

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (34)
AUGUST 11, 2026**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg (virtual), 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 Croker, second by Hartman, to approve today's **agenda**. Carried.

The Pre-**Design Agreement with Iowa DOT for Hwy7/70th Ave. intersection** was not available at the time of the meeting so no action was taken.

County Engineer Bret Wilkinson and Sheriff Kory Elston presented a contract from Urban SDK for computer generated traffic reports and satellite imagery. The system would be able to give the number of cars, directions they turn, speeds they are going and road data on a seven-day delayed reporting system. This information could be used to determine road issues and elevations that could be used by secondary roads and the Sheriff's office could use this information to determine if a stronger presence is needed in certain areas and help determine if complaints from the public are founded or not. Elston commented that it would be used similar to the radar trailer. A two-year contract would run \$137,511 and would include a support specialist for the county's assistance. This company is based out of Florida, and they only knew of one county in Iowa using the software in a sheriff's office and none in Secondary Roads. The board asked them to gather more information and report back to them before making a decision. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to table the approval of the chair to sign a **contract with Urban SDK** for software used by Secondary Roads and the Sheriff pending further information being presented. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They continue with blading, mowing, culvert work and putting in new driveways and widening others. Phase 2- 2,000 ft of concrete was laid yesterday, and they will restock and do some hand work today. If the rain holds off on Wednesday, they should have the main part of the road poured and most of the way done by the end of the week. There is a lot of hand work on this project that slows progress slightly. Business 71/N14 projects look to be still on schedule from last week. They will not be able to start on the culvert on Business 71 until it is built sometime in October. The 40th Ave bridge project will not start until late October and will probably not be completed until spring.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** from 8/4/2026 as presented, today's **claim approval list, Auxiant disbursements and stamped warrant list**, and accept the following **reports:** August Safety Meeting minutes and July Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected. Carried.

Assistant County Attorney Ashley Herrig discussed updates to the **re-codification of Ordinances** with the Board and to set a date and time for a public hearing. Herrig reviewed the updates that had taken place since the last time she talked to the Board. She also explained that a public hearing needed to be set up so that we can move forward with finishing this process. Motion by Croker, and seconded by Hartman,

to set a **public hearing for Re-codification of the Ordinances** for Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. Carried.

Veterans Service Officer Louie DeRoos was in to request his office be able to open a credit card. He explained to the Board that he and Jerry had to use their personal cards and get reimbursed for everything and felt they needed a cleaner way to purchase things. This also brought up a discussion on how to distribute donated funds to veterans in need of food, utility and fuel assistance. After a brief discussion it was suggested to reach out to local grocery stores and see if they could call and notify them this person was able to charge grocery only items (no alcohol or tabaco) and the county would be billed for the items or if a credit card was needed. If a credit card is needed someone would need to accompany the veteran and bring back a detailed receipt to put with the credit card statement. DeRoos felt that was a doable option. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve Veterans Service Officer Louie DeRoos to obtain a **credit card** for his department, from Citizen's First National Bank with a limit of \$1,000. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to go into **closed session** (at 10:05 a.m.) to discuss two separate items, under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2025 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. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:19 a.m., the Board ended discussion of the first agenda item and continued the closed session with the second agenda item.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to go out of **closed session** at 10:49 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. until Tuesday, August 25 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried. (No meeting is planned for August 18, 2026).