26, and stated that they appreciate the financial assistance from the county. Winterhof stated that their property has 11 buildings, most of which are over 100 years old. There are always repairs that are needed, and currently they have a house that needs shingle replacement. Winterhof stated that they have two buildings that had door damage due to the Good Friday storm. The Board thanked Winterhof for everything they do.

Storm Lake United Executive Director Laura Hanks and Events Coordinator Andrea Armonza, reviewed previous activities of Storm Lake United. Hanks is requesting \$40,000 for FY'27, which is \$5,000 over their current approved amount for FY'26. Hanks stated that the additional funding from the county will allow them to promote the commercial, industrial, and tourism opportunities that the city and county have to offer. Hanks stated that one of the main goals guiding their strategic plan is to expand the reach outside of Storm Lake into the surrounding communities in Buena Vista County, adding additional meaning to Storm Lake United. The Board thanked them for coming in.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 12/16/2025 as corrected, and accept the following **reports**: None. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m. until Tuesday, December 30 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

**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 Sharlotte 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. Aronsons and Hogrefes thanked the Board for their past allocation, which is used for day-to-day expenses. The Board thanked Aronsons 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.

Susan Lloyd, Auditor

Paul Merten, Chairperson

BUENA VISTA COUNTY
OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2025
CLAIMS LISTING

2025 CHEROKEE CO. RURAL WATER DIST. 1 15,020.75; 4 SEASONS PLUMBING, HEATING, & COOLING 308.00; A & A AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 1,015.98; ACCESS SYSTEMS 711.06; ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING 908.02; ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS 19,338.27; AFLAC 8,850.78; AGSTATE 7,164.77; AHLERS & COONEY, PC 22,764.00; ALBERT CITY CORP 4,272.00; ALBERT CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1,000.00; ALISA CARLSON 190.12; ALISON MYRTUE 191.36; ALLIANT ENERGY /IPL 12,764.64; ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CO. 1,153.75; ALTA CORP 4,272.00; ALTA IMPLEMENT CO., INC 2,544.22; ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 1,313.22; ALTA TEC 319.08; ALYSON SIEVERS 400.00; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 3,142.03; AMERICAN BROTHERS IN ARMS 46,881.64; AMERICAN TIME 540.79; ANDREA BEAN 47.52; ANDREW KELLY 454.44; ANGIE WILKINSON 199.86; ANNETTE KOSTER 795.55; ANTHONY TATMAN 200.00; AP AIR LLC 452.08; APCO INTERNATIONAL INC 656.00; ARCASEARCH, LLC 2,246.00; ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 547.06; ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY 20.51; ASHLEY HERRIG 548.73; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IPERS 12,888.26; AUGUSTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 900.00; AURELIA LUMBER COMPANY 87.92; AUXIANT 68,567.87; B V COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION 2,000.00; B V SOLID WASTE COMMISSION 20.00; BAMWX LLC 3,540.00; BARBARA PUCKETT 26.40; BEN MUEGGENBERG 135.00; BLACKSTRAP INC 12,550.88; BOB BARKER COMPANY INC 311.39; BOB BELLOWS 1,400.00; BOBCATS, LLC 65.00; BOLAND RECREATION 6,800.00; BOMGAARS 6,099.33; BOOM'S PERFORMANCE & POWER SPORTS 416.01; BRAD NOBLE 200.00; BRET WILKINSON 64.56; BRIAN AHRENDSEN 64.04; BRIAN JONES 124.24; BRITTANY HOWLAND 924.84; BRITTNEY FRERICKS 151.50; BROWNS SHOE FIT 240.00; BRUCE KIRSCH 150.00; BUENA VISTA CO EMS ASSOCIATION 8,065.00; BUENA VISTA CO TREASURER 23,057.62; BUENA VISTA COUNTY 2,435.38; BUENA VISTA COUNTY 5,247.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY CONSERVATION 1,601.56; BUENA VISTA COUNTY ENGINEER/ SECONDARY ROAD 6,688.17; BUENA VISTA COUNTY EXTENSION & OUTREACH 450.00; BUENA VISTA COUNTY JOURNAL 3,800.10; BUENA VISTA REG MEDICAL CENTER 442.00; BUENA VISTA REGIONAL HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION 800.00; BUENA VISTA RIFLE&PISTOL CLUB 1,200.00; BUILDERS SHARPENING & SERVICE, LLC 1,885.91; BUTCH ENGEL 59.24; BV CO AGRICULTURAL SOCIET BUENA VISTA COUNTY FAIR 15,000.00; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 754,912.44; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 26,841.84; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 6,992.60; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 31,832.00; BV CO EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND 9,893.46; BV CO HISTORICAL SOCIETY & GENEALOGY LIBRARY 7,500.00; BV CO/DISASTER SERVICES/HAZMAT 43,500.00; BV-CALHOUN-SAC DRAINAGE ENGINEER FUND C/O BV COUNTY TREASURER 26,160.00; BVRMC PHARMACY 1,579.08; C & B OPERATIONS, LLC 1,094.71; CAASA - CENTERS AGAINST ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT 816.00; CALHOUN COUNTY 160.00; CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC 1,468.00; CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES 192.48; CAROLYN ARMSTRONG 837.72; CARRIE FINKE 5.28; CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY 174.80; CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE 2,086.62; CASSIE CRUM 104.28; CAYLYN BISHOP 200.00; CCP DIRECT/CCP INDUSTRIES INC 492.06; CDW GOVERNMENT INC 211.16; CEDAR VALLEY CORP., LLC 279,172.30; CENTRAL BANK 25,492.57; CENTRAL IOWA DETENTION 932.28; CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING INC 112.00; CENTURY LINK 1,004.12; CHARLENE PLAGMAN 13.20; CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 334.50; CHEROKEE REGIONAL MEDICAL CTR 136.00; CHET HARTWELL 150.00; CHRISTINE (TINA) ORENDAY 303.00; CINDY SEWARD 150.00; CINTAS FIRST AID AND SAFETY 804.27; CITY OF ALBERT CITY 141.00; CITY OF FORT DODGE PUBLIC WORKS 2,970.00; CITY OF LINN GROVE 640.97; CITY OF MARATHON 1,035.54; CITY OF NEWELL 193.89; CITY OF REMBRANDT 2,350.21; CITY OF SIOUX CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT 10,411.50; CITY OF SIOUX RAPIDS 509.01; CITY OF STORM LAKE 8,235.41; CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM 248.00; COMMERCIAL SIGN & DESIGN 500.00; COMMUNITY BROADCASTING INC 924.84; COMPLIANCY GROUP, LLC 5,556.60; COMPLIANT TECHNOLOGIES WEST LLC 2,702.50; COMPUTER PROJECTS OF IL., INC 198.00;

