

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (37)
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented the Board with a streetlight proposal from MidAmerican Energy for 70th Ave. and County Hwy C63. The estimate for placement of LED streetlights on 70th Ave. and County Hwy C63 is \$2,020.91. Wilkinson also presented a streetlight proposal for Hwy 7 & Hwy M50. The estimate for placement of LED streetlights at Hwy 7 & Hwy M50 is \$10,790.22. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve placement of **LED streetlights** on 70th Ave. and County Hwy C63 for \$2,020.91, but to wait on the proposal to place LED streetlights at Hwy 7 & Hwy M50 at a cost of \$10,790.22 until MidAmerican completes their project. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that in looking for a contractor to do the asphalt patch on 80th Ave., he found one contractor that could come in a couple weeks to lay the asphalt down for \$185/ton, and he estimates 500 ton, making the cost under \$100,000. The asphalt would be placed up to the tracks and then a strip north of the railroad tracks, to get us through until DOT starts working on their project. Wilkinson stated that the State may have their bid letting in the Fall of 2027 and do the work in the Spring of 2028. The Board stated that if the contractor could come September 21 that would be okay, but not after that time. Croker commented that she is not in favor of Platinum Crush allowing queuing up trucks on the county roads while they add another scale. Croker stated that Platinum Crush is anticipating more than 700 trucks a day, and she would rather have them que up on 80th Ave. and not on 70th Ave. Merten suggested making 80th Ave. and 600th St. the truck route. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve having a contractor do the **asphalt patch on 80th Ave.** Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They continue with driveways, hauling gravel to piles, crossroad culverts, and blading. Contractor is doing crack sealing on M36 down to C25. N14—they are still talking to PCI to see when they can start, hoping to start next week with PCI. PCI tears out the asphalt and does the dirt work to prepare for Croelle. PCI will take approximately 2-3 weeks. Wilkinson stated that they do not know when a landowner meeting for the N14 Project will be. Phase 2—They are still shouldering and striping, hoping to have the road open the end of this week. Phase 3—Wilkinson has asked to move the update meeting from October 1, but he hasn't heard anything.

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

Public Health Administrator Tracy Gotto informed the Board of contracts that they have with some outside agencies to use some of their space, and Public Health is receiving rent from them. WIC services using space twice a month, IA Primary Care-Navigator is in the building every Friday, Siouxland Community Health comes into their building, and Dr. Seiler, a pediatric oral surgeon does surgeries at BVRMC and would like to see the patients at Public Health. Gotto stated that all of these agencies are valuable

partnerships with Public Health. Auditor Lloyd asked Gotto for the **contracts** so that the Board of Supervisors could approve them, along with the Board of Health, and also requested a copy of their liability insurance coverages. Gotto stated that he would get copies of all of the contracts to Lloyd to be added to a future Board meeting for approval and will request a copy of each of the agency's liability insurance coverage.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #183** bid estimate for TBB Spraying, Titonka, IA, in the amount of \$800.00. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #335019 dated 7/14/026 for \$5.48 to Christine (Tina) Orenday. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** from 9/1/2026 as presented, today's **claim approval list and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: September Safety Committee minutes, July Central Iowa Detention Finance Committee minutes, July Central Iowa Detention Commission minutes, July Central Iowa Detention Contract Committee minutes, July Central Iowa Detention Building Committee minutes, August Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, March Region III LEPC Committee minutes, and July NW IA YES Center minutes. Carried.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the **Recodification of Ordinances**, with Assistant County Attorney Ashley Herrig present and several people online. Herrig stated that the Ordinances were fully complete, and the terminology was updated. Herrig recommended that the Board recodify the ordinances. The Chair opened it up for questions or comments from the Public and there was none. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to close the Public Hearing. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and accept the **Recodification of the County Ordinances**. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. until Tuesday, September 22 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried. (no meeting is planned for September 15)