The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met for the first meeting of the 2007 session on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with the following present: Burnside, Crampton, Supervisors-Elect Dale Arends, Ken Hach and Paul Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Prior to the beginning of today’s meeting, Supervisors Burnside and Merten completed the count of cash in the Treasurer’s office.

The Board informally discussed parliamentary procedure and other meeting rules.

9:00 a.m.—In the District Courtroom, Judge John Duffy conducted the swearing-in ceremony for each of the Supervisors-Elect, and other elected county officials, following which the Board re-convened in the Boardroom.

County Attorney Dave Patton introduced his staff: Assistants Josh Walsh and James McHugh, and IT/legal assistant Rob McCartney. Walsh will continue to work out of his office with Jim Gailey in Newell, and McHugh and McCartney will be in Patton’s office on Geneseo St.

The first order of business for the 2007 session was election of the Chairman of the Board. The Auditor called for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Motion by Burnside to nominate Crampton, seconded by Hach. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, that nominations cease. Motion by Arends, seconded by Hach to cast a unanimous ballot for Crampton. Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Crampton, Hach, Merten. Nays—none. Carried.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Chairman Crampton called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Motion by Hach, second by Merten, to nominate Burnside to serve as Vice Chair. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Burnside as Vice Chair. Carried.

Board Appointments-1

Motion by Merten, second by Hach to appoint the following persons as delegates and representatives to the committees, commissions and boards as noted for 2007:

Burnside-delegate, Arends-alternate, to the Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. Board.

Crampton-delegate, Hach-alternate, to the NW Iowa Planning and Development Commission and Barry Thongvanh as the non-elected at-large representative for Buena Vista County.

Merten as Buena Vista County Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.

Burnside—delegate, Merten-alternate to the Local Emergency Management Commission (Chapter 29C.9).

Burnside—delegate, Merten-alternate to the Buena Vista Solid Waste Commission.

Lloyd Galbraith to the Western Iowa Tourism Council.
Kathy Bach, Jon Ites, and Karen Strawn to the Buena Vista County Deferred Compensation Board.

Gary Armstrong as the Buena Vista County Drainage Attorney.

Crampton–representative, Merten–alternate to the 3-County Empowerment Board.

Crampton–representative, Merten–alternate, to the BV-Crawford-Sac De-Categorization Governing Board.

Hach to the DHS Service Area Advisory Board.

Hach-representative, Merten–alternate, to the Administrative Board of Directors of the 3rd Judicial District Department of Correctional Services.

Merten-representative and Burnside -alternate to the Synergy Board of Directors.

Crampton-delegate, Arends–alternate, to the Regional Transit Board.

Crampton-representative, Merten–alternate, for all county labor negotiations.

Jon Ites, Chuck Eddy, Kim Johnson, and Ken Hach, with Paul Merten as alternate, to the Weather Committee.

Jon Ites, Herb Crampton, and Karen Strawn as members of the Personnel Committee.

Arends-delegate, Merten–alternate to the Drainage District #181, #274, #14-42, #22, & #150 Interim Boards.

Crampton, Merten and Arends to the County Care Facility Committee.

Merten–Board’s representative for Whitney Pit Farm and South Hayes Pit Farm for leases and Jon Ites for grain sales at the South Hayes Pit.

Burnside-representative, Arends–alternate, with Phil Driver-at large representative, to the Iowa Lakes RC&D Board.

Burnside to the Gingerbread House Board.

Chuck Eddy, Dewyne Stucynski and Ken Hach to the Courthouse/Judicial Security Committee.

Kathy Bach, Karen Strawn, Dewyne Stucynski, and a volunteer Board member, if needed, to the Buena Vista County Facilities Committee.

Burnside–representative, Arends-alternate to the U.S. 20 Corridor Task Force.

Hach-representative, Burnside-alternate, to the Buena Vista E-911 Service Board.

Karen Strawn: ADA Coordinator.

To the County Safety Committee (including the Right-to-Know program): Herb Crampton with Lorna Burnside as the alternate, Chuck Eddy, Tom French (as Jon Ites’ designee), Karen Strawn, Ron Reckamp, Steve Wolf, Norm Lund, Sally Bonnesen, Dewyne Stucynski, Kim Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Diane Christiansen and Bob Christensen, with Mike Raner as Safety Coordinator.
Dewyne Stucynski as the **Lock-out/Tag-out Program** Coordinator for the Courthouse, DHS Annex, and E. Richland Annex.

Jon Ites as the primary contact person, and Shirley Johnson as the secondary contact person for **Drug and Alcohol Testing Alliance**.

Jon Ites, technical representative, Steve Wolf-alternate, to the **ISTEA Technical Committee**. Herb Crampton–Board’s representative, Paul Merten–alternate, to the **ISTEA Enhancement Committee**.

Arends to the **B.V. Co. REAP Committee**.

Hach-representative, Crampton-alternate, to the **NW IA Juvenile Detention Center (YES)**.

Sandy Johnson-representative, to the **Regional Housing Authority** until 12/31/2010.

Crampton-representative, Arends-alternate, to the Board of Directors of the **Storm Lake Area Development Corporation**.

**Planning & Zoning Commission** members: Mark Bertness, Roger Peterson, Vic Hansen, Arvid Baughman, Dennis Gutz, Jim Anderson, and Brian Drzycmski, Gary Sundblad.

The vote on this motion carried.

Sheriff Chuck Eddy introduced Deputy Joey Speers who has been hired as the **Albert City Contract Deputy**, bringing the total number of deputies back up to 8 after the vacancy created by Don McClure’s retirement. Speers will soon be moving to Albert City.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to set the mileage reimbursement rate for **sheriff’s service fees** at the current IRS rate ($0.485/mile on 1/1/07). Carried.

Sheriff Eddy recommended CBM Food Service for the contract for the new jail. CBM will also provide commissary and laundry services. Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve the bid of CBM Food Service as the **jail food service vendor**, effective with the opening of the new jail. Carried.

**LEC work site**: The communications tower can be constructed at any time after the area is cleared; everything has been approved. Currently, construction equipment is sitting on the site. Regarding the fiber optic line to the LEC building, a quote has been requested.

Gary Lalone, **SLADC** Executive Director, & CFO Ed O’Toole, were present to request FY’08 funding in the amount of $42,000. They reviewed the current and projected budgets indicating where funds are allocated.

EnvHealth/Zoning Director Kim Johnson reported that JEO Consultants will be in the county next week to meet with the county and the cities regarding the **Comprehensive Plan**. The meeting with the Board was set for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 10th in the Public Meeting Room.

**Board Appointments-2**

Motion by Arends, second by Hach to appoint the following persons as delegates and representatives to the committees, commissions and boards as noted for 2007:

**Zoning Board of Adjustment** members with terms as follows: John Massop-6/21/011, Greg Sundblad 6/21/07, Bruce Engelmann-6/21/08, Cynthia Smith-6/21/09, and Bob Stoughton-6/21/10.
Crampton-delegate, Arends-alternate, for the Regional Investment Board (formerly Iowa Workforce Development Board-Region 5).

Ed McKenna to the Region 5 Workforce Advisory Board.

Marc Bertness & Sandy Johnson to the County-wide Comprehensive Plan Board.


Crampton-representative, Arends-alternate, to the S.H.I.E.L.D. Board.

Crampton-representative, Merten -alternate, to the Region III Local Emergency Planning Council.

Crampton, Burnside, Jon Ites, Kim Johnson and Marc Bertness to the Jt. City/County Hwy 71 Bypass Zoning Committee.

Tami Mills-Thomas and Kara Napierala, Jamie Turnbull-Case Managers, Dawn Mentzer-CPC, Ken Hach-BofS representative (Paul Merten-alternate), Brent Mangold-family representative, Cindy Wiemold-MR Community Based Services representative, Diane Mangold-Season’s Center-MR Community Based Services representative, Bryce Jepson-consumer to the Targeted Case Management Advisory Board.

Charleen Anderson-MH Advocate; Diane Mangold, Warren Larson, John Winkelman, Cindy Wiemold-providers; Brent Mangold-Family Representative, Brice Jepson-Consumer, Paul Merten-Supervisor (Ken Hach-alternate); Tami Mills-Thomas, Kara Napierala & Jamie Turnbull-Case Managers; Dawn Mentzer-CPC; all to the Managed Care Advisory Board.

Dawn Mentzer to the Representative Council of the Seasons Center.

Charlene Anderson to the Cherokee MHI Advisory Council.

Don Diehl to the Civil Service Commission, term expiring 12/31/11.

Merten and Hach to the Lake Improvements Commission.

County Auditor, and in her absence the Deputy Auditor, as Custodian of Supervisors’ records.

The motion carried.

Board Appointments-3

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to appoint the following persons to the committees, commissions, and boards as noted for 2007:

Rick Meyer for a 5-yr term expiring 12/31/11 to the Buena Vista County Conservation Board

Dr. David Crippin, County Medical Examiner, and Tim Speers- BVRMC EMT, and Deputy Doug Simons, and independent EMTs Greg Ebersole, Mark Kirkholm & Bob Christensen, as Deputy Medical Examiners (Chapter 331.801). Terms expire 12-31-07.

Rich Haldin (08), Lloyd Galbraith (09) and Ray Kurtz (07) to the Veterans Affairs Commission for the 2007 year, and until their terms expire (Chapter 250).

To the Buena Vista County Eminent Domain Compensation Commission (Chapter 6B.4): Farmers-Dale Bodholdt, Don Diehl, Rolf Mosbo, Steve McKenna, Nick Ackerman, Becky Dirkx, Kevin Cone;

Crampton and Arends, to the Northwest Iowa Alcohol and Drug Treatment Unit Board.

Merten & Crampton, with Charlene Anderson as the citizens’ representative, to the Seasons Center Board of Directors.

Local Board of Health-members with 3-yr. terms as follows: Dr. Scott Wulfekuhler-12/31/07, Jackie Bertness & Brenda Halverson-12/31/08, Ken Hach and Jon McKenna-12/31/2011.

Norm Lund, Weed Commissioner and Dave Wiley, Assistant Weed Commissioner (Chapter 317.3).

Mike Raner as Buena Vista County Safety Coordinator.

Kim Johnson as Buena Vista County Zoning Administrator.

Crampton and Burnside to the Board of Trustees of the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund.

The vote on this motion carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, that Robert's Rule of Order Revised (1990) shall govern the proceedings of the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, including the use of a second for all motions. Carried.

Mileage Rate and Meal Reimbursement

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside to reimburse mileage to employees (including deputy medical examiners) at the rate of 4.5 cents per mile under the IRS standard mileage rate for each mile traveled by private vehicle (not for county owned vehicles) for county business in 2007. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, that the policy for meal cost reimbursement to employees, and to others serving on boards and in other appointive positions, shall be: meals eaten out of county during approved schools or meetings may be reimbursed at their actual cost to a maximum of $25.00 per diem. (Reimbursements for meals, when no overnight stay is involved, will show on the employee’s W-2). No reimbursement will be made for tips or alcoholic beverages. To receive reimbursement, receipts must be submitted. If the per diem is exceeded due to a meal/meeting, that fact shall be noted on the reimbursement claim. Carried.

Insurance Coverage including Blanket Bond

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to continue the following insurance coverage from the Olson, Eaton, Svendsen Agency for the remainder of FY’07: tort liability, auto, property, computer equipment, E & O, umbrella, data processing, inland marine, contractor’s equipment, crime, CCF boiler, law enforcement professional, medical professional, worker’s compensation, and blanket bond. Carried.

Depository Resolution-Elected Officers

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, that the Depository Banks currently being used by the Treasurer, Recorder, Auditor & Sheriff continue to be used during 2007 in the amounts stated below, and, that the appropriate elected official be and is hereby authorized to deposit the designated office funds in amounts, not to exceed in the aggregate, named for said bank:
Treasurer:
- Citizen’s First National Bank, Storm Lake $5,000,000.00
- Central Bank, Storm Lake $5,000,000.00
- Security Trust & Savings Bank, Storm Lake $20,000,000.00
- MetaBank, Storm Lake $5,000,000.00
- Community State Bank of Albert City $1,000,000.00
- Community State Bank of Marathon $1,000,000.00
- Heritage Bank, N.A., Alta $1,000,000.00
- First Community Bank, Newell $1,000,000.00
- First National Bank, Rembrandt $1,000,000.00
- First State Bank, Sioux Rapids $1,000,000.00

Recorder:
- Security Trust & Savings Bank, Storm Lake $100,000.00

Auditor:
- Citizens First National Bank, Storm Lake $10,000.00

Sheriff:
- Central Bank, Storm Lake $250,000.00
- Citizen’s First National Bank, Storm Lake $25,000.00

The vote on this motion carried.

**Depository Resolution-Payroll Deposits**

Motion by Hach, second by Merten, that the 2007 Federal Depository Bank shall be Security Trust and Savings Bank, Storm Lake, with the payroll deposits to be made by wire transfer. Carried.

**Resolution to Research Drainage and other Assessments**

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, that the County Drainage Attorney is hereby directed to research drainage and other assessments due and payable on parcels of Buena Vista County property prior to putting them on the list of properties for scavenger auction. Carried.

**Resolution on Interest Rates for Drainage**

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to establish 5% as the rate of interest to be paid during 2007 on all stamped warrants, and charged on Improvement Certificates and Drainage District waivers, effective this date (for Buena Vista County drainage districts only). Carried.

**Resolutions of Appointment**

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach that Jon L. Ites be re-appointed Buena Vista County Engineer for 2007 with his salary according to his employment contract (Chapter 309.17). Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to adopt Resolution 2007-01-02A authorize the engineer to sign certain documents regarding farm to market construction projects and to authorize all Board members to sign. Carried.