CONNIE JESSE 150.00; COREY DIISCHER 118.48; COUNSELING SERVICES, LLC 40.00; CRAWFORD COUNTY AUDITOR 2,112.00; CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH 64,990.42; CRITTENTON CENTER 513.15; CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIP INC 27,666.00; CULLIGAN 338.17; CUTTING EDGE TRAINING 1,710.00; DAN BAILEY 160.76; DANA BENNA 50.00; DANE LENHART 200.00; DANELLE HABERMAN 461.14; DANIEL J HARTMAN 150.00; DATA CENTER WAREHOUSE 2,167.55; DAVE STRAND 23.90; DD #19-26 JT MAIN TILE 23,406.93; DD #19-26 JT MOD 8,231.75; DD#16-30-92 JT MOD 13,315.04; DD#19-26 JT LAT4 2,682.55; DEAN K ELLINGSON 117.70; DEB JESSE 48.84; DEBRA M. MCKEEVER 153.00; DENCO HIGHWAY CONST. CORP. 95,955.20; DES MOINES STAMP MFG CO 34.00; DISTRICT 3 RECORDER ASSOCIATION 100.00; DOREEN PEDERSEN 116.22; DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE CO 33.95; DYNAMIC IOT DATA INC. 1,115.00; ECOLAB 231.09; EDWARDS 22,403.62; ELLIPSIS INC. 699.75; ELLISON EXTINGUISHERS 1,323.90; EMMA AHRENDSEN 58.08; EMMONS & OLIVIER RESOURCES INC 4,224.50; ENGELMANN FARMS LLC 700.00; ERIC YUNGINGER 150.00; ESTATE OF JAMES J. TEMPLE 200.00; FAMILY DENTAL CENTER, PC 315.00; FILTERCARE OF NEBRASKA LLC 961.70; FORCE AMERICA, INC. 10,941.43; FORVIS MAZARS LLP 4,200.00; FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LABORATORY, INC 729.50; FRATZKE & JENSEN FUNERAL HOMES 500.00; FRIGITEC, INC. 5,638.56; FULLER AND SONS PAVING 33,000.00; GARY PICKHINKE 1,566.50; GARY SUNDBLAD 73.76; GDN FAMILY TRUST 700.00; GEOCOMM, INC. 4,708.00; GERALD WEILAND 1,189.67; GINGER BLATCHFORD 9.24; GLAXOSMITHKLINE LLC 3,384.99; GOETTSCH DISPATCH INC. 55,140.00; GRAFFIX INC. WALL OF FAME 4,983.19; GRAINGER 2,074.44; GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS. 859.88; GREG L EBERSOLE 326.49; GREG SUNDBLAD 81.68; GROW'S GARBAGE SERVICE 1,020.00; GRP & ASSOCIATES INC. 172.50; HANOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1,500.00; HARGENS COURT REPORTING 1,046.50; HAROLD ROWLEY RECYCLE CENTER 32,002.50; HEARTLAND ASPHALT INC 14,857.76; HEARTLAND PROPERTIES OF IOWA, LLC 200.00; HEARTLAND TIRE 4,035.06; HEATHER TOTTEN 58.08; HEINSOHN DIGGING & TILING INC 2,500.00; HENRY M ADKINS & SON, INC. 21,969.39; HONDO'S SALES & SERVICE 541.29; HUB INTERNATIONAL 1,890.00; HUNDERTMARK CLEANING SYSTEMS 2,359.93; HUNTER KNUDTSON 198.41; HUNZELMAN PUTZIER & CO 19,367.50; HY-VEE INC 138.61; I & S GROUP INC 3,839.04; IA DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES 1,242,599.80; IAAO-INTERNATIONAL ASS'N OF ASSESSING OFFICERS 255.00; IDALS 19.72; IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY USA LLC 2,839.00; IEHA IOWA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSN 240.00; ILEA IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY 4,950.00; IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PRE SCHOOL 2,340.00; IMWCA 37,030.00; INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR INC 5,515.72; INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF SIOUX CITY 877.10; INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS, INC. 179.75; INTOXIMETERS, INC. 425.00; IOWA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSN (ICAA) 765.00; IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 147.50; IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 2,860.27; IOWA DEPT PUBLIC SAFETY 3,513.00; IOWA HOMELAND SECURITY 2,520.97; IOWA LAKES CORRIDOR DEV CORP 17,500.00; IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 3,339.00; IOWA LAKES REGIONAL WATER 937.80; IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES 613.80; IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE 2,131.68; IOWA SPORTSMAN 350.00; IOWA STATE BANK 19,465.08; IOWA STATE BANK 701.52; IOWA STATE COMPTROLLER TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA 74,739.33; IOWA STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER 4,896.00; IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY 680.00; IPERS 413,434.56; ISAC 1,118.05; ISACA- IOWA STATE ASSOCIATION OF CO. AUDITORS 550.00; ISCTA IOWA STATE CO TREASURERS ASSOC 72.00; ISSDA - IOWA STATE SHERIFFS & DEPUTIES ASS'N 1,350.00; J.R. JIM HOWE SEPTIC SERVICE 5,260.00; J.W. CONSTRUCTION INC 38,058.15; J3RED MARKETING LLC 160.00; JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT 589.59; JACOB STEFFEN 200.00; JAN WORTHAN 15.84; JANET MARIE MAGNUSSEN 33.00; JASON MEYER 77.72; JCL SOLUTIONS/SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES 5,001.51; JEAN L SASSMAN 1,472.30; JEAN MILLER 11.88; JEN FULCHER 150.00; JIM ELIASON 114.24; JODI K GILLESPIE 232.50; JOHN SCHMIT 2,151.20; JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF 64.80; JOHNSTON AUTOSTORES 2,623.49; JOLEEN ROBINSON 3.96; JON BUSS 180.00; JOSEPH CRONIN 524.88; JOSEPH KELLER 90.00; JOSH NIELSEN 214.50; JT DD #22 MOD 97.84; JUD GRAESING 200.00; JULIUS CLEANERS 200.86; KARL CHEVROLET 51,464.20; KARL CHEVROLET, INC. 45,464.20; KARLA AHRENDSEN 273.99; KASPERBAUER CLEANERS, INC. 170.54; KATHRYN STRUSS 42.79; KATHY SORENSON 1.32; KELLE BARNETT 150.00; KELLY GRIEME PAINTING 519.50; KELLY SNYDER

