

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
 TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (24)  
 MAY 26, 2026**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, May 26, 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 Croker, second by Hartman, to approve today's **agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson discussed the DOT response on the remaining RISE dollars and payment of the county's share of the 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Hwy 7 intersection. Wilkinson stated that modifications were made by DOT which added more cost to the project. Wilkinson stated that there are \$1,416,674 dollars remaining for the RISE Grant and that is what the county intends to match. Wilkinson stated that the DOT's estimate is over \$4M. Wilkinson stated that the County did not interpret the RISE Grant Addendum, that was signed on 1/30/2026 to mean that District 3 would design the intersection why the County would be responsible for ALL costs associated with that design exceeding the remaining RISE funding. Wilkinson presented a letter for the Board to consider sending to the DOT with their response of what the County intends to pay for the 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Hwy 7 intersection. Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter to DOT stating that BV County is willing to match the balance of the original RISE Grant of \$1,416,674 for payment on the **70<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Hwy 7 intersection**. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report**: They are picking up trees, graveling, and working on 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bids come in Thursday on the Bridge #95 project and will come before the Board next week.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 5/19/2026 as presented, and to accept the following **reports**: None. Carried.

The Chair opened the public hearing for the 3rd **FY'26 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 Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the 3rd **FY'26 budget amendment** as published, to authorize the Chair to sign the Budget Amendment certification, **Resolution #2026-05-26-A**, amending the FY'26 Annual Budget, and to approve the following appropriations:

Increase activity	1050	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 05	\$9,300
Increase activity	1110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 28	\$13,000
Increase activity	1520	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 31	\$25,000
Increase activity	3300	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 65	\$7,500
Increase activity	8000	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 02	\$500
Increase activity	9040	MHDS Fund (0006)	Dept 61	\$588
Increase activity	9110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 52	\$30,518
Increase activity	9210	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 97	\$175,000
Increase activity	0110	Debt Service-Phase 1 (2025)	Dept 85	\$18,822
Increase activity	0110	Debt Service-2025B (2026)	Dept 85	\$600

Increase activity	0220	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$48,249
Increase activity	0220	Capital Projects Fund (1520)	Dept 05	\$294,159
Increase activity	0220	Capital Projects Fund (1520)	Dept 22	\$22,524
Increase activity	0300	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 90	\$29,057
Increase activity	0300	LOST for Secondary Road Fund (0019)	Dept 90	\$3,502 Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05-26-A  
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY'26 ANNUAL BUDGET  
BY ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #3**

**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 approved Budget Amendment #2 on December 30, 2025, thereby increasing appropriations by \$4,030,575, for a total budget after the amendment of 43,213,613; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the budget amendment #3 for FY'26, as presented by the County Auditor, increasing appropriations by \$678,319; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Supervisors believe the aforesaid budget amendment #3 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 26th day of May, 2026, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chair, 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.

Cheryl Buntsma, Certified Prevention Specialist for **Rosecrance Jackson Centers**, was present remotely and shared a slide presentation with the Board from IHHS Behavioral Health Service System regarding the state changes and the impact to behavioral health. Buntsma was also promoting their prevention care, Rosecrance-Jackson Recovery Center.

County Attorney Paul Allen discussed **recodification of ordinances**. Allen informed the Board that Iowa Code Section 331 states that recodification should be done every five years, and the last one done for the county was in 2003. Allen gave a list of the current ordinances to the Board to review, excluding

the zoning ordinances, and then a public hearing will be set at a future meeting. Allen stated that he would like to schedule this to be done every 4-years, by July 1 of mid-term election years, so it would be done before the five-year deadline.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented information, requesting suspension of taxes on two 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 Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the suspension of taxes on parcel #1620128005 in Newell. Carried. Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the suspension of taxes on parcel #1404232005 in Storm Lake. Carried. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the suspension of taxes on parcel #1403277021 in Storm Lake. Carried. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the suspension of taxes on parcel #1033382007 in Storm Lake. Carried.