**Resolution 2007-01-02A – Regarding Farm to Market Construction Projects**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, that Jon L. Ites, the County Engineer of Buena Vista County, be and is hereby designated, authorized and empowered, on behalf of the County Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the Certification of Completion of Work and Final Acceptance thereof, in accordance with plans, and specifications in connection with all Farm-to-Market and federal or state aid construction projects in this county, and to authorize all of the board members to sign. (Chapter 309.17).
Authority to Close Roads & Detour Traffic

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to authorize County Engineer Jon L. Ites to close any and all county roads, on which construction is proposed, in order to facilitate construction, and for the duration of the construction, and to close any county road for necessary maintenance, repair, and to mark all detours as necessary, without requiring any further authorization, and furthermore, to be authorized to issue and sign special permits for the movement of vehicles of excessive size and weight upon Buena Vista County Secondary roads in accordance with Chapter 321E Code of Iowa. Carried.

Holiday, Vacation, and Sick Leave Policy

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, that the Buena Vista County Employee Handbook with the effective date of April 6, 1999, and amended 5/25/99, 7/01/99, 1/19/00, 6/22/04, & 4/26/05 along with the various Departmental Rules, Job Descriptions, be declared the governing policy for all Buena Vista County employees under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors for Buena Vista County, and that the Medical History, Physical Examination, and County Work Release forms be used in conjunction with the Handbook. Carried.

Resolutions on Wage Schedules

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, that the following wage schedules, adopted as shown, shall be in effect for 2007: Current full & part-time Courthouse Clerks 6/11/96 (and amended 1/17/06), ‘New-hire’ courthouse clerks 10/14/03, Sheriff’s deputies 4/23/91 (as amended 1/13/98), (and paying on-call time to deputies at the hourly rate based on 10% of the 85% deputy’s salary), Jailers-12/30/94, Secondary Road employees 2/14/95, amended 2/11/97 and 10/14/03, matrons 2/29/00, all subject to future amendment. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Merten that election workers be paid $8.00/hr. and chairpersons $8.50/hr., and that Certified PEOs be paid $8.50/hr. and Certified PEO chairperson be paid $9.00/hr. effective this date. Carried.

Fence Removal & Replacement Policy & Right-of-Way Purchases

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to adopt Resolution 2007-01-03b setting policy on right-of-way and associated costs. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-01-03B

In compliance with Administrative Code guidelines and in order to set a standard policy on right-of-way and associated costs, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the following:

- Right-of-Way purchases with a total land cost of less than $10,000.00. The County will offer 6.5 times the current assessed value.
- Temporary Right-of-Way and Dirt borrow purchases for use on construction projects. The County will offer 4.5 times the current assessed value.
- Fence costs shall follow these guidelines:
  - Removal of fencing by rod: $6.00 for barb $8.00 for woven
  - Replacement of fencing by rod: $6.00 for barb $8.00 for woven
  - Plus new material costs.
- The property owner shall have 18 months after completion of project to receive payment for replacement of fencing.
The vote on this resolution was carried.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors..........................ATTEST: /s/ Karen M. Strawn

**Beaver Control Resolutions for Drainage Districts & Non-Drainage District Areas**

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach that the beaver control policy (payment of $40 per beaver tail for beavers trapped in drainage districts), as adopted January 1, 1986, and, the beaver control program for the non-drainage district areas of the county ($40/beaver tail); the program requiring that the claimant possess a fur-bearer’s license as required by law, and to limit the payout for the program to $1000 in each fiscal year shall be in effect for 2007. Carried.

**Official Newspapers**

Having received a request for official newspaper designation from each, motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to designate the following as official newspapers for legal publications for 2007: Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune, The Storm Lake Times, and Buena Vista County Journal. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to direct the Auditor to publish all motions of the Board, any actions resulting in a consensus of the Board, on a quarterly basis - the list of claims paid from the minutes of the Board meetings, and annually - the list of salaries paid. Carried.

**Pre-Screening Agencies Appointed**

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to designate NW IA ADTU as the agency providing pre-screening services to persons, prior to admission to Synergy, and, to designate the Seasons Center as the agency providing pre-screening services to persons, prior to admission to Cherokee MHI. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2007-01-02C declaring the need for a housing authority in Buena Vista County, Iowa. Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-1-02C**

DECLARING THE NEED FOR A HOUSING AUTHORITY IN BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Buena Vista County, Iowa,

That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Buena Vista, Iowa, hereby determines, finds, and declares that:

1. Unsanitary and/or unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations exist in Buena Vista County, Iowa;

2. There is a shortage of safe and/or sanitary dwelling accommodations in Buena Vista County, Iowa, available to persons of low income or rentals they can afford; and

3. There is need for a housing authority to function in Buena Vista County, Iowa; and

4. That Buena Vista County, Iowa, will join with other counties and municipalities similarly situated for purpose of creating a multi-county housing authority that can command the resources necessary to develop housing in Buena Vista County, Iowa, and other counties and municipalities similarly situated; and

5. That the County Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, shall join together with other counties and municipalities to create the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority. Such
Authority may exercise any power, privilege of authority, authorized by the Iowa Constitution or statute or charter, including the development and management of housing in Buena Vista County, Iowa and similarly situated Counties and Municipalities; and

6. The shortage of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations in Buena Vista County, Iowa, at rent which persons of low income can afford, compels that this resolution become effective without delay; and, therefore, the same shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption.

WHEREAS, a resolution has been passed and adopted entitled "Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Certain Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the purpose of Creating a Multi-County Housing Authority."

NOW, THEREFORE, Pursuant to the provision of Chapter 28E. Code of Iowa, and by virtue of our office as Board of Supervisors, we hereby appoint the one (1) person hereinafter named to serve as Representative of the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority, representing Buena Vista County, Iowa, and to serve for the number of years appearing after her name, respectively, from the 3rd day of January, 2007– December 31, 2007. Name of Representative: Sandy Johnson. Number of years: 4 (until 12/31/2010).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name as Chairperson of Buena Vista County, Iowa Board of Supervisors and caused the official corporate seal of Buena Vista County, Iowa to be attached hereto this 2nd day of January, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors………………………………ATTEST:  /s/ Karen M. Strawn

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2007-01-02D which assigns a corrected number identification for Ordinance 6.1A-11. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-01-02D
Re-Identification of Ordinances Amending the Zoning Map

WHEREAS, Chapter 331.302 of the 2005 Code of Iowa authorizes the Board of Supervisors to exercise a power or perform a duty by adoption of an ordinance, and,

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has adopted two ordinances numbered 6.1A-10 (rezoning request for Raccoon Valley Bio-Diesel and rezoning request for Rembrandt Enterprises), both amending the zoning map; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds it prudent to re-number the second ordinance (Rembrandt Enterprises rezoning request) which amended the zoning map for a parcel in Section 32, Township 92, Range 36, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby declares that the ordinance amending the zoning map for the Rembrandt Enterprises re-zoning request previously identified (in the 12/05/06 Board minutes and corresponding agendas) as Ordinance 6.1A-10 shall be properly identified as Ordinance 6.1A-11.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of January, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors………………………………ATTEST:  /s/ Karen M. Strawn

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2007-01-02E adopting the matrix construction evaluation process. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2007-01-02E
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, that the board of supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Karen M. Strawn

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2007-01-02-F approving the appointment of Assistants to the County Attorney. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-01-02-F

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 331.903(1) of the Code of Iowa (2005), the County Attorney, has made his appointments of Assistant County Attorneys effective January 2, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the recommendation of the County has been filed in writing with the Board of Supervisors and is on file in the Auditor’s Office; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, that the following assistants for the County Attorney, mentioned above, and their salaries be and the same are hereby approved as follows:

Joshua Walsh, $40,882 (80% of County Attorney-$51,109) effective 1/2/07, and
James McHugh, $35,777 (70% of County Attorney-$51,109) effective 1/2/07.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Karen M. Strawn, Auditor
There being no further business, motion by Burnside, second by Hach to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. until Tuesday, January 9 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SECOND MEETING, 2007 SESSION (2)
JANUARY 9, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on January 9th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to replace Crampton with Arends on the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Board due to a change in meeting times causing a conflict, and, to re-appoint Joe Aube and Justin Yarosevich to the Homeward Housing Trust Fund Board. Carried.

Jeff Kestel, Exec. Director of Iowa Lakes RC&D, discussed the activities and projects of his agency. Their computer-recycling project continues, which is the project that the county has helped with some funding in the past. For FY’08 they are requesting $600, down from $2,000.

Architect Chris Schiltz presented a courthouse master plan. He proposes doing the work in stages, beginning with the renovation of the jail space in the basement. As it is completed, other projects will fall into place. Many of the changes can be done without major remodeling, though there will be some new walls, doors, and, counters opening into the hallways. Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to employ Koch Hazard Architects to identify the final phase-1 project (to include the Treasurer’s office), to develop a budget estimate, and to provide schematic design for bidding, construction and inspection purposes. Carried.

Arends left the meeting. All of the remaining motions which carried had the following vote unless otherwise noted: Ayes: Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Engineer Jon Ites discussed the past year’s seal coating in Casino Beach, Stoney Point, South Shore and South Cove. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to accept as complete, maintenance seal coat project #L-MSC-466 in the total amount of $110,676.34, to authorize the Chairman to sign, and to authorize payment of the retainage. Carried. The bid price was $139,148.34.

Applications for funding on M-27 and M-50 railroad crossings have been turned down again.

Ites requested guidance on the amount of “local effort” to come from property taxes to be used for the FY’08 Secondary Road budget. It has been 87.5% of the maximum from both the General and
Rural Basic Funds since the '05 budget. It was the consensus of the Board that he use 87.5%, or $1,204,728 for FY'08.

Merten has received several calls about a light at the intersection of C-49 and Hwy 110. Ites: The County doesn’t currently have a policy for intersection lighting. There are many intersections that could use lighting, but currently there is no policy to decide which ones to light; decisions are made on a need/case-by-case basis. Very few dollars are currently budgeted for electricity.

Tom Fleming, Wellmark representative, was present to report that there will not be an increase in the health insurance premium next year. Trend analysis for the industry is down to about 10% from 12% last year. Buena Vista County’s analysis came in lower than the trend. This may be due to a shift to generic drugs, and the disease management program for chronic health problems may be another factor. The county’s claims experience has also contributed.

Bob Kocer, Vanguard Appraisals, and Assessor Kathy Croker, discussed re-appraisal services for the County. Re-appraisal would include a review of all parcels and all classes. The last time it was done was in 1979 (through 1984, 5-year span) for residential only. The state recommends re-appraisal every 10 years or so. BV County’s base of values is quite old. The cost would be approximately $695,000 for over 7,700 (improved) parcels. Croker proposes the cost to be spread over 3 years. The public would be notified through news releases and other sources that the re-appraisal process would begin. Vanguard will be making a presentation to the Conference Board in a few weeks.

John Hansen and John Bixler, Midwest Construction Consultants, and LEC Project Architect Rod Moore, met the new Board Members. Hansen is pleased with the progress, and the budget. He has again encouraged adding to the workforce to close in the building which would allow subcontractors to begin work as well. Tomorrow there will be a security/surveillance equipment demonstration beginning at 1:00 pm in the PMR. Sheriff Eddy reported that he will be receiving cost information on the fiber optic line from MidAmerican by the end of the week. Hansen commented that the new cameras may eliminate the need for the fiber optic line.

Marian McNabb, Linn Grove, was present to promote “Bald Eagle Appreciation Day” scheduled for March 3rd and to invite the Board to participate.

Environmental Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson requested a public hearing date for the MMP (manure management plan) filed by C. J. Bean. Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to set the date and time of public hearing on the C. J. Bean MMP as January 16th at 9:15 a.m. Carried.

Johnson also requested setting a public hearing on a minor subdivision (division creating the 3rd parcel in a 40 acre parcel). Motion by Hach, second by Merten to set the public hearing on the minor subdivision request of Carol Johannsen as January 16th at 9:25 a.m for a parcel in the SW¼SE¼ Section 23, Nokomis Township. Carried.

Treasurer Kathy Bach presented a 28E agreement for driver's license services for renewal. County Attorney Dave Patton has reviewed it and his questions have been resolved. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the 28E agreement with the IDOT for driver license services. Carried. There is a proposed change in fee reimbursement based on the year-long study of the time and cost to administer the services. The recommended issuance fee is $8.63 (which requires approval by the legislature).

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve the following claims, all to the Clay County Secondary Road Department:

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Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the claims approval list, 1/2/07 minutes, and the following reports: Dec. Clerk of Court fees, Dec. Conservation Board minutes, Dec. state inspection report of BV County Jail, 4th Qtr Sheriff’s fees, 4th Qtr VA van usage, Dec monitoring report of Spectra Lagoon by Mangold Environmental, and Dec. budget reports. Carried.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Sheriff be responsible for matters concerning the Buena Vista County Warehouse (411 Expansion Blvd.), and that the Custodian be responsible for the budget for that building. The light on the building will be changed to a motion activated light, and a sign will be installed identifying the building.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Hach, to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. until Tuesday, January 16 at 8:30 a.m. for a special meeting.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor

Herb Crampton, Chairperson

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRD MEETING, 2007 SESSION (3)
JANUARY 16, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on January 16th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to amend today’s agenda by adding: approval of December LEC project claims list, approval of law enforcement contract with Linn Grove, DD #34 Lat 2 Open Ditch claim, and a conference call with Architect Chris Schiltz at approximately 11:30 a.m. Carried.