620.40; KERRI SUHR 150.00; KIMBALL MIDWEST 1,722.68; KnowBe4, INC. 3,594.59; KRIS ENGINEERING, INC. 11,085.47; KYLE HANSEN 68.48; LACEY ANDERSON 217.32; LANGUAGE LINK 29.53; LARSON OIL & DISTRIBUTING 6,122.98; LEE METH 306.60; LEIGH MADSEN 79.20; LEXIPOL LLC 32,643.60; LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INS CO 11,890.92; LIFELINE 2,806.55; LINDSEY KLEINHESSELINK 72.55; LINN GROVE CORP 4,272.00; LOFFLER COMPANIES 1,531.54; LONG LINES BROADBAND LLC 10,790.13; LORI ARENDS 50.82; LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM 525.00; LOUIE DEROOS 314.93; L-TRON CORPORATION 389.05; LU ANN RIDOUT 9.24; LUCHT HOUSING 200.00; LUKE WARKENTIN 150.00; LYNNETTE JACOBS 150.00; MACK HANSEN GADD ARMSTRONG & BROWN PC 500.00; MAIL SERVICES LLC 3,733.37; MAIN STREET SPECIALTIES, LLC 34,463.48; MANN-SPEERS CONSTRUCTION LLC 6,450.00; MARATHON CORP 4,272.00; MARCO 591.75; MARCUS LUMBER 1,226.73; MARK BURKITT 150.00; MARK'S WELDING & MACHINE 1,582.28; MARY REHNSTROM 30.36; MARY SPRICK 22.44; MAUER TILING INC 4,102.60; MEGAN JONES 150.00; MELANDERS APPLIANCES & TV 169.99; MELANIE ANDERSON 76.40; MENARDS - SPENCER 589.13; MICHELLE ERNST 150.00; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY 18,270.35; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY 18,990.00; MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES 2,284.68; MIDWESTERN MECHANICAL, INC 695.00; MIKE'S LAWN SERVICE INC 66.00; MITCH SIEVERS 75.08; MODERN IMAGING SOLUTIONS, INC. 759.50; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. 14,809.08; MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO 6,549.57; MURRAY & MURRAY PLC 800.00; MURRAY & MURRAY TRUST 749.00; NACE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS 845.00; NACPRO 125.00; NAEGELI DEPOSITION AND TRIAL 1,132.15; NATHAN A. JENSEN 200.00; NATHAN SCHUMANN 150.00; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES 450.00; NATIONWIDE 1,115.00; NEAL KUEHL 275.04; NEIL HUFFMAN 395.90; NETSMART TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 5,761.45; NEW CENTURY FS 111,111.59; NEW TEC EQUIPMENT 155.00; NEWELL CORP 4,272.00; NEWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1,000.00; NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR 6,433.68; NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRIBUTING, INC. 11,805.15; NORTHERN SAFETY CO., INC. 612.08; NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS 449.55; NORTHWEST FIRE 1,007.27; NW IA YES CENTER 41,335.45; NWIPDC -NW IA PLANNING & DEV COM 3,500.00; NYEMASTER GOODE, P.C. 57,636.89; ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC 162.68; OFFICE DEPOT 663.77; OFFICE ELEMENTS 2,137.91; OHNSTAD TWICHELL, P.C. 3,476.00; PARADISE PARK, LLC 400.00; PATRICIA BJORKGREN 1.98; PATRICIA MOE 29.04; PAUL MERTEN 207.24; PAUL SENNERT 351.48; PETERSON CONTRACTORS INC 565,077.50; PHELPS THE UNIFORM SPECIALISTS 570.90; PHOENIX SUPPLY 553.00; PILOT ROCK SIGNS RJ THOMAS MFG. CO., INC 551.20; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT 5,126.62; PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC 1,731.06; PITNEY BOWES INC 265.58; PIZZA RANCH #8170 381.00; PLUMBING & HEATING 908.33; POCAHONTAS CO SHERIFF 116.40; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC 8,061.92; POWER SOLUTIONS, INC. 2,401.26; PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 44,398.65; PRISCILLA A. JACKSON 480.00; QUILL CORPORATION 552.24; R & D INDUSTRIES INC 59,801.98; RAINBOW BAIT, INC 472.50; RANDALL WILBUR ERICKSEN 18.48; RAQUEL BARAHONA 150.00; RAUSCH BROS. TRUCKING OF IONIA, LLC 156,315.00; REASSURANCE SOLUTIONS 37,500.00; REBNORD TECHNOLOGIES INC 14,650.50; RELIANCE TELEPHONE INC 3,300.00; REMBRANDT CORP 4,272.00; RICHARD DIRKY 600.00; RICHARD MARSHALL 57.92; RICK CHRISTIANSEN 37.18; RICOH USA, INC 95.53; ROBY FARMS LLC 1,108.74; ROLLING HILLS 588.17; RON WITHAM 355.44; RONDA ELLIS 33.00; S & P GLOBAL RATINGS 15,500.00; SAC COUNTY ENGINEER 405.03; SAC COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES 33,003.14; SANOFI PASTEUR INC 564.59; SAVINGS BANK SECURITY TRUST & 302,425.70; SAVINGS BANK SECURITY TRUST & 227,160.27; SCHAEFFER MFG. COMPANY 1,090.10; SCOTT MACK 150.00; SECRETARY OF STATE 60.00; SECURITY TRUST 70,728.50; SHARON HENKEL 21.38; SHARON KOCH 10.69; SHEENA RAASCH 7.26; SHELL TRIMBLE 144.75; SIOUX LUMBER, LLC 430.09; SIOUX RAPIDS CORP 4,272.00; SIOUX RAPIDS HISTORICAL ASSOC 1,000.00; SMART VENDING SERVICES 725.15; SMITH CONCRETE SERVICE INC 4,070.00; SPENCER DAILY REPORTER 230.63; SPORTS REHAB & PROFESSIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATES 19,743.41; ST MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH 45.00; STACY BLEE 150.00; STERICYCLE, INC. / SHRED-IT 565.30; STEVE LIND 83.00; STOCKTON TROUT FARM, LLC 2,435.00; STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT 56.46; STORM LAKE ACE HARDWARE 1,017.05; STORM LAKE CORP 12,816.50; STORM LAKE GARAGE DOOR SERVICE 1,250.15; STORM

