

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (28)
JUNE 23, 2026**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Vice-Chairperson Hartman presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Merten (by phone for part of the meeting), 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 Ringgenberg, to approve today's **agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **utility permit** for MidAmerican Energy, Urbandale, IA, to bore along 80th Ave. in Section 32, Hayes Township, from approximately 200' north of IA-7 to south of Northern Natural Gas Company, for the transmission of Fiber Optic. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that eight bids were received by DOT for the Business 71 and N14 paving project. The eight bids were: Croell, Inc. (\$11,149,889), Peterson Contractors, Inc. (\$11,418,029.02), Godbersen-Smith Construction Co. (\$11,582,017.15), Manatt's, Inc. (\$11,675,675.65), Concrete Technologies, Inc. (\$11,987,409.91), Flynn Company, Inc. (\$12,288,569.92), Reilly Construction Co., Inc. (\$12,435,035.51), and Hulstein Excavating, LLC (\$15,162,664.33). Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Board to sign **Resolution 2026-06-23-A** Awarding Projects FM-CO11(120)--55-11 and FM-CO11(121)--55-11, PCC Pavement-Grade & Replace on Business 71 and N14 to Croell, Inc. for \$11,149,889. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-06-23-A

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the FM-C011(120)--55-11 & FM-C011(121)--55-11, 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 PCC Pavement - Grade & Replace on Business 71 and N14; 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 Board to accept the bid from CROELL, Inc. in the amount of \$11,149,889.85 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 R 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 23rd day of June, 2026.

/s/ Dan Hartman, Vice-Chair, /s/ Kathy Croker, Supervisor, /s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Supervisor, /s/ Kelly Snyder, Supervisor, (Merten unavailable to sign).

Secondary Road Report: They are putting rock on 40th Ave., north of Bridge #95. The bridge will be removed this week. They are working on tile repairs; one is a major tile repair. They hauled gravel to some gravel roads in the west part of the county. As for Phase 2, PCI will be done with their portion by July 10 and then Godbersen-Smith Construction will move in, with the project to be done by harvest. There has not been any information on Phase 3 from the DOT.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the minutes of 6/16/2026 as presented, and to accept the following report: May Storm Lake United minutes. Carried.

A request was received from EMA Director Aimee Barritt to carry over excess vacation time. Barritt states that she has been using up some hours but will still have between 25-30 hours remaining at her anniversary but says she will use it all up by the end of July. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to allow EMA Director Aimee Barritt to carry over excess vacation time of between 25-30 hours, which will be used up by the end of July. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to de-appropriate \$400 from Debt Service Fund 2010 and add to the appropriation in Debt Service Fund 2015, due to extra fees caused by the partial redemption of Series 2025A Capital Loan Notes. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to de-appropriate \$26,747 from fund 0011 Weed Department and add to the appropriation of Fund 0037 Platinum Crush TIF for the additional dollars paid out over what was budgeted. Carried.

Vice-Chairman Hartman 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 Croker, second by Snyder, to go into closed session (at 9:00 A.M.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2026 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, and Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to go out of closed session at 10:38 A.M. Carried.

Ringgenberg left the meeting at 10:39 a.m. and Merten ended his phone connection at 10:39 a.m.,

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

Rebecca Greenway, Northland Securities, was online and reviewed the finance plan with the Board for the County's 2026A Bond issue, and discussed whether it was beneficial to have bond rating done. Greenway informed the Board that there would only be about \$5,000 savings in interest if a bond rating

was done, due to it being a small issue. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to not have a bond rating done for the **2026A Bond issue**. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson gave his department update. Johnson reviewed the areas that were sprayed trees and noxious weeds and said that they only received one weed complaint so far. Conservation Department put a porch on the cabin and painted a building at Sturchler. The appeal of both FEMA events for Linn Grove is still ongoing. The Attorney General's Office is working on the documentation that will deed the Marina over to Buena Vista County. The paving project at the Marina is out to bid.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign **Resolution #2026-06-23-C** Committing \$40,000 of General Basic ending fund balance to use for Linn Grove repairs by the Conservation Department. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2026-06-23-C
BV County Conservation
Designated/Committed Ending Fund Balance**

WHEREAS Buena Vista County Conservation Department has a combination of maintenance line items in their FY'26 budget in the General Basic Fund, that were not expended, and

WHEREAS Conservation Department postponed other park items anticipating additional expenditures for Linn Grove, specifically DR4796 repairs, and

WHEREAS Conservation Department knew they needed to fully engineer the repairs and they had received a quote from EOR early this spring for just over \$30,000, and

WHEREAS Conservation Department hasn't been able to move forward due to FEMA actions that they are still trying to work through;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, that \$40,000 in the General Basic ending fund balance is hereby designated and committed for expenditure on Linn Grove repairs, by the Conservation Department.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2026.

/s/ Dan Hartman, Vice-Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to **transfer** \$10,000 from the General Basic Fund (0001) to Conservation Land Acquisition Trust Fund (CLAT) (0027) for the FY'26 budgeted transfer. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign **Resolution #2026-06-23-B** Designating the Official Physical Posting Location for Public Meetings and Agendas pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21 and House File 2490. Croker commented that the other Boards need to be aware of this and post there as well. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06-23-B

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL PHYSICAL POSTING LOCATION FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS AND AGENDAS PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE CHAPTER 21 AND HOUSE FILE 2490

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors (the "Board") is a governmental body subject to the requirements of the Iowa Open Meetings Law, Iowa Code Chapter 21; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa enacted House File 2490, effective upon enactment, which amended Iowa Code section 21.4; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of HF 2490, governmental bodies are required to designate annually a prominent and conspicuous place which is easily accessible to the public where meeting notices and tentative agendas are posted and visible to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, HF 2490 also requires notice and tentative agenda to be posted on the governmental body's primary internet site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa:

Section 1: Official Posting Location

The Board hereby designates the following prominent, conspicuous, and publicly accessible location as the official physical site for the posting of all public meeting notices and tentative agendas:

- The self-contained display case outside the East entrance of the Buena Vista County Courthouse, located at 215 E. 5th St., Storm Lake, IA, visible and accessible to the public 24 hours a day.

Section 2: Internet Posting

In addition to the physical posting location designated in Section 1, all public notices and tentative agendas shall be posted and regularly maintained on the county's primary internet site at:

<https://buonavistacounty.iowa.gov/>

Section 3: Compliance with Prior Notice Requirements

Nothing in this resolution shall supersede the requirement to advise news media who have filed a request for notice with the county, or the requirement to fulfill the 24-hour advance notice of meetings as mandated by Iowa Code section 21.4.

Section 4: Effective Date

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of June, 2026.

/s/ Dan Hartman, Vice-Chairperson, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to **transfer** \$500 from the General Basic Fund (0001) to Conservation Land Acquisition Trust Fund (CLAT) (0027) for the FY'25 boat title fees. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to **transfer** \$268,481 from the General Supplemental Fund (0002) to reimburse the General Basic Fund (0001), based on the 2024 Cost Advisory Services, Inc. (CASI) Report of the allocated costs of the Clerk of Court Office and District Court. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #19-26 Branch 4** work order for a tile repair by Quality Drainage Solutions. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the **Revised 28E Agreement** of NW IA Multi-County Regional Juvenile Detention Center regarding juvenile detention services, which allows Emmet County to become a member. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m. until Tuesday, June 30 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.