Marian McNabb, (Wonders of Nature), circulated pictures taken of bald eagles around the Linn Grove area. March 3rd will be the 2nd Bald Eagle Appreciation Day. She is requesting funding in the amount of $250 to bring a ‘raptor rehabilitator’ to the event. The raptor rehabilitator will be bringing a bald eagle plus other raptors, and a raptor for release at Linn Grove. The Linn Grove Library is also a sponsor of the event; the DNR is bringing scopes to allow observation from a distance. The Board will put the request on the list of considerations.
Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract and agreement with the City of Linn Grove for law enforcement services to be provided by the Sheriff beginning February 1\textsuperscript{st}, through June 30, 2007. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the claim for $15,000 to Bawden Tiling for the tree removal project in DD #34, Lat 2 Open Ditch. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Auditor to transfer $748.11 from the General Basic Fund (0001) to the LEC Project Fund (1530); this amount is the interest that would have accumulated in the LEC Project Fund had the transfer been made when it was approved. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign December LEC Project claims list in the total amount of 382,205.78, as recommended by Midwest Construction Consultants. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to authorize the Auditor to issue warrants upon receipt of invoices and without further authorization, when received from Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield for employee health insurance premiums; immediate payment will avoid late penalties which the company will now impose. Carried.

The Board discussed the possibility of using prison labor for work on courthouse remodeling (removal of cells in the jail). Hach will talk to the City to see how the county might participate in making arrangements for the program to obtain the free labor.

9:00 a.m. – The time having arrived for opening sealed bids for the ‘Burbank’ property in Linn Grove, Engineer Jon Ites opened three: Larry and Barb Sangl, John Lindahl, and Mark Rehnstrom of Rehnstrom Inc. The Sangl bid was highest. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to accept the high bid of Larry and Barb Sangl in the amount of $4,211, and to accept a down payment of $450.00, for the following described property: Parcel in Linn Grove, IA: Commencing at the point 13 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE\textsuperscript{1/4} NE\textsuperscript{1/4}) of Section Seven (7), Township Ninety-Three (93) North, Range Thirty-Seven (37) West of the 5\textsuperscript{th} P.M.; thence North 295 feet, thence West 280 feet, thence South 308 feet, thence East 97 feet, thence North 13 feet, thence East 183 feet to the point of beginning situated in Buena Vista County, Iowa, more generally known as the county storage yard in Northwest Linn Grove off 80\textsuperscript{th} Ave. Carried. The Lindahl bid was $2,250; Rehnstrom’s was $2,010. The County’s purchase price in 1988 was $4,000. The Auditor will have the abstract brought up to date and have the County Attorney prepare a deed.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve the minutes of the 1/9 meeting as printed, and the following reports: 1/9 LEC Project minutes, DD #67 letter from Ivan Droessler re: bill for Tom Sievers, and the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Qtr Farm-to-Market fund balance. Carried.

Environmental Health Director Kim Johnson informed the Board that the notice of today’s hearing on the MMP filed by C.J.Bean had not been published. Though a public meeting is not required, the Board has previously published notice before holding a hearing so that any interested party could become aware and comment on the proposed MMP. Merten would like to see a notice published providing a deadline for public comment before the Board takes action on the filing. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to direct Johnson to publish a notice asking that any public response be filed with her not later than January 23\textsuperscript{rd} at 9:00 a.m. Carried. C.J.Bean asked whether the Board has a plan/policy for tax abatement for smaller construction projects as well as the larger ethanol or bio-diesel plants. There may still be a pollution exemption available on pits under confinement buildings. The Board will investigate what is available. Bean is interested in a tax abatement in addition to a pollution exemption.

Johnson presented the Carol Johannsen request for a minor subdivision to allow the 3\textsuperscript{rd} division in the 40 acre parcel. This would allow the sale of the building site to a third party. Motion by Arends,
second by Hach, to approve Resolution 2007-1-16-A authorizing the minor subdivision requested by Carol Johannsen in Nokomis Township. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-1-16-A

WHEREAS Carol J. Johannsen has presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

Description – Lot E
A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SW¼ SE¼) OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 38 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Beginning at the Southeast (SE) Corner of Lot D, appearing of record as Document Number 022447 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder; Thence on a previously recorded bearing of South 89°58'41" East, along the South line of said Southeast Quarter (SE¼), 71.00 feet; Thence North 00°01'00" West, 432.15 feet; Thence South 89°50'18" West, along the eastern extension of the North Line of Lot D, 139.04 feet to the Northeast (NE) corner of said Lot D, Thence along the easterly side of said Lot D the following courses; South 00°34'37" West, 258.14 feet; Thence South 89°58'41" East, 73.65 feet; Thence South 00°56'54" West, 173.60 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot E of Section 23, Township 91 North, Range 38 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa. Tract contains 1.11 Acres and is subject to all easements of record.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County, Iowa Board of Supervisors that:

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Hereafter known as Lot E of Section 23, Township 91 North, Range 38 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa is hereby accepted subject to the following if any: none.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be affixed to the final plat of:

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Hereafter known as Lot E of Section 23, Township 91 North, Range 38 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa; and copies of said final plat shall be of record in the appropriate County offices.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of January, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors…………………………..Attest:  /s/ Karen M. Strawn, Auditor

Johnson distributed copies of the Environmental Health Emergency Response Plan for review. The plan is required by the Iowa Dept. of Public Health and is required for the Public Health Agency to receive state funding.

Engineer Jon Ites reported on the February OSHA 300A posting of work-related injuries/illnesses. There were only two reportable incidents in the 12 month period; only one caused lost work days. All Board Members signed a letter to Secondary Road employees, and a letter to all other department heads and employees, expressing appreciation for working safely and avoiding accidents. This is an exceptional report – the best in years.

Ites circulated copies of the farm-to-market fund report and explained the recent DOT policy change which no longer permits letting contracts when the fund is in the red. Previously, a county was able to obligate up to the fund projections for 2.5 years ahead of the construction. Buena Vista County is currently contracted ahead by $321,080.54. $1.6 million is the new estimate of cost for C-65 without the bike trail. Ites commented that the Farm-to-Market fund was the source of dollars for 90th Avenue, which was not in the 5-year program; the F-M fund was set back with that project. He would like to let C-65 in FY’08 for construction the following year. DOT has proposed a 55%-45% (45%-County portion) cost share to remove the east curve in Hwy 110 in conjunction with the C-65 project. The County’s share would be about $400,000, in addition to the $1.6 million for C-65. These figures also do not include the proposed bike trail.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends to set the date and time of bid-letting on project #’s L-R-727 (M-27) and #L-R-631 (⅓ mile east of Albert City between ALCECO and the US Bio-Energy plant) as 10:00 a.m. on March 6th in the Boardroom. Carried.

A map has been prepared indicating the potential locations of intersection lighting based on traffic load and other factors. Merten has reported to the people who had contacted him and discussed the Board’s discussion last week. He asked if destination signage (signs identifying the road intersection) were a possibility. The cost would be much less and might provide enough awareness for traffic to slow. Asked for an average cost, Ites responded that the cost is different for each site based on what has to be done to install the lights.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach to approve the following utility agreements submitted by Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, to install:

- a 1½" plastic water line under 50th Ave to 5357 60th Ave.;
- a 2½" and 2” mains in the county ROW between Sections 22 and 23, Providence Twp (past the Laura Hansen and Roger Bellinghausen properties);
- a 2” main and a 1½ “ service line under 430th St. and 160th Ave from the SW ¼ Section 3, Lee Township to 4271 160th Ave;
- a 2½ " main in the County ROW to the SW¼ , Section 33, Hayes Township to property owned by the Joan Mitchell Family Trust. Carried.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Christensen gave a short summary of his responsibilities, and discussed the Hazmat contract with the Sioux City Fire Department. He is requesting a FY’08 $5,000 increase in the County’s contribution to the Emergency Management budget, plus approximately a $2,000 increase in the HAZMAT contract with the Sioux City Fire Department, or a total of $50,000.
Scott Schuelke, Rod Plagman and Rich Langner were present for discussion of the **C-65 bike trail**. Schuelke and Plagman asked what the current status is of the C-65 project. With the Hwy 110 T-intersection project, and the proposed cost share of it, the county’s cost before the bike trail is considered has increased. And, the DOT policy change regarding Farm-to-Market funds requiring that the money be ‘in the bank’ before letting the project may also push back bidding the project. By April-May 2008 we may be able to let C-65 only.

Hach mentioned the Dickinson County biking group which has been actively involved in fund-raising for their trails. Fundraising here would be very helpful in allowing the project to proceed.

He suggested that Schuelke and Plagman contact Steve Litts, Dickinson County’s part-time Trails Director. Schuelke asked if some dollars could be budgeted each year in order to accumulate all or at least a portion of the funds for the bike trail by the time the project is ready to go. Plagman agreed that the biking enthusiasts may need to consider organizing as a group. Their purpose in appearing today was to encourage setting some dollars aside for the project.

Arends has some concerns about the fact that the proposed trail doesn’t go anywhere or connect to anything. Schuelke responded they are proposing that this trail be the beginning point. Arends also commented that there is no proposal to increase the ROW-and there are no funds to do that. Having a bike trail doesn’t necessarily improve the safety on the road if it encourages bike traffic. Arends asked, since a biker has equal access (right to use) the road, on C-65 where do they have to go to for safety? There is no place to avoid the vehicle that is in their danger area. There needs to be a discussion of the need to provide alternatives for recreation. Arends doesn’t feel this is a best use of county funds unless there is a demonstrated support from a large group of people or an organization.

Schuelke has received comments about how glad people are that something is going to be done. Arends philosophy is that if it is such a hazard, bikers should choose another area. Rich Langner agrees that the bikers shouldn’t be there. The bikers don’t’ stop at the stop sign and drivers aren’t happy that bikers don’t follow the law. Why should the county be paying for this project in the first place? If the county is going to put in a bike trail in, why not put it in some other, safer place? Putting it in the ditch or on the backslope (of C-65) would probably require more ROW.

Due to the time, discussion ended. Plagman plans to contact Litts.

The Board placed a call to Architect Chris Schiltz for the purpose of identifying the phase 1 **Courthouse remodeling projects**. Once the Sheriff’s office, Jail, Communications Center and Emergency Management have moved to the new building, Environmental Health/Zoning will move to the current Sheriff’s office; the Treasurer’s office will be reconfigured utilizing the storeroom currently assigned to it to make more room for Driver License services, and as labor is available, the jail area will be prepared for storage for all departments. The architect’s floor plan for the Treasurer’s office will be somewhat changed to reduce the amount of construction necessary to convert those spaces. Mobile shelving will not be a part of phase one due to cost. Due to the projects identified for this phase, extensive construction documents will not be required. Since detailed costs are not known, $50,000 will be budgeted in FY08. It was the consensus of the Board that Kathy Bach, Dewyne Stucynski, and the Chairman will be responsible for development of the Treasurer’s space.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Merten, to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. until Tuesday, January 23rd at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FOURTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (4)
JANUARY 23, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on January 23rd at 8:30 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, and Hach, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Merten, for jury duty.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Treasurer Kathy Bach presented her semi-annual report, reviewed operational funds vs. trust and agency funds, and indicated where the funds are invested.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign today’s claims approval list. Carried.

Head Custodian Dewyne Stucynski discussed the shower room no longer in use in the Sheriff’s office. Work will be needed to make it usable for the Environmental Health/Zoning Department.

Environmental Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson reported that Oregon Trails has submitted a re-zoning application. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to set a public hearing for the Oregon Trail Energy, LLC’s re-zoning request for February 13th at 8:30 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to amend today’s agenda by adding: approval of a substance abuse grant application, and approval of a claim for Jt. DD #14-42. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign a claim in the amount of $5,000 to River Valley Forest Services for tree clearing in Jt. DD #14-42, MOD. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the grant application for substance abuse prevention and education funding with the Iowa Department of Public Health in the amount of 25% of the funds to be provided to ADTU for FY’08 or 80cents/capita. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 1/16 meeting and the following reports: Treasurer’s semi-annual, Jan. 9 Board of Health minutes, 2nd Qtr FY’07 VA van trips, Oct 19 and Nov 16 minutes of the Emergency Management Commission, and NWIPDC Policy Council-Nov 16 minutes. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize all Board Members to sign the plans for project #L-R-727 (resurfacing of M-27 from the Sac County line to C-65) and project #L-R-632 (resurfacing of 235th St. on the east side of Albert City). Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to authorize the engineer to do a speed study on C-29 on the east side and into Albert City. Carried.

The Engineer and the Chair will attend today’s meeting in Alta on the proposed replacement of the Brooke Creek bridge on Hwy 3, and the detour route to be used during construction.

Melva Urban, Newell, requested the Board’s consideration of placing vending machines in the courthouse. She has both a snack machine with potato chips, candy bars, rolls, cookies, etc. (about the size of refrigerator), and a candy/nut machine (on a pedestal with a 1 sq foot base) available. The snack machine requires electricity. The Board will investigate and get back to her at a later date.
Barb Smith-IM & Office Supervisor, Jim Thompson-Sioux City DHS Office, and Geri Ringgenberg Storm Lake DHS Secretary, discussed the need to replace the postage machine and copier in the Storm Lake office. Like all of the other expenses of operation, approximately 48% will be reimbursed since the programs being administered are state and federal programs. They would like to lease both items. The County Attorney has advised that the Board of Supervisors is the appropriate authority for entering into lease agreements on behalf of the County. No public hearing is required as the cost of each is under $25,000. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign leases for a Pitney Bowes postage machine for $420.00/yr on a 63 month term, and a CopyStar copier for $275/mo for 60 months, both on behalf of BV County DHS. Carried.

