BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-THIRD MEETING, 2026 SESSION (43)
OCTOBER 20, 2026

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 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 Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: None. Due to technical difficulties, the online meeting was not available until 9:10 a.m.

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 Snyder, to approve today's **agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented his proposed resolution for speed limits on M36 (Weaver St.) within the city limits of Linn Grove. Wilkinson stated that with the new wider bridge and sidewalk, there are more people walking, so the suggestion was made to lower the speed limits coming into town and going out of town, slowing traffic down prior to the bridge. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2026-10-20-A** For Establishing a Speed Limit. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2026-10-20-A
RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Iowa Code Sections 321.255 and 321.285 to determine the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Linn Grove has requested modifications to the speed limits on M36 (Weaver St) within City Limits,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the speed limit is established effective immediately, and appropriate signs shall be erected at the locations described as follows;

25 mph on Northbound M36 (Weaver St.) commencing 270' South of High St and proceeding North to a point 50' South of Bluff Street/N River Rd.

45 mph on Northbound M36 (Weaver St.) commencing at a point 50' South of Bluff Street/N River Rd and proceeding North 440'.

End of Speed Zone on Northbound M36 (Weaver St.) commencing at a point 390' North of Bluff Street/N River Rd and proceeding North.

45 mph on Southbound M36 (Weaver St.) commencing at a point 250' North of Bluff Street/N River Rd and proceeding 450' South to a point 200' South of Bluff Street/N River Rd.

35 mph on Southbound M36 (Weaver St.) commencing at a point 200' South of Bluff Street/N River Rd and proceeding 350' South to a point 550' South of Bluff Street/N River Rd.

25 mph on Southbound M36 (Weaver St.) commencing at a point 550' South of Bluff Street/N River Rd and proceeding South to a point 800' South of High St.

End of Speed Zone on Southbound M36 (Weaver St.) commencing at a point 335' South of High St (Current Corporate Limits) and proceeding South.

Resolution adopted this 20th day of October, 2026.

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

Secondary Road Report: They continue to gravel the soft spots on the gravel roads, and have worked on some crossroad culverts, made a few tile repairs, and they are still mowing. The contractor is starting to work on Bridge #95 on 40th Ave., throwing shoulder material out. PCI will move in tomorrow to start work on N14 by Albert City. They are still on track to work on the Business 71 box culvert in November. The DOT update meeting on Phase 3 was on the 19th, and they are planning on a July, 2027 letting for the project. The DOT is in the process of purchasing right-of-way for Phase 3, and they are communicating with the City of Storm Lake with the waterline, as it will be capped after rural water starts at Lake Creek. The DOT may begin working on the 80th Ave. intersection, the area that is offline of Hwy 7. Engineer: Wilkinson stated that the DOT plans to come sometime in January to give an update on Phase 3.

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

The Chair opened the public hearing on the 1st Reading of Ordinance #6.1A-29, the rezoning request of Kenneth Larsen in the SW ¼ SW ¼ Section 22-92-37, with Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg and Kenneth Larsen present. Larson is requesting a change to a parcel from ag to commercial, so that he can bottle and sell wine. Mueggenberg informed the Board that the Zoning Commission has met and heard from Larsen about his intended use of the property, and they recommend approval. The Chair asked if there were any questions, and there were none. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **1st Reading of Ordinance #6.1A-29**, the rezoning request of Kenneth Larsen in the SW ¼ SW ¼ Section 22-92-37 and set the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #6.1A-29 for October 27, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg informed the Board that he has received four Matrix from New Fashion Pork for Farm 160-Watts, Farm 116-Ehlers, Farm 117-Bloom, and Farm 157-Booges. Mueggenberg stated that all of the Matrix paperwork needs to be reviewed and approved by the Board. New Fashion Pork is only increasing animal units in their existing buildings, due to dead loss. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to set a Public Hearing for four **Master Matrix applications** for New Fashion Pork for Farm 160-Watts, Farm 116-Ehlers, Farm 117-Bloom, and Farm 157-Booges, for November 3 at 9:30 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** from 10/13/2026 as corrected, today's **claims approval list and Auxiant disbursements,** and accept the following **reports:** September Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the supervisors to sign **Operation Green Light for Veterans Proclamation** and encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4-11, 2026. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 a.m. until Tuesday, October 27 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.