BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (47)
NOVEMBER 17, 2026

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 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 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 Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve today's **agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, to horizontally directionally drill under 105th Ave in Section 15, Washington Township. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the County Engineer to purchase a 644P-Tier **Wheel Loader** for $319,900. Carried. Wilkinson did tell the group he plans to sell the 1970s Wheel Loader at auction soon as trade in was not an option.

Secondary Road Report: They have been blading gravel roads. They have been doing some tile repairs, driveway work, and brush cutting. N14—they are still crushing the old concrete and pouring it back in. They put the crossroad culvert in last week at the intersection, but they found a city watermain on top of the drainage pipe there, so they had to change to a 15" pipe instead of a 24" pipe, to run under the watermain. They do still plan on putting the box culvert in on Business 71 this year as the weather will have little effect on it. On Bridge #95, the contractor is still driving piling on the north side but once finished they will move to the south side. Phase 3—there is nothing new to report. They are waiting for the next DOT update meeting, which will be online in December, and having a Board update in January.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 11/10/2026 as presented, today's **claims approval list, and Auxiant disbursements,** and accept the following **reports:** FY26 Elderbridge Agency on Aging Annual Report, October Conservation Board Minutes, October Solid Waste Commission minutes, and November Safety Committee minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #335974 dated 10/20/26 for $2,013.41 to Central Bank. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #336013 dated 10/20/26 for $127.67 to Central Bank. Carried.

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 3rd Reading of Ordinance #6.1A-29, the rezoning request of Kenneth Larsen in the SW ¼ SW ¼ Section 22-92-37. Larson is requesting a change to a parcel from ag to commercial, so that he can bottle and sell wine. The Chair asked if there were any questions, and there were none. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Hartman, second by Croker to approve the 3rd Reading **of Ordinance #6.1A-29 Amendment to Zoning District Maps** in Section 22 of Scott Township, waiving the physical reading of the documents. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Carried.

Ordinance 6.1A-29
BUENA VISTA COUNTY ORDINANCE

Title: AMENDMENT TO ZONING DISTRICTS MAP

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Zoning Districts Map with respect to the real estate described in Section 2 below in accordance with Section 10.104 of Ordinance 6.1 of the Buena Vista County 2003 Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 2. Change to Zoning Districts Map. The official Zoning Districts Map, referred to in Section 1.105 of Ordinance 6.1 of the Buena Vista County 2003 Code of Ordinances, is amended as follows:

Description-Parcel ID 0622300004

A PART OF THE SW ¼ SW ¼ OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 92 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: Beginning at the Southwest (SW) corner of the SW ¼ of Section 22, Township 92 North, Range 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa; thence North along the West line of said SW ¼, a distance of 346.10 feet; thence North 88° 42' 50" East, 787.70 feet; thence South 00° 57' 50" East, 359.95 feet to a point on the South line of said SW ¼; thence South 89° 39' 20" West along the South line of said SW ¼, a distance of 793.47 feet to the point of beginning. The above described parcel contains 6.41 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements of record. The West line of the SW ¼ of said Section 22, is used as bearing due North and South in the above description.

is changed from "A-1" Agricultural to "C-1" Commercial District

SECTION 3. When Effective. This ordinance amending the Zoning Districts Map shall be in effect after its final passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors on this 17th day of November 2026.

/s/ Paul Merten, Board of Supervisor Chairperson…….Attest: Karla Ahrendsen, Deputy Auditor

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen informed the Board that she and Yvonne Sandhoff have accumulated comp time over the maximum amount, due to all the extra hours worked for the General Election. Ahrendsen stated that she and Sandhoff have plans to use their time in January and February. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve Karla Ahrendsen to carry over approximately an additional 27 hours of **comp time** and Yvonne Sandhoff to carry over approximately an additional 29 hours of comp time. Carried.

Emily Winker-Schultz, Elderly Service Director of **Elderbridge Agency** joined the meeting virtually to present the agency's annual report and funding request. She told the group that for every dollar that Buena Vista County contributed there was $11.19 in services given. They are asking for $3.30 per senior in county support for the FY'28 budget allocation for a total of $14,833, up from $14,403 in FY'27. Winker-Schultz thanked the board for past and future support to the seniors of our county.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m. until Tuesday, December 1 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried. (No meeting is planned for November 24, 2026)