Janice Danielson, Compensation Board Chair, delivered the recommendations of her board for elected officials’ salaries for FY’08: 5% for Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff and Treasurer, and, 4% for the Supervisors. She believes that the increases are needed; they are a vote of confidence for the good work the County Officials are doing. The impact of these recommendations is $55,915 (elected officials plus the employees whose wages are set as a percent of the elected official). The Chair noted that the Supervisors can accept the recommendations as is, or reduce them, but not increase them. Arends wants to look at the budget first before making a decision. Burnside thinks the decision should be made when all Board Members are present (Paul Merten is on jury duty and not present at today’s meeting.) Motion by Hach, to accept the recommendations of the Compensation Board. Arends stated that he is not prepared to take a position today. Burnside again mentioned that Merten is not present, and agreed that it would be good to take a look at the budget first. Hach’s motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to table the decision until a later date. Carried. 

Arends left the meeting.

Assessor Kathy Croker delivered a copy of the Request for Pollution Control Property Tax Exemption application. The Code of Iowa does not provide authority for the County to offer any other incentive for ag buildings. The Auditor will prepare a letter for C.J. Bean who had inquired about what programs are available.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. until Thursday, January 25th at 8:30 a.m. for departmental budget reviews.
Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

For the benefit of the new supervisors, the Board discussed its relationship to the County Fair Board as a funding source, and the fact that the buildings and fairgrounds are held in the name of the Buena Vista Agricultural Society.

The purpose of today’s session was to review FY’08 departmental budgets. Those meeting with the Board were: Paula Guerra-General Relief and Veteran’s Affairs, Donna McPherren-Clerk of Court and Small Claims, Tim Speers-Medical Examiner, Barb Smith-Human Services, Kathy Bach-Treasurer, Kim Johnson-Environmental Health & Zoning, Clint Hoferman-Veterans Services Officer, Dawn Mentzer-Mental Health & Case Management, Chuck Eddy-Sheriff, Jail & Communications Center, Patti Maymon-Data Processing & Law Library, Dave Patton-Attorney, and Karen Strawn-Auditor, Insurance, Non-departmental, Miscellaneous and Supervisors. (Burnside left for a portion of the meeting).

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach to amend today’s agenda by adding sponsorship of Oregon Trail Energy LLC’s IDED application. Carried. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign as sponsor the financial assistance application of Oregon Trail Energy LLC to the Iowa Department of Economic Development. Carried.

Friday – January 26, 2007, 8:30 a.m.

The following met with the Board for FY’08 budget review: Dewyne Stucynski-General Services, Gary Christiansen-Conservation, Shari O’Bannon-Recorder, Sally Bonnesen-Public Health & Home Care, and Jon Ites-Secondary Roads. Arends left the meeting.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Christensen reported on his meeting Region 5 Hazmat. He explained the costs associated with joining that group. His recommendation was that since there would not be any significant cost savings, Buena Vista County should continue with its Hazmat Services contract with the Sioux City Fire Department. He also reported that the Local Emergency Planning would like to receive hazardous materials mapping and additional training services in our area for fire/law/EMS/public works agencies.

Zoning Director Kim Johnson reported a minor subdivision request from Walt and Rachel Nesheim for east of Newell. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to set January 30th at 10:15 a.m. for a public hearing on the minor subdivision request of Walt & Rachel Nesheim for a parcel in Section 16, Newell Township. Ayes—Burnside, Hach, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Merten, to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. until Tuesday, January 30th at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.
The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on January 30th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Weed Commissioner Norm Lund discussed the county's weed program. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the notice of appointment of the Buena Vista County Weed Commissioner for 2007. Carried. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to set March 6, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. as the time for accepting bids for weed chemicals (600 gal Hidep) and to eliminate the $500 bid deposit requirement. Carried. The Auditor will advertise for the chemical bids.

Head Custodian Dewyne Stucynski has obtained quotes for replacement of the courthouse clock system. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach to accept the quote of Professional Electronics, Alta, in the amount of $5780.00 for 34 single face, 5 dual face clocks, plus the master clock system. Carried.

Recorder Shari O'Bannon reviewed her 2nd Qtr FY'07 report of fees collected.

The Board took up a discussion of the recommendations of the Compensation Board for FY'08 salaries for elected officials, which were: 5% for Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff & Treasurer, and 4% for the Supervisors. Arends commented that this is a busy county and the employees provide good services. He is a little concerned about recommendations given the amount that was approved last year. We have some new debt, plus additional costs to improve the courthouse. He is a little uncomfortable with the recommendations simply due to the other increases. Motion by Arends to reduce the recommendations by 30%, or to 3.5% for Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff and Treasurer, and 2.8% for Supervisors, seconded by Merten. The Chair noted that the size of last year's raises was to make-up from prior years when little or no increases were given. He doesn't want to fall behind again because it is hard to catch-up; that is a costly process. Merten said he would like to stay away from catch-ups of 7-10%. Burnside said she could support the motion. The vote was ayes—all, nays—none. Carried. The FY'08 salaries will be: Attorney-$52,898, $45,266 for Auditor, Recorder and Treasurer, Sheriff-$60,152, and Supervisors-$23,763, plus an additional $500 for the Chairman.

Engineer Jon Ites was contacted by Albert City that the city and Ag Partners are going to Washington D.C. to find money for 1.24 miles of road improvement funds for the northeast side of the city (C-29 to Main St.). About $1.39 million is needed. RISE funding is no longer an option once a business makes the decision to locate. The ROW will be 120′ with part of the current road being paved and the remainder being gravel. Only a portion is designated farm-to-market.

At last week's meeting about the Hwy 3 bridge replacement, the plan is to buy ROW in 2009, and do construction in 2010. The county will need to retrofit a bridge on M-36 with a railing in order to use that road as part of the detour route.

Zoning Director Kim Johnson presented the minor subdivision request of Walt and Rachel Nesheim. They propose to sell an acreage. Motion by Burnside, second by Merton, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2007-1-30-A approving the subdivision of a part of Section 16, Newell Township. Carried.
RESOLUTION 2007-1-30-A

WHEREAS Walter V. Nesheim and Rachel L. Nesheim have presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

DESCRIPTION LOT B:
A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW¼ SW¼) OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 90 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Southwest (SW) Corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of said Section 16; thence on a previously recorded bearing of North 90°00'00" East, along the South line of said Southwest Quarter (SW¼) 920.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Thence continuing along said South Line, North 90°00'00" East, 173.85 feet; Thence North 00°01'25" East, 152.61 feet to the South line of the Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad; Thence North 77°29'48" West, along said South line, 177.92 feet; Thence South 00°03'52" West, 191.13 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot B of Section 16, Township 90 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 0.68 Acres and is subject to all easements of record.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County, Iowa Board of Supervisors that:

DESCRIPTION LOT B:
A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW¼ SW¼) OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 90 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Southwest (SW) Corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of said Section 16; thence on a previously recorded bearing of North 90°00'00" East, along the South line of said Southwest Quarter (SW¼) 920.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Thence continuing along said South Line, North 90°00'00" East, 173.85 feet; Thence North 00°01'25" East, 152.61 feet to the South line of the Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad; Thence North 77°29'48" West, along said South line, 177.92 feet; Thence South 00°03'52" West, 191.13 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot B of Section 16, Township 90 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa is hereby accepted subject to the following if any: none.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be affixed to the final plat of:

DESCRIPTION LOT B:
A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW¼ SW¼) OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 90 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Southwest (SW) Corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of said Section 16; thence on a previously recorded bearing of North 90°00'00" East, along the South line of said Southwest Quarter (SW¼) 920.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Thence continuing along said South Line, North 90°00'00" East, 173.85 feet; Thence North 00°01'25" East, 152.61 feet to the South line of the Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad; Thence North 77°29'48" West, along said South line, 177.92 feet; Thence South 00°03'52" West, 191.13 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot B of Section 16, Township 90 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa; and copies of said final plat shall be of record in the appropriate County offices.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of January, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors........................................Attest: /s/ Karen M. Strawn, Auditor

Deputy Auditor Leigh Madsen discussed a new insurance benefit available from Delta Dental. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to add the “To Go” benefit on the Delta Dental insurance which will permit a carryover of unused benefit dollars into the following year at a cost of $.38/mo/single, and $.87/mo/family. Carried.

Following discussion of Marian McNabb’s request for funding the cost of a speaker for “Bald Eagle Appreciation Day”, the Board declined the request due to the fact that funding decisions for the current fiscal year were completed a year ago. The Board suggested that she approach the conservation groups in the county regarding her request.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve the minutes of the 1/23 and 1/25-26 meetings as printed, and the following reports: 2nd Qtr FY’07 Recorder’s fees and the 1/25 and 1/26 LEC communications from MCC. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. until Friday, February 2nd at 9:00 a.m. for a budget work session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEVENTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (7)
FEBRUARY 2, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 9:00 a.m. on February 2nd in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Hach and Merten and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Burnside

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Arends, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

County Attorney Dave Patton presented a 28E agreement for the Iowa County Attorneys Case Management Project for the Board’s consideration. Participation in the project will provide the County Attorney’s office with access and training to custom designed case management software which can be integrated with other local and state criminal justice agencies and local criminal, juvenile justice and court systems. The system will be a tremendous help in organizing and tracking the caseload of the department and provide new information as well from other agencies. Motion by Hach, second by
Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the 28E agreement for the Iowa County Attorneys Case Management Project, which authorizes the County Attorney to participate in the project. Carried.

The Board discussed management of the county’s drainage district activity, and received a report from Merten on his and Burnside’s meeting with representatives of the secondary road department regarding wages and benefits.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to send a letter of congratulations to the Sac County Board of Supervisors on the designation of their county as the being in the ‘top ten places to live in the United Sates for its quality of life. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve the minutes of the 2/2 meeting as printed. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize Engineer Jon Ites to sign FSA documents for the Whitney Pit and South Hayes Pit farms, in addition to the authority to negotiate leases and sell grain for the farms. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to acknowledge the $1,000 donation presented by Wal-Mart to the Sheriff Eddy, and to designate its use for a sign for the Law Enforcement Center, as requested by the Sheriff. Carried.

The Auditor reviewed a summary of the FY’08 budget. The Board reviewed various documents, with no action being taken, and with the discussion to continue at the next meeting.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Arends, to adjourn at 1:05 p.m. until Tuesday, February 6th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
EIGHTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (8)
FEBRUARY 6, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on February 6th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.
Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Community Services Director Dawn Mentzer discussed the impact of changes to the mental health property tax levy and the corresponding changes in state funding on the mental health fund balance. She recommended a 70% or 80% levy.

The Board offered congratulations to Sheriff Chuck Eddy and his staff on the successful security preparations employed for the recent district court trial. Eddy discussed proposed legislation to modify restrictions on registered sex offenders. The law enacted last year prohibits registered sex offenders from living within 2000 feet of a school or childcare facility. It does not limit where the sex offender can go. The proposed legislation would repeal the residency restriction and impose restrictive zones that limit where sex offenders can go. Eddy asked the Board to consider joining in the support of the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors which is supporting the legislation. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2007-02-06-A supporting the passage of a bill by the Legislature regarding registered sex offenders. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-02-06-A

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has consulted with the Buena Vista County Sheriff about the difficulty of enforcement of the 2007 Iowa Code Section 692A.2A restricting the residence location of registered sex offenders, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to express its support of the repeal of Iowa Code Section 692A.2A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa:

Section 1: That this Board of Supervisors wishes to make known to the Iowa Legislature, its support for the repeal of 2007 Iowa Code Section 692A.2A.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of February, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chairman……………………………………………...Attest: /s/ Karen M. Strawn, Auditor

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to recognize and to thank by letter, Custodians Dewyne Stucynski and Jerry McShane for their extra work before and during the recent district court trial. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign today's claims approval list. Carried.

Engineer Jon Ites distributed copies of a letter from the DOT regarding the Hwy 110 T-intersection project. DOT records indicate that the two tangent legs of the curve are currently considered secondary roads per the Iowa DOT base records, which would result in the cost of the curve removal project to be a jointly funded project; DOT-55%, County-45%. The letter asks whether the county wants DOT to investigate the C-STEP funding (state 55%/county 45%). Ites stated that the county can't afford a $450,000 share. Taking money from other projects will jeopardize federal funding on other projects. He could inquire whether 'safety' funding might be available. Also, if the county says it can't afford that amount, DOT might consider purchasing the ROW. Ites asked if the Board is interested in finding $450,000 to make it a T-intersection. If not, he could ask if DOT would consider a sight distance improvement. The consensus of the Board was, due to the cost, the county is not interested in the C-STEP funding for the T-intersection, but if safety dollars are available, there may be interest. The Board would like to talk about other options that might improve the conditions at that location. Ites also explained that he doesn't know what is included in the DOT's cost estimate of $1,000,000. If done
separately from the C-65 project, with the Hwy 110 project done later, the $1,000,000 could increase to perhaps $1,250,000. He should ask DOT to find other sources. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to decline the DOT proposal to pursue C-STEP funding for the Hwy 110 T-intersection project due to financial considerations, and to authorize Engineer Ites to continue working with the state to identify a source of funding which would bring the price down to one that the county could afford. Carried.

Ites reported that the DOT will pay for the addition of a guardrail to the bridge on the road in the proposed detour route for the Hwy 3 project.

