

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
 TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (26)  
 JUNE 9, 2026**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, June 9, 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 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.

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

Upon completion of the **Canvass** pursuant to Chapter 50.24 of 2026 Code of Iowa, motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to declare the results as listed below, to prepare abstracts for submission to the Secretary of State, and to prepare 'notice of nominations' to the political party chairpersons as required. Carried. [Note: For the county offices, the person declared nominated will be designated as "#"; where no name with "#" is shown, there is no nominee for that office on that political ticket.]

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</b>	<b>REPUBLICAN PARTY</b>
<i>Total votes cast:1640</i>	<i>510</i>	<i>1130</i>
<i>United States Senator</i>	Josh Turek-325 Zach Wahls- 164	Jim Carlin- 313 Ashley Hinson- 735 Scattering- 3
U.S. Representative Dist 4	Dave Dawson- 87 Stephanie Steiner- 70 Ashley WolfTornabane- 327	Chris McGowan Scattering- 8
Governor	Rob Sand- 493 Scattering- 3	Eddie Andres- 35 Randy Feenstra- 414 Zach Lahn- 479 Brad Sherman-101 Adam Steen- 84 Scattering- 3
Secretary of State	Ryan Peterman- 432 Scattering- 2	Paul D. Pate- 959 Scattering- 5
Auditor of State	Taylor Wettach- 431 Scattering- 1	Chris Cournoyer- 541 Abigail Maas- 413 Scattering- 5
Treasurer of State	John Norwood- 428 Scattering- 3	Roby Smith- 914 Scattering- 4
Secretary of Agriculture	Chris Jones- 435 Scattering- 2	Mike Naig- 979 Scattering- 3
Attorney General	Nate Willems- 427 Scattering- 2	Brenna Bird- 944 Scattering- 4

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State Senator Dist 3	Mike Frantz-448 Scattering-1	Shane Bellefy- 262 Lynn Evans- 788 Scattering- 3
State Representative Dist 5	Scattering- 2	Keith Glienke- 253 Michael Schnoes- 15
State Representative Dist 6	Scattering- 20	Megan Jones-712 Scattering- 17
County Board of Supervisor Dist 1	Scattering- 12	# Kathy Croker- 891 Scattering- 11
County Board of Supervisor Dist 2	Scattering- 11	# Kelly Snyder- 920 Scattering- 9
County Board of Supervisor Dist 3	Scattering- 11	# Paul Merten- 904 Scattering- 8
County Treasurer	Scattering- 11	# Danelle Haberman- 914 Scattering- 3
County Recorder	Scattering- 11	# Curtis J. Reis-910 Scattering- 2
County Attorney	Scattering- 11	# Paul Allen- 893 Scattering- 3
Carried.		

Rebecca Greenway, Northland Securities was present online to present debt schedule scenarios for 5-, 7- or 10-year issuance term on **General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes Series 2026A**. She explained that with 3 loans coming off debt service this year she felt the 5- year issuance would keep the debt service levy flat and save the county in interest. After a brief discussion, it was motion by Snyder and second by Ringgenberg to move forward with the 5- year issuance terms on **General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes Series 2026A**. 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 Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 6/2/2026 as presented, and to accept the following **reports**: April Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, June Safety Committee minutes, and 2026 Post-Election Audit Report & Auditor Election Certification. Carried.

Annette Koster, Early Childhood Director was present to request Buena Vista County to continue as her employer of record. She explained how changing employer of record would affect both her and the region. She did say that Family Thrivent would pay between 4-10% of her salary to the county to be used to cover any unemployment that might come into play later. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg that Buena Vista County continue as **employer of record for 3-County Empowerment Director** and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Employer of Record Agreement. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. until Tuesday, June 16 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.