

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
EIGHTEENTH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (18)
APRIL 14, 2026**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson 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, and Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

Assistant to the Engineer, Justin Anderson, informed the Board that the DOT budget and 5-year Construction Program are still being reviewed by the IDOT, so there won't be action taken today. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to table approving the Chair to sign the **State IDOT budget** for FY27 and **5-year Construction Program** for FY'27 until the actual budget was available. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been working on some cross pipes and culverts. They have not heard of any storm damage from last night, but they will be out driving the north part of the county today to check things out.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 4/7/2026 as presented, and to accept the following **reports**: Quarterly Recorder's Report of Fees Collected (Jan-March 2026), March Sheriff's Report, March Board of Health Minutes, March Conservation Minutes, and March Solid Waste Commission Minutes. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Merten and Croker attended the Conservation Board meeting and there was discussion on the marina. Merten suggested that both Boards have a joint meeting to discuss the marina.

Public Health Administrator Tracy Gotto and Assistant Administrator Lacey Anderson discussed with the Board the idea of a walking event to promote healthier residents in Buena Vista County. Gotto stated that Iowa is 7th in the Nation for obesity, and due to their County Health Improvement Plan, they want to address this issue by having May 19 declared as a County Walk Day, walking your way to a Healthier Buena Vista. Gotto would like to have the Board approve and sign a Proclamation the morning of May 19, and then have county employees walk during their lunch time. Gotto has worked with the city and parks departments to get "bench workout" signs posted to give walkers another opportunity to exercise while walking. Gotto will be sending information to all the cities within BV County, so that they can also participate and have their own walking event. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to support the request of Public Health Administrator Tracy Gotto to have a proclamation signed on May 19 declaring a **County Walk Day**. Carried.

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

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 a.m. until Tuesday, April 21 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.