Rod Schuelke, Lee Thorson, Clark Fort, and Lori Meylor were present to again request that the Board begin this year to set some funds aside for a bike trail along C-65. Hach asked if Rod Plagman or anyone had yet contacted Steve Lipps, Trails Director in Dickinson County. No one could answer whether Rod Plagman had yet done so. Hach has received a single call from a Storm Lake person in support of a bike trail. He mentioned that the State has identified a trails route along Hwy 71 for sometime in the future, but that person didn’t see it as preferable to C-65. Litts thinks that a farm-to-market route is not the safest. Merten personally has a problem with how it is proposed for that particular location; there is no separation from the motor traffic. Schuelke stated that apparently it can’t economically be located off the road. So, he thinks that when push comes to shove, it would be better to put trail on both sides; which would be safer than no trail at all. The demand to use that route is going to increase with Awaysis. Hach again suggested forming an organization and doing some fundraising that might help the county pay for it. Schuelke commented that money seems to be coming in all the time; it appears to be a matter of prioritization. Hach stated that the Board has to balance what is good for the whole county. If you build it attached, the trail has to be built on both sides, and to road standards. In the ditch it could be one way, and would be no more expensive, but then it would be seasonal use only unless snow-mobilers might be able to use it when there is snow, or even cross-country skiers. Awaysis will be open in the winter. Fort stated that the group is asking to have the Board start putting some funds aside, with it to be a future decision to build it or not. Hach again mentioned that Dickinson County has been so successful in getting their trails built because of their fundraising. Hach encouraged them to organize and maybe talk to the snowmobilers also. If the trail went in the ditch, Ites said the county would have to find more ROW and dirt to elevate the trail up from the bottom. Fort said we need to get started on both sides (fundraising and setting funds aside). Crampton asked about the funds approved for Awaysis. Burnside will need to ask if there is any flexibility in what the city had in their plan that was accepted by Vision Iowa. Fort suggested setting some funds aside, even a token amount. Ites stated the county can’t afford to set aside secondary road funds. Merten suggested getting a meeting together with the bikers, Steve Litts, and a person who builds bike trails to discuss this further and generate additional ideas. Hach says he would support setting funds aside if the bikers will commit to organizing and fundraising.

After reviewing communication regarding laundry equipment for the LEC, the Board will check into laundry service from Julius Cleaners. For the time being it was the consensus of the Board to install all plumbing and electrical in the LEC to accommodate laundry equipment but to hold off on the equipment for a year.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve Resolution 2007-02-6-B authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Supplemental Fund to the General Basic Fund for reimbursing the cost of ‘central services’ provided to the court system. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-02-6-A

A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Supplemental Fund to the General Basic Fund for the purpose of reimbursing the cost of Central Services.

WHEREAS, Chapter 331.423.1 of the 2007 Code of Iowa sets the maximum levy for the General Basic Fund at $3.50 per thousand of taxable valuation; and,
WHEREAS, Chapter 331.424.1.g of the 2007 Code of Iowa authorizes the Board of Supervisors to levy a
General Supplemental levy to the extent that the General Basic levy is insufficient to meet the county's
needs, for the maintenance and operation of the courts, and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed for FY'08 will include a General Basic levy of $3.50/thousand of taxable
valuation; and

WHEREAS, Buena Vista County approved a Central Services Cost Allocation Plan prepared by Cost
Advisory Services Inc. for FY 2005 (the most recently completed), which allocated $61,602 as the cost of
Central Services provided for District Court and Clerk of Court services during FY’05;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors that pursuant to
Iowa Code Section 331.424.1g, the Auditor is hereby directed to transfer $61,602 from the General
Supplemental Fund to the General Basic Fund during the current fiscal year.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors that until rescinded,
the Auditor is directed to transfer in each fiscal year, the amount of Central Services expense allocated to
the District Court and the Clerk of Court in the certified Cost Allocation Plan for the fiscal year two years
prior to the year the transfer is made.

PASSED AND APPROVED, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors this 6th day of February,
2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors......................Attest: /s/ Karen M. Strawn, Co. Auditor

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 2/2 meeting as printed, and the
following reports: Jan budget reports, Jan Clerk’s fees, Jan monitoring report of Spectra lagoon by
Mangold Environmental, LEC communication regarding laundry equipment and change orders. Carried.
Also reviewed were 1/18 NWIPDC Policy Council minutes.

It was noted that with the claims to be paid today, there remains only $45 to be expended for
beaver trapped in Buena Vista County for the remainder of FY’07.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the
following claims: Jt. DD #16-30-92 to ChemTrol for 2006 spray program in the amount of $500 (80%); Jt.
DD #19-26 to Kuehl & Payer for professional services on the open ditch cleanout & repair project in the
amount of $2,472.60, and Jt. DD #181 to Kuehl & Payer for engineering services for Sac County Hwy 20
drainage review. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign, the
premium rate/plan design sheet for Delta Dental insurance coverage for FY’08, and, to authorize the Auditor to sign
administrative documents relating to employee benefits including health/dental insurance and deferred
compensation. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.
until Tuesday, February 13th at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

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Karen M Strawn, Auditor                      Herb Crampton, Chairperson

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The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on February 13th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Zoning Director Kim Johnson, and Oregon Trail Energy LLC representatives including Kathy Showalter, Troy Upah, and Dan Permenter, plus area resident Ted Letzring, were present for the Board’s consideration of Oregon Trail’s rezoning request from A-1 to I-1 on the property west of Alta proposed for an ethanol plant. Showalter showed the site design and noted that landscaping trees can be added and a dry pond could be designed as an architectural feature. She reviewed a description of plans for the facility and for operation. Board members asked questions about a rail spur and road traffic. Letzring commented that he appreciated the kind consideration the company has shown to him as a future neighbor. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve the 1st Reading of an ordinance to amend the zoning map to change the classification from A-1 to I-1 for a parcel west of Alta in the NW¼ Section 20, Nokomis Township, and to set the 2nd Reading for 8:30 a.m., February 20th in the Boardroom. Carried.

Keeli Thomas, Group Services, presented the review of the health insurance benefit plan for FY’07 and answered questions about coverage.

John Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultants, updated the Board on the LEC project. He is continuing to work with the contractors to meet schedule expectations. Hansen presented change orders for the General Construction, HVAC and Electrical contracts. There is one additional change order pending with the G-S Company for contract 2 - security metal doors, frames, hardware & equipment. Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign change order #2 on the LEC general construction contract (Woodruff Construction) in the amount of +$1,745.00. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign change order #3 on the LEC electrical contract (Nikkel & Associates) in the amount of +$3,431. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign change order #2 on the LEC HVAC contract (Tessier’s Inc.) in the amount of +$9,370.00. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve the purchase of laundry equipment in a total amount of $9,778 from Century Laundry Distributing, Cedar Rapids for the LEC. Carried. Remaining yet to be purchased are bags for inmate property, food trays, signage for the doors and a building sign. He will ask the City of Storm Lake if trees are still needed to screen the north view of the LEC, now that all of the buildings have gone up just north of the site. Motion by Merten, second by Arends to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the January LEC bills totaling $513,583.40. Carried. Hansen has investigated the options for monitoring courthouse cameras from the new LEC. There are less expensive options, but the Communications Center/E911 will need the fiber line.

Randy Robbins, Lee Meyer, Nancy Robbins and Marty Broich updated the Board on the activity of the re-organized Buena Vista County Fair Board. They have implemented a purchase order system and have developed advertising rates for signs along Hwy 7. There have been a couple resignations
from the Board including the Secretary/Manager. The Board is looking to fill the openings and to update their by-laws; the current ones call for 21 members. They need a full board and an active board. A temporary secretary has been appointed until the next annual meeting. Robbins asked for the help of the county attorney to update the rental space contracts. The Board will look into how to provide legal services. The Fair Board is hoping to have monthly fundraisers in successive communities during 2008 with the idea of showcasing what the county, through its communities, has to offer. The uses of the fairgrounds for temporary grain storage and for auctions are two sources of non-fair revenues. The Fair Board will be contacting organizations to look for involvement and sponsorship to boost attendance.

Engineer Jon Ites presented final pay estimates for two projects. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the final pay estimate to Dixon Construction in the amount of $180,767.48 for project #BROS-CO11(59), located in Section 4, Grant Township, 1 mile south of Hwy 3. Carried. The estimate for the project was $183,532.58. The final estimate includes a penalty of 2 working days.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the final pay estimate to Dixon Construction for project #BROS-CO11(65) for the river bridge 1 mile north of C-49 in Section 36 Grant Township in the amount of $312,198.96. Carried. The estimated cost for the project was $308,375.32.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 2/6 meeting as printed, and the following reports: January ending fund balances, Jan 9 minutes of the BV Co Conservation Board, and LEC communications on 2/6, 2/7, 2/9 from Midwest Construction Consultants. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to void warrant #208634 dated 12/26/06 (lost in the mail) in the amount of $139.41 to Lakeshore & Family Table Custom Catering, and authorize re-issuance. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to include $50,000 in the FY’08 tax asking for bike trails ($37,500-General Basic, $12,500-Rural Basic). Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to change the date of the regular board meeting from Tuesday, March 20th to Wednesday, March 21st, due to a conflict with the Spring ISAC meetings in Des Moines. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to appoint Crampton to chair a committee to prepare an application for the $10,000 state grant to improve veterans’ services in Buena Vista County. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2007-02-13-B establishing the 2007 noxious weed program in Buena Vista County. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-02-13-A
PUBLIC NOTICE
DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS & FINES ASSESSED

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS:

Be it Resolved, by action of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317.13 and 317.14 2007 Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

1. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land in Buena Vista County shall cut, burn, or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in this chapter, at such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or
highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production:

**Group 1.** June 1, 2007, for Leafy Spurge, Perennial Pepper grass, Sour Dock, Smooth Dock, Sheep Sorrel, Tall Thistle, and Musk Thistle.

**Group 2.** June 20, 2007, for Canadian Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Buckthorn, Wild Mustard.

**Group 3.** July 1, 2007, for Horse Nettle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Quack Grass, Butter Print, Puncture Vine, Cocklebur, Bull Thistle, Marijuana (Hemp), Sunflowers, Wild Carrot, and Buckhorn Plantain.

2. That each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Buena Vista County infested with any noxious weeds including Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Canadian Thistle, Field Bindweed, Horse Nettle, Leafy Spurge, Perennial Peppergrass, Russian Knapweed, Poison Hemlock, shall adopt a program of weed destruction described by the Weed Commissioner to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.

3. That if the owners or persons in possession or control of any land in Buena Vista County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate upon which the noxious weeds are destroyed.

4. That the County Auditor be and is hereby directed to cause notice of making and entering of the foregoing order by one publication in each of the Official Newspapers of the County.

5. Anyone wishing not to have noxious weeds sprayed in any given area, he or she shall sign an agreement at the County Engineer’s office and receive official signs to be posted on each side of the area designated and shall be responsible to destroy such weeds, all season.

**PENALTY**

Be it further Resolved, that failure to comply by the date prescribed in an order, pursuant to Chapter 317, for destruction of weeds, the weed commissioner may have the weeds destroyed with the costs assessed back to the owner, or may impose a penalty of $10.00 per day for each day the owner of the land fails to comply.

Passed and Approved this 13th day of February, 2007.

Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors.................................Attest:  Karen M. Strawn, Auditor

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to provide a letter of support to the ISAC Board of Directors favoring the proposed change to the **Electronic Transactions Clearinghouse** (ETC) 28 agreement cost formula for assessing fees to counties. Carried. The proposal is to assess each county a flat $1,000/yr fee plus a proportional share of the remaining costs not covered by the flat fee, which will give smaller counties an affordable cost, and larger counties a lower cost than if they develop their own electronic transaction program.

There being no further business, motion by Arends, second by Merten, to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. until Tuesday, February 20th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

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Karen M Strawn, Auditor  Herb Crampton, Chairperson
The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on February 20th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign today's claims approval list. Carried.

Zoning Director Kim Johnson, Troy Upah from Ag Partners, and Ted Letzring were present for the 2nd Reading of an ordinance to amend the zoning map as requested by Oregon Trail Energy LLC. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve the 2nd Reading of the ordinance changing the zoning classification from A-1 to I-1 for the property located in the NW¼ of Section 20, Nokomis Township, the location for the proposed Oregon Trail Energy LLC ethanol plant, and to set the 3rd Reading for 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 27th in the Boardroom. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 2/13 meeting as printed. Carried.

Treasurer Kathy Bach presented recommendations for tax abatements. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve the following tax abatements: $5.00 for the 2006 drainage assessment on parcel #0915200003-Izaak Walton League (receipt #821322), and $7.00 on MH #1080Z-Energelio De-Leon Diaz (the amount of the 2006 DSC credit not funded by the state). Carried.

Jeff Kestel and Sheriffa Jones, Iowa Lakes RC&D, met with the Board to discuss the program she is heading – Historic Preservation Consulting. She would like to acquire a grant to offer her services free to the communities in the IA Lakes RC&D area to help preserve historic buildings and facilities. Iowa Lakes is currently subsidizing her work, with the ultimate goal being that Jones will be able to establish a consulting business.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the letter of assurances, and the application for re-accreditation of the Buena Vista County Targeted Case Management program. Carried.

The Chairman appointed Supervisors Arends and Merten to serve on a Personnel/Payroll Sub-Committee for employee handbook and payroll issues.

Gary Lalone, SLADC Executive Director, was present for further discussion of funding for SLADC in the FY’08 budget. The Chair noted that the County’s budget is tight this year. Lalone thanked the Board for previous support, and invited Board Members to the SLADC annual meeting scheduled for February 21st. SLADC has been working on both industrial and retail marketing. He provided a copy of the 2006 budget stating that when the revenues are tight, advertising is the most discretionary portion of the budget, and the first to fall. Hach asked about three wind energy companies that are coming to other parts of Iowa. Lalone stated that access to a major interstate makes it hard for Buena Vista County to compete for these types of companies. Regarding dredging, Congressman King is hoping to secure funds from the EPA, now that federal ‘earmarking’ has been eliminated. $1,000,000 in state funding is...
Merten asked if some of the documentation requested regarding marketing efforts was perhaps not appropriate to be provided to the Board. Lalone agreed, since some potential companies/businesses do not wish to make their interest in the county known. Lalone discussed some expenses that have been incurred that have not been reimbursed, i.e. working with Hwy 71 Corridor Association. SLADC has not put any new advertising pieces together since Lalone became Executive Director, and he noted that the SLADC website also needs to be updated. Lalone discussed some expenses that have been incurred that have not been reimbursed, i.e. working with Hwy 71 Corridor Association. SLADC has not put any new advertising pieces together since Lalone became Executive Director, and he noted that the SLADC website also needs to be updated. Merten stated that holding the $8,750 was the intent of the prior Board, and would have no problem releasing it. SLADC has been busy working on the drive trail which will promote tourism in the county. Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to release the remaining $8,750 of funds budgeted for SLADC for FY’07. Carried.

