

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-NINETH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (39)
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg (on phone), and Snyder, and 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve today's **agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, for two borings, one under C16 (460th St.) and one under 50th Ave. in Sections 22, 23, and 27 of Brooke Township, to upgrade existing facilities. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented the Iowa DOT Predesign Agreement on the Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. intersection. The agreement states that the County would pay up to a max. of \$1,416,674, the RISE Grant would pay the same amount as the county, and the cost over-runs are to be paid by DOT. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair and Auditor to sign the Iowa DOT **Predesign Agreement on the Hwy 7 and 70th Ave.** intersection. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been hauling limestone up to gravel roads around Albert City, as they are wet after all of the rain and N14 is closed. Today, they are working on a large crossroad culvert project on 40th Ave. Mowers are still going. They are also edge rutting and have the retriever going on the gravel roads. Phase 2—PCI wrapped up last Monday. The County is working on the asphalt patch south of Hwy 7. Phase 3---There will be an update meeting October 1, at 8:30 a.m. N14 Project---The asphalt was milled off last week. Engineer Bret Wilkinson met with PCI and Croell to discuss the N14 Project.

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

Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller gave a **department update:** Last Wednesday, McGill Restoration started on the Courthouse stone. There will be two more weeks of grinding and then they will put mortar and caulk in, and then let it dry. After it is dry, Keller will look at the finished project to be sure that it is okay. Keller stated that this project will run until Thanksgiving. Keller had a pre-construction meeting with Otis to get measurements for their elevator project and to see what has to be done before they start work. As for the Cherry Corner building, Keller stated that he hopes to get the DNR report back on the asbestos, and then he can begin scheduling to demolish the building. Keller stated that the utilities at the Cherry Corner building are all done, Keller informed the Board that he is back to a full-staff now. Chairman Merten told Keller that he and his department are doing a great job.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** from 9/8/2026 and 9/17/2026 as presented, today's **claim approval list, stamped drainage warrant list, and Auxiant disbursements,** and accept the following **reports:** July Board of Health minutes, August BV Co Solid Waste Commission minutes, September BV Co Emergency Management minutes, and Veterans Affairs Commissioner Minutes for the months of April through August. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m. until Tuesday, September 29 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.