Michael Pertzborn II and Tony Pertzborn, Stille, Pierce & Pertzborn Agency met with the Board to review the renewals for ICAP and IMWCA insurances for the county. The current mod factor is .85, rolling three years of claims, and a 4% increase in payroll and with the credits the premium is down for work/comp. Overall, the total insurance premium is up .27%, to \$395,029 for FY'27. Each year ICAP allows the members to increase their liability coverage if they want. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to update the excess liability to \$12M, and increase the cyber coverage to \$1M. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten (wanted to increase liability to \$13M). Motion carried.

Public Health Administrator Tracy Gotto asked the Board to approve and sign a Proclamation declaring May 26, 2026 as Buena Vista County Walk Day. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize all the Board to sign the Proclamation declaring May 26, 2026 as Buena Vista County Walk Day and encouraging all residents to take part by walking in their neighborhoods, parks, and communities as a step toward a healthier future. Carried.

The Board readdressed the request from IA Department of Administrative Services for the State Public Defender. The current lease expires on June 30, 2026, and the agency would like to renew the lease for a 5-year term. The Board approved increasing the monthly rate to \$60/month, at their last meeting. Croker stated that 5-years was too long for the lease, the county may need that room for something else before then. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve a 3-year lease at \$60/month, for the Public Defender, and authorized the Chair to sign.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement for Ahlers & Cooney, regarding the Not to exceed \$1,900,000 General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2026A (Refunding Series 2025A). Carried.

The Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, met in special session, in the Board Room, County Courthouse, 215 E. 5th Street, Storm Lake, Iowa, at 8:30 A.M., on the above date. There were present Chairperson Merten, in the chair, and the following named Board Members: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Absent: None. Vacant: None.

Board Member Ringgenberg introduced the following Resolution entitled "**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025A, OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA, DATED JUNE 18, 2025, AND DIRECTING NOTICE BE GIVEN**" and moved its adoption. 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 #2026-05-26-B**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF OUTSTANDING  
GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2025A, OF

BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA, DATED JUNE 18, 2025,  
AND DIRECTING NOTICE BE GIVEN

**WHEREAS**, the County did by resolution dated June 3, 2025, authorize the issuance of \$3,350,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025A, (the "Notes") dated June 18, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Notes are redeemable in any order of their numbering on any date upon giving notice in the manner provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the Notes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary and advisable that \$1,790,000 be so redeemed on June 29, 2026 and notice of redemption be given according to the terms of the resolution authorizing issuance of the Notes.

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

Section 1. That outstanding General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, dated June 18, 2025, in the principal amount of \$1,790,000, be and the same are hereby redeemed as of June 29, 2026.

Section 2. The Registrar and Paying Agent, UMB Bank, n.a., is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such redemption be given not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date and to cause notice of redemption to be mailed to the registered owners of the Notes by ordinary mail, and to notify DTC.

Section 3. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be deposited in a separate fund sum sufficient to pay all principal and interest on the redeemed Notes to the date of redemption and to notify the County's dissemination agent to post the Notice of Redemption to the MSRB's website (EMMA) in searchable PDF format for the refunded Notes in accordance with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate for the Notes.

Section 4. That the form of such notice be substantially as follows:

NOTICE OF THE CALL OF NOTES FOR REDEMPTION TO THE HOLDERS OF THE FOLLOWING  
DESCRIBED NOTES:

Please take notice that the Notes described below have been called for redemption. Owners of the Notes should present their Notes for payment on the redemption date.

Issuer: Buena Vista County, State of Iowa

Original Issue Amount: \$3,350,000

Note Issue: General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2025A

Dated Date: June 18, 2025

Redemption Date: June 29, 2026

Redemption Price: Par, plus accrued interest

Notes Called for Redemption

<u>CUSIP Numbers</u>	<u>Note Numbers</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
119259 GU7	1	\$1,790,000	4.750%	June 1, 2030

No representation is made as to the accuracy of the CUSIP numbers printed herein or on the Notes.

The above Notes should be presented to UMB Bank, n.a., West Des Moines, Iowa. This represents a partial call of the outstanding obligations. All interest will cease to accrue on the Redemption Date.

UMB BANK, N.A., West Des Moines, Iowa

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(End of Notice)

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. until Tuesday, June 2 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.