Engineer Jon Ites reported on the C-49 overlay project. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the final estimate on project #STP-S-CO11(39) prepared by Kuehl & Payer in the amount of $865,512.85 to Fred Carlson Co. LLC, Decorah. Ites reported that a $1,100 penalty was charged on the project.

A notice has been received of a joint meeting between the Army Corps of Engineers and the DNR on project #’s BROS-CO11-(81) and BROS-CO11-(67). A wetland for one project will mitigate the wetland requirement for the other. A 30 day public comment is being provided before a ruling is issued on the application.

Ites reviewed HF138 which county engineers oppose. It calls for a change in the distribution of Road Use Tax Funds increasing the state share from 47.5% to 50%, reducing the city share from 20% to 25%, and reducing the county share from 32.5% to 25%. The county portion would be distributed to counties on a per capita basis. The Farm-to-market account would be eliminated, and the county funds would be deposited in the county’s Secondary Road Fund.

Of the total number of leased motorgraders available for sale this year, there are only 4 left; 2 of the 4 have the short cabs which the secondary road department prefers. Ites has identified a 140H Cat for $168,100 with a repaired trade-in; it is projected to have less than 150 hrs on it when it comes off the lease. He recommends repairing the trade in (1985 Cat with 16,000 hours) for the best economic benefit. The next grader in line to be replaced Ites will recommend selling outright since he expects that condition and appearance will bring a better value than with a trade. New price for a grader is $214,400. Ziegler Cat is allowing $46,300 for ours. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve the purchase of a low cab leased 140H caterpillar from Ziegler Cat for $168,100 or less. Carried.

The Chairman presented an award from the Center for Transportation Research, Iowa State University, for the “Roads 1 Scholar Program” to Engineer Jon Ites for completion of hours and the curriculum for the program.

Storm Lake City Administrator Patty Moore and City Engineer Jim Winterton were present to discuss the city’s plan to pave Vestal St. and to ask the Board’s consideration to partner for paving the west side for 3,100 feet. The application deadline for SAFTEA-LU funds is March 1st. They are asking for support, including financial, in 2011 for an estimated $124,000. The road is not a federal farm-to-market road, so that is not a source of funds unless the road is re-classified as farm-to-market. The city would administer the project, with the county reimbursing its portion to the city. The estimate does not include the engineering, which the city will provide. SAFTEA-LU would provide 60% of the total cost. The application needs to show the need or the potential for it to be considered favorably.

Change orders for the LEC project received after publication of today’s agenda will be approved at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed a final draft of the FY’08 budget and made some minor adjustments to allocations. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve $20,000 for SLADC in the FY’08 budget, and to set aside an additional $10,000 for advertising, producing new promotional materials, upgrading
their website, and survey information. Carried. Motion by Hach, second by Merten, to set the date and time of public hearing on the FY’08 Buena Vista County budget as March 13, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Courthouse. Carried. The Board also discussed the FY’08 allocation for the Buena Vista County Fair Board.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to appoint Hach as the Board’s representative to the Western Iowa Tourism Board. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. until Tuesday, February 27th at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor

Herb Crampton, Chairperson

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
ELEVENTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (11)
FEBRUARY 27, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on February 27th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Hach and Merten and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Burnside.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Arends, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Present for the 3rd Reading of the ordinance amending the zoning map for Oregon Trails Energy LLC was Troy Upah, Ag Partners. Motion by Hach, second by Merten, to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 6.1A-12 amending the zoning map for the Oregon Trails Energy LLC request, and to authorize the Chair to sign the ordinance which becomes effective upon publication. Carried.

BUENA VISTA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 6.1A-12

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:

The real estate described as:

East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E½ NW¼) lying South and West of the Illinois Central Railroad right-of-way in Section Twenty (20), Township Ninety-one (91) North, Range Thirty-eight (38) West of the Fifth P.M.

AND

West Half of the Northwest Quarter (W½ NW¼) of Section Twenty (20), Township Ninety-one (91) North, Range Thirty-eight (38) West of the Fifth P.M., except for 4.65 acres legally described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest (NW) Corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of said Section 20; Thence on an assumed bearing of East, along the North line of said Northwest Quarter (NW¼), 618.19 feet to the Point of Beginning. Thence South 00°40'45" East, 385.08 feet; Thence North 88°14'28" East, 539.72 feet; Thence North 01°21'18" West, 368.59 feet to the North line of said Northwest Quarter (NW¼); Thence West, along the North line of said Northwest Quarter (NW¼), 535.31 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

All that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW¼ NE¼) and of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S½ NE¼) lying South of the Illinois Central Railroad right of way in Section Twenty (20), Township Ninety-one (91) North, Range Thirty-eight (38) West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa, except a parcel described as follows: commencing at a point 432.4 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section 20, Township 91 North, Range 38 West of the 5th P.M., thence North 89°51' West a distance of 1395.87 feet, thence due North a distance of 1083.73 feet to the South line of the Illinois Central Railroad right of way; thence South 58°21' East along said South railroad right of way line a distance of 1639.75 feet to the East line of said Northeast Quarter, thence due South a distance of 226.96 feet to the point of beginning containing 21.00 acres of which 0.17 acres existing highway right of way are changed from “A-1” Agricultural District to “I-1” Industrial 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 27th day of February, 2007.

/S/ Herb Crampton, Chairperson, Supervisors

Kuehl & Payer Engineer Ivan Droessler discussed the need for a common outlet assessment for Jt. DD #19-26 which outlets into DD #81 in Sac County, and the need for 2 assessments schedules for DD #19-26 (#19-26’s own schedule plus a schedule for the common outlet in DD #81). A teleconference to discuss the common outlet schedule with the Sac County Board of Supervisors will be held March 6 at 11:00 a.m. Droessler filed an annexation report for Jt. DD #19-26 to include some additional lands (19.54 acres in Buena Vista County, and 85.99 acres in Sac County). He will file the annexation report with Sac County later today. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to tentatively accept the Jt. DD #19-26 annexation report and set a hearing date for April 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sac County Law Enforcement Center. Carried.

Droessler also discussed DD #67 and charges paid by Tom Sievers to be partially reimbursed by the district for locating and repairing tiles damaged during a repair. Droessler believes that the district should not be responsible for any more of the bill, and recommends that the Board so notify Sievers. The land in question is not in the district, and per the 1927 agreement, which grants the district an easement to dump water without the landowner being included in the district and assessment schedule, private landowners were notified by letter of their responsibility to maintain their own tile. Motion by Arends, to pay Sievers the amount recommended by Droessler, $275, with the remainder being Sievers’ responsibility, as per notice received by Sievers. The motion was not seconded. Merten would like to hear from Sievers before taking any action. Arrangements will be made to meet with Sievers.
Engineer Jon Ites informed the Board of Public Information Meetings around the state to discuss the proposed changes to the **RUT (Road Use Tax) distribution** formula. One is scheduled for Missouri Valley on March 2nd. Ites has requested consideration to establish the **Hudson St. L.U.S.T.** (Leaking Underground Storage Tank) site as a "no further testing site". ERS (the company which has been providing testing services to the County) will forward the request and their information to the insurance company handling the LUST funds for the DNR. Ites reported the successful negotiation and **equipment purchase** of a 140H Cat motorgrader for $167,750. Ites also expressed concern about potential damage to the roads during the spring thaw. Truck deliveries to the farm and hauling grain to the elevators at times when the road is not frozen cause substantial damage that can't be fixed. Material such as limestone can be applied, but this doesn't repair the road, and is expensive. He issued a plea through the media to avoid hauling on the roads except when the roads are frozen.

Storm Lake City Administrator Patti Moore was present for the Board's consideration of co-sponsoring the SAFETEA-LU funding application for the surfacing of **Vestal Street**. The county's cost would be 40% of city's 40% or $124,000 in 2011. Hach thinks paving Vestal is a good development move. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to support the city's SAFETEA-LU funding application for paving of Vestal St. with a match commitment of $124,000 or 16%. The development plans will accompany the application to show the need for the funding. Ites suggested that if annexation takes place before construction, that the county's participation be adjusted, based on what portion of the road remains in the unincorporated portion. Moore agreed. The motion carried.

Dave Rettig, **Rembrandt Enterprises**, and Shaun Arneson of Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corp. presented a request for Buena Vista County sponsorship of RE's submission to the Iowa Dept. of Economic Development of a “High Quality Job Creation Application”. Rettig discussed the company's growth plans. There will be an expansion of the number of chickens as previously announced, the addition of food processing (pasteurization and packaging of the eggs), and the addition of a 1 million bushel soybean meal extrusion process. Approximately 62 jobs will be added. The soybean oil from the extrusion process will be going into the marketplace. Wages will be an average of $12/hr plus benefits. When the application is completed, it will be sent with the county's resolution of support. Responding to Hach's question about work on abatement of the odors, Rettig responded that ISU has some new treatments that are ready for testing in the field. Also, in RE's new construction, there will be a curtain installed near the fans to capture the particulate matter which the odor is thought to be attached to. Those are the two areas they are working on currently. Rettig reviewed the pasteurization process and the plant layout. Hach offered his congratulations on their continuing development. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign a resolution supporting Rembrandt Enterprises “High Quality Job Creation Application”. Carried.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-02-27-A**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A HIGH QUALITY JOB CREATION ACT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF REMBRANDT ENTERPRISES, INC. TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AND SIGN SAID APPLICATION AND RELATED MATERIAL AND TO DESIGNATE SHAUN ARNESON AS CONTACT PERSON ON BEHALF OF THIS APPLICATION.

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Supervisors has decided it to be in the best interest of the County to submit a High Quality Job Creation Act application on behalf of Rembrandt Enterprises, Inc. to the Iowa Department of Economic Development; and

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Supervisors believes that the approval of this application will result in numerous benefits to the County and its residents;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, that the submittal of a High Quality Job Creation Act application on behalf of Rembrandt Enterprises, Inc. is authorized, that Chairman Herb Crampton is authorized to sign and execute said application and related
correspondence, and that Shaun Arneson of the Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation will be the designated contact person for said application.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of February, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair………………………………………………………..Attest: /s/ Karen M. Strawn, Auditor

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to allocate $20,000 in the FY’08 budget for the Buena Vista County Fair Board, of which up to $5,000 may be used for premiums, and the remainder for infrastructure (pursuant to Chapter 174.13, 2007 Code of Iowa). Carried. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to provide $5,000 in additional funds to the Buena Vista County Fair Board in FY’08 on a matching basis, $1 for every $2 raised up to a $5,000 maximum, to be used pursuant to Chapter 174.13, 2007 Code of Iowa. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 2/20 meeting as printed, and the following reports: revised 2nd Qtr FY’07 Farm-to-Market Fund report, and the LEC Job Progress Meeting minutes. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the liquor license renewal application of the Little Sioux Golf & Country Club, and also to approve their cigarette permit application. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the following change orders: #2 to the HVAC #4 Contract with Tessier’s Inc. for the LEC project for an add of $9,370.00, and, #3 to Electrical #5 Contract for the LEC project for a deduct of $3,431.00. Carried.

A letter from John Hansen regarding two changes to Bid Package #2 (Security Metal Doors, Frames, Hardware & Equipment) (LEC project) were discussed. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve the changes and issue a directive for the necessary change orders. Carried.

The Auditor discussed the changes that have occurred in the type and amount of time spent on IT duties since 2004 when the IT Technician job description was approved. She proposed changes to the job description and to the payrate associated with it for the Board’s consideration. No action was taken at this time.

There being no further business, motion by Arends, second by Merten, to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. until Tuesday, March 6th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

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Karen M Strawn, Auditor                Herb Crampton, Chairperson
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 Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Weed Commissioner Norm Lund reported on several bids for weed chemicals. Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to accept the low bid of Ohnoutka, Sioux Falls, SD for 650 gallons HiDep (weed chemical) at $15.35 per gallon, to be delivered prior to June 30, 2007, with payment after July 1, 2007. Carried.

John and Steve Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultants, gave an update on the LEC project and change orders. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the change order for G-S Company for $1,069.00. Carried. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the change order for Gadbury Company for $2,551.00. Carried.

Merten left the meeting to attend a funeral. The following motions were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Engineer Jon Ites reported on the problems encountered during the blizzard. He also discussed the upcoming Senate Transportation Committee Hearing that will be in Correctionville on March 16.

The time having arrived for the bid letting on asphalt paving projects L-R-727 & L-R-631, the Board received bids from 2 contractors. Upon examination of the bids, motion by Burnside, second by Hach to tentatively award the contract for projects #L-R-727 & L-R-631 to the apparent low bidder, Blacktop Service Co., of Humboldt, IA. In the amount of $622,507.78, subject to an audit of the bid tab. Carried. (The Engineer later notified the Board that the bid extensions were correct, confirming that Blacktop Service Co. was the low bidder.)