LAKE HEARING AID SERVICE, INC 1,450.00; STORM LAKE HONDA 251.41; STORM LAKE HYDRAULICS 643.26; STORM LAKE TIMES PILOT 4,641.43; STORM LAKE UNITED 17,500.00; STRATEGIC HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS, LLC 4,846.50; STRATFORD GRAVEL INC 23,685.83; SUSAN LLOYD 120.00; TESS ROBINSON 555.06; TESSIERS MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS 2,438.75; THE LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT 291.37; THOMAS AND SUSAN FITZPATRICK REVOCABLE TRUST 47,500.00; THRESHERMAN & COLLECTORS ASSN. 2,500.00; TIMOTHY RIED 31.68; T-MOBILE 576.68; TODD BRECHWALD 1,000.00; TRACY GOTTO 778.14; TREASURER STATE OF IOWA 1,480.33; TREASURER STATE OF IOWA 2,504.00; TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA 280.00; TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA 71.25; TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES 3,867.96; U. S. POSTAL SERVICE 909.05; ULTEIG OPERATIONS, LLC 2,237.14; UNITED TACTICAL SYSTEMS, LLC 2,137.00; UNITY POINT HEALTH -FORT DODGE 370.00; UNITY RIDGE LUTHERAN SCHOOL 2,639.97; UNITYPOINT CLINIC OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE 252.00; UPPER DES MOINES 4,750.00; US CELLULAR 5,750.54; US CELLULAR 600.00; VA CENTRAL IA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM GENERAL POST FUND 3610 3,000.00; VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY 4,981.59; VANCE CORDS 30.00; VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC 14,575.00; VERIZON WIRELESS 1,501.77; VETTER EQUIPMENT CO 1,902.04; VISA 9,542.44; VISA 1,558.84; VISION CARE ASSOCIATES P.C. 96.00; VISTA PAINTS 278.95; VISUAL EDGE IT, INC. 1,470.26; WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO 3,970.68; WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHI 653,905.59; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING, INC. 699.81; WESCO INDUSTRIES INC 4,247.94; WEST PAYMENT CENTER 5,466.99; WEX BANK 1,691.79; WEX BANK 752.76; WIESE PLUMBING & HEATING INC 393.85; WILLIAM SANKEY 150.00; WINDSTREAM 1,410.94; WINDSTREAM CABS 307.71; YOUTH SHELTER CARE OF 4,750.14; ZIEGLER INC 71,071.32; ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION 7,630.00

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