

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTIETH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (30)
JULY 14, 2026**

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to amend today's **agenda**, adding fireworks permit application for the City of Rembrandt. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented the IA DOT Federal-aid Agreement for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Project. This is for Project #BRS-CHBP-CO11(122)--GB-11, the bridge on M50, over the North Raccoon River in Section 33-92-36. Wilkinson stated that BV County was granted up to \$616,000 with a required 20% match from the county's farm-to-market account. Wilkinson stated that this project is tied to a bridge project in Ida County. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the IA DOT Federal-aid Agreement for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) **Project#BRS-CHBP-CO11(122)--GB-11**, the bridge on M50, over the North Raccoon River in Section 33-92-36. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Both mowers are working along the hard surface roads and gravel roads. The crews are working on crossroad culverts, driveways, and tile repairs. Bridge #95 has been removed but the contractor hasn't started piling yet. Phase 2--the base is ready, and the contractor is predicting that the paving will begin the first week of August. Wilkinson stated that the completion date for Phase 2 will be ahead of September 15 and ahead of harvest. Phase 3--nothing new to report. Business 71/N14—the contract has been signed by the DOT, and now a date can be set for a pre-construction meeting. Wilkinson informed the Board that MidAmerican submitted an invoice for the cost of moving five poles last fall on 80th Ave. and the amount is about half of their original estimate. The MidAmerican invoice will be paid two weeks from now on the next pay date.

Rembrandt Fire Chief Ed Madsen was present for the Board's consideration of the fireworks permit application for the City of Rembrandt, to be shot off July 18 as part of the city's 125th celebration. Madsen stated that J & M Displays, the fireworks company, will be the ones to shoot off the fireworks, and they are fully licensed and insured. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the **fireworks permit** for the Rembrandt Fire & Rescue, to be held on July 18, 2026, subject to the Sheriff signing the permit. Carried.

Iowa Lakes Corridor President/CEO Curt Strouth, Senior VP of Economic Development Trevor Smith, and Office Coordinator Jenny Dykema presented a quarterly update on activities. Strouth introduced Dykema as their newest member of their staff. Smith talked about their upcoming homegrown Talent Initiative Golf Tournament that will be held July 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the Buena Vista University Golf Course. Smith also gave a recap of Build My Future event that was held at the Clay County Fairgrounds, with over 700 students attending the hands-on event to learn about careers in skilled trades. Smith stated that 62 businesses participated in the event. Dykema gave a preview of the Okoboji Entrepreneurial Institute.

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 6/30/2026 as corrected, today's claims approval list, and Auxiant disbursements, and to accept the following reports: June Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, Quarterly Recorder's Report of Fees Collected (Mar-June), and June Emergency Management Commission minutes. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to appoint Dave Patton as Medical Examiner Supervisor, effective July 7, 2026. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the five-day Special Class C Alcohol License application for Smokin Hereford LLC. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Amendment to the Employer of Record Agreement between Northwest Early Childhood Area and Buena Vista County. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the 2026 Confidential Military List, 2026 Confidential Disabled Military List, 2026 Homestead Credit List, 2026 Homestead 65+ list, and the Disallowance List of fifteen 2026 Homestead Tax Credits and six Homestead 65+ Tax Exemptions as per Iowa Code Section 425.7, and the Disallowance List of one 2026 Military Exemption. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution #2026-07-14-A Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Amended Intergovernmental Agreement pursuant to IA Code Chapter 28E Between Central IA Juvenile Detention Center and Participating Iowa Counties. Carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A CHAPTER 28E INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07-14-A

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE CHAPTER 28E BETWEEN CENTRAL IOWA JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER AND PARTICIPATING IOWA COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, Buena Vista County previously entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E with Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center (CIJDC) and other participating entities, which was filed with the Iowa Secretary of State on June 27th, 2012 as Filing Number M505282 and

WHEREAS, the participating entities have determined that updates, modifications, and amendments to the original 28E Agreement are necessary

WHEREAS, Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center has already officially approved and executed the proposed Amended 28E Agreement in accordance with all current requirements; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors has reviewed the updated agreement, a copy of which is on file with the County Auditor, and finds that approving these updates is in the best interest of the County and its residents.

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

Section 1. The updated and amended 28E Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center and the participating entities is hereby approved in all respects.

Section 2. The board appointed CIJDC representative is hereby authorized and directed to execute the updated Agreement on behalf of Buena Vista County.

Section 3. Upon execution by all parties, Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center is directed to file the fully executed, amended Agreement with the Iowa Secretary of State as required by Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

Upon Motion by, Supervisor Ringgenberg and 2nd by Supervisor Snyder

Roll Call Vote was, Dan Hartman--AYE, Paul Merten--AYE, Rhonda Ringgenberg--AYE, Kelly Snyder--AYE

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 2026.

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

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. until Tuesday, July 21 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.