Chairman Crampton received a letter from Spectra Health Care requesting approval to replace 6 bathroom fluorescent light fixtures. Motion by Hach, second by Arends to accept the quote from Nepple Electric to replace 6 bathroom fluorescent light fixtures for $684.00 at Spectra Health Care. Carried

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the warranty deed for a parcel of land described as follows: Commencing at a point 13 feet North of the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼ NE¼) of Section Seven (7), Township Ninety-three (93) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West of the 5th P.M.; thence North 295 feet, thence West 280 feet, thence South 308 feet, thence East 97 feet, thence North 13 feet, thence East 183 feet to the point of beginning situated in Buena Vista County, Iowa, to Larry Sangl and Barb Sangl. Carried.

Environmental Health Director Kim Johnson notified the Board of 2 new construction applications. Double R Farms is a turkey confinement in Section 5 of Coon Township. It is below the matrix with 43,200 birds. Brookside Farms LLC, is a hog confinement in Section 28 of Fairfield Township. It would consist of 5,000 pigs, so would be subject to the matrix evaluation. Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to set the public hearing for the Double R Farms construction application for March 27 at 8:30 a.m., and to set the hearing for the Brookside Farms LLC matrix evaluation for March 27 at 8:40 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve the minutes of the 2/27 meeting as printed. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign today's claims approval list. Carried.
A phone call was received from Sac County Board of Supervisors for the teleconference regarding **Jt. DD #19-26**. An annexation hearing was set for April 17, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. to be held in the Sac County Conference Room.

The Board recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Merten was present for the remainder of the meeting.

Present for a discussion of the **Albert City and Rembrandt Fire Districts** were: Pat Cronin, (AC Fire Chief), Jay Sassman (RE Fire Chief), Tracy Gotto (RE Fire Dept.), Dennis Anderson (Lincoln Twp Clerk), Tim Heuton (LN Ben FD), Richard Fondroy (LN Ben FD), Mark Van Hooser (911 Coordinator), and County Attorney Dave Patton. In 1973, the Lincoln Benefited Fire District was formed. The initial plat of the area was filed with the Board of Supervisors in May, 1973, but a copy has not been located in the courthouse. The description found in the Supervisors’ minutes (April 2, 1973 and May 15, 1973) does not match the current property records located in the Auditor’s office, nor do the maps held by the Fire Chief in each district match. The purpose of today’s discussion is to determine how to establish the correct division line between the Lincoln Benefited Fire District (Albert City Fire District, roughly, the east side of Lincoln Twp) and the non-benefited area of Lincoln Township (Rembrandt Fire District, roughly, the west side of Lincoln Twp.) Patton stated that, even though the description of the original benefited fire district does not match the Auditor’s current property records, it is presumed in the absence of records to the contrary, that the changes made to the property records were done correctly. Therefore, changes to the maps held by the fire departments should then be changed to match those of the Auditor’s property records. Cronin and Sassman felt there would be no objection to changing their maps accordingly. Patton suggested that as they adjust their maps and the descriptions contained within their fire agreements, if they find that a compelling reason to make changes, he would provide the guidance necessary to do so. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to establish the ‘property tax record line’ as the west line for the Lincoln Benefited Fire District, and to urge the Albert City and Rembrandt Fire Districts to adjust their maps and amend their fire agreements to match. There were no objections from those present. The vote on the motion was ayes:  Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton; nays: none. Abstentions: none. Carried.

Next, the status and organization of the **Lincoln Benefited Fire District** was discussed with Tim Heuton (who has been serving as Trustee) and Richard Fondroy (who has been serving as Clerk). Chapter 357B.2 provides that a benefited fire district shall be governed by a board of three trustees for three year terms, and shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The initial appointments were made as 1 yr, 2 yr. and 3 yr. appointments so that the terms expired on a rotating basis. The Board of Trustees was originally established in 1973, and appointments were made annually until 1983. Tim Heuton, Mark Herrig, and Jim Nelson have been serving in recent years. Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to appoint the following persons to the Lincoln Benefited Fire District Board of Trustees -Jim Nelson with a term expiring 6/30/2007, Tim Heuton with a term expiring 6/30/2008, and Mark Herrig with a term expiring 6/30/2009. The vote on the motion was ayes:  Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton; nays: none. Abstentions: none. Carried. The Board of Trustees is responsible for appointing/hiring a clerk. Any compensation for the Trustees or Clerk is at the discretion of the Trustees, and would be from Benefited Fire District funds.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Arends, to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. until Tuesday, March 13th at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.
The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on March 13th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Burnside, Hach and Merten and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Arends.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

CPC Dawn Mentzer and Case Manager Tami Mills-Thomas discussed fee based services and the huge increase in dollars being spent for outpatient services. Total FY’07 spending to-date is already almost twice the amount budgeted, with 4 months remaining. She has not been able to identify the cause of the increase. The county’s current management plan does not provide a method for controlling the cost of outpatient services, but, it would be possible to amend the plan to gain some control. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with considering an amendment to the county’s managed care plan. Mentzer continues to be concerned about the size of the block grant to the Season’s Center. There is no accounting for what services are utilized, or who is accessing the Center for these dollars.

Mentzer also informed the Board that the case management accreditation audit is being performed this week.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to appoint Marlowe Feldman to serve as an Appraiser and as a Benefit Commissioner for Jt. DD 19-26, to serve with Graham Hoeg, appointed by the Sac County Board of Supervisors, and Engineer Ivan Droessler. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the list of February bills for the LEC center in the total amount of $416,093.68 Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve the Sheriff’s appointment of Jennifer Morse as a civil deputy in the Sheriff’s office. Carried.

Arends joined the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, all remaining motions were approved: Ayes-Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton, nays-none, abstentions-none.

Merten reported on his discussion with Tom Sievers regarding his claim against DD #67. Merten stated that it appears that Sievers’ tile was functioning properly prior to the work done on the drainage district. He proposed a 50%/50% split of the expense to locate and repair the tiles. Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve a 50%/50% split, and to authorize payment of $938.65 to Sievers. Carried.

The Board received a copy of a letter to Engineer Ites from Iowa Lakes Electric commending the Secondary Road crews on their coordination and assistance in the recent storm, which assisted with the restoration of electricity to the community. The Board extended their thanks and appreciation as well.

(Secondary Road salaries were incorrectly included on today’s agenda. This topic will be addressed at a later time.)

Ites informed the Board that the meetings scheduled for public input on the RUT formula have been rescheduled to March 15 & 16, having been cancelled due to the storm on March 1 & 2. He also reviewed pending legislation related to his department.
Motion by Merten, second by Hach to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the IDOT tabulation of materials inspection costs on project #STP-S-C011(47)—SE-11 in the amount of $2,185.54 to be paid to Rohlin Construction. Carried.

It was distributed copies of the map showing the location of structures that have posted reduced load limits. He asked for Board input on adding any of the structures to the 5-year plan.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the following drainage claims: Jt. DD #16-30-92 MOD to Kuehl & Payer $6,489.54 for professional services for reclassification, annexation and ROW; Jt. DD #181 to Kuehl & Payer $33.22 for engineering services for Sac County Hwy 20 drainage agreement review. Carried.

Supervisor Hach introduced a resolution hereinafter next set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Arends; and after due consideration thereof by the Board, the Chairperson put the question upon the adoption of the said resolution and the roll being called, the following named Supervisors voted: Ayes-Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton, Nays-none.

Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-03-13-A

To fix a date for a public hearing on a loan agreement

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County (the “County”), proposes to enter into a loan agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) in the principal amount of $260,300, pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa, for the purposes of paying the cost, to that extent, of acquiring a building for County use and acquiring computer software and equipment for County buildings, and it is necessary to fix a date of meeting of this Board at which it is proposed to take action to enter into the Loan Agreement and to give notice thereof as required by such law;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. This Board shall meet on the 27th day of March, 2007, at the Boardroom of the Courthouse Storm Lake, Iowa, at 10:30 o’clock a.m., at which time and place a hearing will be held and proceedings will be instituted and action taken to enter into the Loan Agreement.

Section 2. The County Auditor is hereby directed to give notice of the proposed action on the Loan Agreement setting forth the amount and purpose thereof, the time when and place where the said meeting will be held by publication at least once and not less than four nor more than twenty days before the meeting, in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the County.

The notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $260,300

The Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, will meet on the 27th day of March, 2007, at the Boardroom of the Courthouse, Storm Lake, Iowa, at 10:30 o’clock a.m., for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action to enter into a loan agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) in the principal amount of $260,300 for the purposes of paying the cost, to that extent, of acquiring a building for County use and acquiring computer software and equipment for County buildings.
The Loan Agreement is proposed to be entered into pursuant to authority contained in Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa. The Loan Agreement will constitute a general obligation of the County.

At the aforementioned time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement. After receiving objections, the County may determine to enter into the Loan Agreement, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, IA /s/ Karen Strawn, Co Auditor

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and approved March 13, 2007. Attest:
/s/ Herb Crampton, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors…………………/s/ Karen M. Strawn County Auditor

Weed Commissioner Norm Lund reported a possible problem with the weed chemical bid, which was awarded last week to Ohnoutka, Sioux Falls, SD. He will investigate further and get back to the Board.

The Board assembled in the Public Meeting room for the remainder of the meeting. Vince Davis, Frank Klahs, Terry Murray, Harlan Grau, Sievers, and other members of Buena Vista County Farm Bureau and other Ag-related groups were present for the signing of a proclamation declaring March 18-26 as Buena Vista County Agriculture Week. Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize all Board members to sign. Carried.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Farm families in Buena Vista County help make the State of Iowa the best place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, Farm families that farm in Buena Vista County generate 4,398 jobs, nearly $954.7 million in total sales and $39.9 million in wages – dollars that support a multitude of local services including schools, transportation and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, While farming in Iowa has changed, the values of farm families and Iowans haven’t including a dedication to hard work, a belief in family and community, and a desire to protect the quality of our air, soil and water; and

WHEREAS, Iowa benefits when responsible farm families have opportunities so they can remain viable on the land and active in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of March 18-26 as:

BUENA VISTA COUNTY AGRICULTURE WEEK

Recognizing and celebrating the value of responsible farming, the economic importance of the business, the relevancy of the occupation, the many ways it benefits our communities and the hard work of families involved in agriculture in Buena Vista County, and the state of Iowa.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair…………………/s/ Lorna Burnside, Vice Chair…………………/s/ Dale Arends, Member
The Chair opened the public hearing on the proposed FY'08 budget. There was one member of the public, a number of department heads, and media representatives present. Along with the published notice of hearing was included the county's intent to exceed the General Fund $3.50 levy cap by $0.05541 for the purpose of providing improving enhanced driver license services in the Treasurer's office and expanded services to veterans. Both programs provide substantial benefits to Buena Vista County citizens. There being no objections, motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to close the public hearing on exceeding the $3.50 General Basic levy cap. Carried. The Chair opened the hearing on the proposed FY'08 Buena Vista County budget. The Auditor provided an overview of the budget and reviewed the highlights as published in the total. There being no questions and no objections, motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the FY'08 Buena Vista County budget as proposed. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Hach, to adjourn at 12:00 noon until Wednesday, March 21st at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FOURTEENTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (14)
MARCH 21, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on March 21st in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Burnside, Hach and Merten and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Arends.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Burnside, Hach, and Crampton. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

On behalf of the City of Newell, Marilyn Monson, City Clerk Melinda Buchholz, Paul Monson, and Deb Witt were present to discuss the City's plan to develop a community center using the Allee Building and constructing additional space adjacent. Their sources of funding include the Community Attractions and Tourism program-$500,000, USDA grant, City GO bonds in the amount of $500,000, corporate funding, county funding, private funding, and fundraisers. The city is requesting sponsorship and $50,000 funding from the County. The CAT application deadline is April 1st. The $1.2 million cost estimate includes all construction and equipping of both the Allee Building and the new building.

Engineer Jon Ites reported on the status of the proposed changes in the distribution formula for the Road Use Tax Fund. He presented a resolution for the Board’s consideration. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize all Board Members to sign Resolution 2007-03-21 encouraging consideration of funding alternatives to increase revenue to the Road Use Tax Fund. The roll call vote was: Ayes—Burnside, Hach, and Crampton. Nay-Merten. The motion carried.
RESOLUTION 2007-03-21

WHEREAS, Senators Rielly and Noble, Chair and Ranking Member respectively of the Transportation Committee, are seeking input concerning transportation needs with public meetings that are being held throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Road Use Tax Fund is an important source of support for construction and maintenance projects at the city, county and state level; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of that R.U.T.F. is the fuel tax, which has not increased since 1989, and during that timeframe construction costs have more than doubled; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Good Roads Association, the Iowa County Supervisor’s Association, the Iowa County Engineer’s Association and a consortium of additional public and private individuals and organizations, has promoted the TIME-21 program (Transportation Investment Moves the Economy in the 21st Century) to underscore that steady deterioration of the construction dollar; and

WHEREAS, TIME-21 supports the Iowa Department of Transportation’s request for an additional $200 million added to the R.U.T.F. that would be committed to roadway infrastructure and would be generated by increasing transportation-related fees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors recognizes the vital role that our transportation system performs for Iowa and encourages the legislature to consider funding alternatives to increase revenue to the Road Use Tax Fund.

Resolved this 21st day of March, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chairman, /s/ Lorna Burnside, Vice Chair, /s/ Ken Hach, Member, /s/ Paul Merten, Member

Attest: /s/ Karen M. Strawn, County Auditor…………………………………………………………………………………………

Motion by Hach, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract and contractor’s bond, and approve certificate of insurance from Blacktop Service Co., Humboldt, IA for Project #’s L-R-631—73-11 and L-R-727—73-11 (3.25 miles of HMA resurfacing); the contract amount is $622,507.78 and the completion date is the end of Sept, 2007. Carried.

Ites has learned from DOT that they are no longer considering the removal of the Hwy 110 curve, but instead will work on a plan to acquire additional right-of-way on the inside of the curve.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve the following underground utility permit applications submitted by Iowa Telecom, Grinnell, IA for repairs of defective cable:

- 25 pr voice communication cable on 650th St. for 1775’ between 200th and 210th Ave. (Sections 29 & 32, Newell Township);
- 5 pr voice communication cable under 510th St. from the intersection of 180th Ave, North for 2440’ between Sections 14 & 23, Lincoln Township;
- 25 pr voice communication cable along 510th St. between Sections 13 & 24, Lincoln Township, from the intersection of 190th Ave west on 510th St. for 110’;
- 25 pr voice communication cable along the west side 240th St on the east side of Section 35, Coon Township, from 240th St. north 3133’. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by, Burnside to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the job description for the IT Technician/Clerk. Carried.
The Board took up the discussion of FY’08 raises for the Community Services Department. Hach reported that the Buena Vista County Case Management Department had received a score of 100 on its re-accreditation review; this is up from a prior score of 95%. Merten commented that Mentzer has proposed the increases for her department, which are greater than 3.5%, to hopefully reduce the turnover of case managers. For this reason he could support the request. Treasurer Kathy Bach asked how the increase can be justified when most employees are looking at a 3.5% increase. Recorder Shari O’Bannon commented that it is hard to explain how some departments receive substantially more in increases. Crampton commented that there are educational and experience requirements for the Case Management department. The consensus of the Board was to delay a decision until next week when a full board can be present.

Present for a discussion of secondary road wage and benefit requests were Bruce McGowan and Dave Ploeger. In addition to a pay increase, their committee has also asked for longevity after 25 and 30 years at $10/mo over the prior step, and a $5/month increase in the 5, 10, 15, and 20 year steps; pay at time and ½ after 8 hours instead of 1½ after 40 hours; increasing funeral leave from 3 days to 5 days; increasing the number of sick leave days that can be used for family illness from 3 days (of 15/yr) to 5 per year. The funeral and sick leave issues will need to be addressed in the employee handbook at a later time. Burnside noted that a request has been received from another department to allow employees who are asked to serve a meal at a funeral the same type of leave as pallbearers. Secondary Roads’ final request was for vision insurance benefits. Payroll Deputy Leigh Madsen briefly reviewed the research she had done on vision plans. There are a number available with multiple options including whether or not all employees are enrolled vs. voluntary participation. The Board will take up this discussion at a later time. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve a 70 cents/hr increase for secondary road personnel for FY’08. Carried.

Weed Commissioner Norm Lund reported on the weed chemical bid that the Board had accepted from Ohnoutka, Sioux Falls, SD on March 13th. Although the company bid on the wrong chemical, they will honor the bid and the county will still receive the rebate. Lund recommended staying with Ohnoutka’s bid. The Board thanked Lund for his diligence on the matter.

The Board reviewed a letter from Sue Morrow to CPC Dawn Mentzer requesting a 7% rate increase Spectra Health Care, Inc. for FY’08. No action was taken at this time.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to establish the following policy: “Claims Submission Policy: At the recommendation of the county’s independent auditor, all claims submitted to the Auditor’s office for payment shall be accompanied by the original invoice; the checks written shall be mailed immediately by the person preparing the checks and shall not be returned to the departments requesting the payment.” Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve the minutes of the 3/13 meeting as printed and today’s claims approval list. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to authorize the Auditor to void and reissue check #208478 in the amount of $64.00 issued 12/12/06 to Zee Medical due to it having been lost. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to adjourn at 1:55 p.m. until Tuesday, March 27th at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson
The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on April 3rd in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten and with Deputy Auditor Sue Kennedy as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes--Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Present for the public hearing on the MMP for the Grau site, Newell Township in Newell Township were: Rusty & Andy Kosky. Zoning Director Kim Johnson reported that the proper notice was published in the paper, and that no comments had been received. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside to close the hearing. Carried.

Marilyn Monson, Managing Director of the Storm Lake Chamber of Commerce met with the Board to discuss: “Taste of Storm Lake”, the Storm Lake Farmer’s Market, and the SL Area Arts Council. They would like to move them from the current downtown location to the Courthouse courtyard.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve the minutes of the 3/27 meeting, and the following reports: Feb ending fund balances, Feb & Mar budget reports, FY’06 Central Services cost allocation plan (CASI), 3rd Qtr Sheriff’s fees, March 20 Board of Health minutes. Carried.

Genesis Development Exec Director Terry Johnson and Storm Lake Site Director Cindy Wiemold were present to provide a program update.

Engineer Jon Ites received a request to change a road classification from Level B to Level A road in Section 14, Washington Township. By doing so, there would be a cost to the county to maintain. The engineer will come up with a cost estimate. He also gave his secondary road report, and stated that a letter was received from the DNR regarding the reclassification request of the LUST site. They are unable to reclassify it at this time so monitoring continues. Also received was a declaration for snow removal help from FEMA. It covers overtime only, and for any 48 hour period.

Zoning Director Kim Johnson conducted a review of the updated Comprehensive Plan which was prepared by JEO Consulting, Wahoo, NE.

The Board received a telephone call from the Sac County Board of Supervisors regarding setting a hearing date on Jt. DD #19-26. Present were Jack Bensley, Dean Stock, Rich Hecht, and Auditor Jim Dowling. Motion by Crampton, second by Jack Bensley, to appoint Rick Hecht as Chair and Jim Dowling as secretary for the meeting. Carried. Upon completion of Jt. DD #19-26 business, the joint meeting adjourned.

Upon the recommendation of Greg Villegas, Kuehl & Payer Ltd., motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to award the following bids for 2007 tree clearing projects in drainage districts:

- DD #34 MOD – to Bawden Tiling in the amount of $10,000;
- DD #34 Lat 2 OD – to River Valley Forest Services in the amount of $7,500;

The following bids are on hold, pending Merten checking with Engineer Ites as to Secondary Roads clearing the trees:
• **DD #34 Lat 9 OD** – to Bawden Tiling in the amount of $2,175;
• **DD #83 OD** – to Bawden Tiling in the amount of $1,550…………………………Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to **void warrant #208008** dated 11/14/2006 (shredded in error) in the amount of $625.00 to Meghann C. Whitmer, and authorize re-issuance. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside to authorize the Chairman to sign the **FY '06 Cost Allocation Plan**. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. until Tuesday, April 10th at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**
**SEVENTEENTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (17)**
**APRIL 10, 2007**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on April 10th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Burnside, Hach and Merten and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Arends.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes--Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Payroll Deputy Leigh Madsen reported on three vision plan options. No action was taken at this time.

The Board received a flag, sample proclamation and a request to fly or exhibit the flag during **National Crime Victims Assistance Week**, April 22-28. The Board will consider a Proclamation at the next meeting on April 17th.

Engineer Jon Ites reported that SAFETEA-LU funding was approved for the City’s (Storm Lake) project to pave **Vestal Street**. The amount of funding approved was $310,000 (less than requested). The new estimate for the County would be $186,000 instead of $124,000 discussed by the City. Ites thinks the county’s share could actually be more since currently the road has no drainage system. This will impact how much the county would need to set aside by 2010.

Ites discussed maintenance gravel for the **Newell stockpile**. Wirtjers will crush 10,000 ton for $3.25/ton and haul it for $2.72/mile which is approximately $.14/mile.
The county is eligible for snow removal assistance from FEMA. Ites has initiated the application. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize Engineer Jon Ites as the County’s representative to sign documents for the FEMA snow emergency funding application. Carried. The funding is a 75%/25% federal and state/local match. The state picks up 10% of the 25% state/local portion. The funding will pay for the overtime hours, equipment hours, and materials. Because the county’s work week begins Friday p.m. at midnight, and the hours worked during the first weekend of March were in the early part of the work week, ‘overtime’ will need to be clearly defined. Equipment and materials will be reimbursed, but he will have to negotiate the ‘overtime’ hours. Current procedures call for all claims of less than $75,000 will be paid out immediately; an audit (paid for by the county) will be required if the amount exceeds $75,000.

Ites recommended a $2,000/yr increase for each of the two salaried employees in his office—the Assistant Engineer (3.56%) and the Maintenance Superintendent (3.92%). Salaried personnel don’t receive overtime pay but the Maintenance Superintendent does put in lots of overtime hours. The increase approved for other secondary road employees was 3.91% based on the rate of an EO-3. Merten recommended 3.5%. Hach is “inclined to accept the engineer’s recommendation”. Ites believes the salaried employees should be treated the same as the other secondary road employees. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to accept Ites’ recommendation for a $2,000 increase for each—the Assistant Engineer and the Maintenance Superintendent. Ayes—Burnside, Hach, Crampton. Nays—Merten. Carried.

Ites explained the 5-year process for construction projects beginning with the budget, then design, letting, and construction. The projects in the FY’08 budget will go forward, and those in the 2nd and 3rd construction plan years are probably pretty well set. Local projects can be changed at most any time. Changes in the 4th and 5th years are more likely than those in years 1-3. Ites then reviewed the details of the FY’08 DOT budget and 5-year program. Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair and Auditor to sign the IDOT FY’08 budget and 5-year construction program. Carried.

Brian Blomme, Kuehl & Payer, discussed 2007 drainage district tree clearing projects in DD # 83 and #34 Lateral 9. The Board is considering having the secondary road department do the projects rather than contracting with an outside contractor. Blomme proposed that Engineer Ites and Maintenance Superintendent French review and determine whether or not the roads department can do the projects. If not, Blomme will recommend that the Board award contracts to the outside contractor(s).

Sioux City Assistant Fire Chief Jim Clark introduced himself to the Board and reviewed the proposed second amendment to the HAZMAT contract between SCFD and Buena Vista County. The amendment changes the basis for the per capita charge to utilize the estimated census between census years. The other portion to be amended provides for additional insurance coverage. Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the amendment to the HAZMAT contract with the Sioux City Fire Department; the contract length is 10 years beginning July 1st. Carried. The department is also developing a manual which will include contact names and numbers, and plume mapping that shows what would be affected if a HAZMAT incident happens in a given location.

CPC Dawn Mentzer discussed her ‘projected case management cost report’ which is due. The unit cost is $240.82 for FY’08. Motion by Hach, second by Merten, to approve and to certify the FY’08 projected case management cost report. Carried.

Marathon Mayor Dana Snow, and Council Member Al Kinnetz, and Don Skou met with the Board to discuss the recent 1st Co-op Ass'n vs. Board of Review voluntary settlement on the elevator’s valuation appeal. The City has filed an appeal to the voluntary settlement, based upon the amount that would have been lost if the valuation had been rolled back the full amount 1st Co-op had requested. The actual settlement is better, with fewer dollars being repaid to 1st Co-op. Since the City has filed a motion, the city will need to go forward with their filing at their own expense, or withdraw their appeal; the court will not rule on the voluntary settlement with a pending appeal. The Mayor also asked the Board what type of assistance the Board might be able to provide. Hach asked the group for some time for the Board to
discuss the matter. The City will come back next month and bring additional figures. Deputy Assessor Kim Carnine asked that the City notify the Assessor when their decision is made regarding the appeal.

Zoning Director Kim Johnson continued the review of the updated Comprehensive Plan.

Veterans Services Director Clint Hoferman met with the Board to discuss the $10,000 veterans services grant application to be submitted to the state for improved/expanded services to veterans. A job description will be written and a plan for services will be developed.

Following discussion with County Attorney Dave Patton, motion by Hach, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to Paul Peterson notifying him to make written application for future appointments with the Board due to the repetitive nature and amount of time committed to his issues in the past. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Merten, to approve the minutes of the 4/3 meeting, and the following reports: Mar Clerk’s fees, Mar Spectra lagoon report. Carried.

After review of the current longevity schedule and the request made by secondary road employees, motion by Hach, second by Crampton, to amend the current schedule by adding 2 levels: $55/mo. after 25 years and $65/mo. after 30 years; the changes become effective 7/1/07 with July’s longevity to be paid in August. No increases were approved on the current schedule. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Crampton, second by Merten, to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. until Tuesday, April 17th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

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Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
EIGHTEENTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (18)
APRIL 17, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on April 17th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign today’s claims approval list with the exception of #’s 15524 & 15525. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign two additional claims for payment today, as follows: Wellmark $70,411.62, and Group Services $10,500. Carried.

Zoning Director Kim Johnson completed review of the draft Comprehensive Plan.
John Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultants, gave an LEC project update. The contractors have been making progress but he would like to re-focus on the jail portion of the building. As soon as the jail portion is completed, employee training on equipment and procedures can commence while the electricians are still on site and can make changes. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve the following changes: $3,161.02 for food trays and other equipment, $957 for stationery stool and wall-mounted desks $957.00 (saving about $1,500), $2,210 for gun lockers, $367 for wall rack and $1,014 for bags for inmate property storage, and, $875 for an additional 4” conduit for the communications tower. Carried. Two doors will be restained but that expense will be approved at a later time.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign March, 2007 bills for the LEC project in a total amount of $515,818.93. Carried.

This being the time and place fixed by the Board for the consideration of bids received for the purchase of its $710,300 General Obligation County Purpose Note, the Chairperson announced that bids had been received and canvassed on behalf of the County at the time and place fixed therefor. Whereupon, such bids were placed on file with the Board, and the substance of such bids was noted in the minutes, as follows:

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After due consideration and discussion, Supervisor Burnside introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Arends. The Chairperson put the question upon the adoption of said resolution, and the roll being called, the following Supervisors voted: Ayes: Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, Crampton. Nays: none. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted as hereinafter set out.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-04-17-A

Resolution authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement, amending a resolution adopted on March 27, 2007, and providing for the issuance of a $710,300 General Obligation County Purpose Note and for the levy of taxes to pay the same.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa, notice duly published and a hearing held thereon, Buena Vista County, Iowa (the “County”), has heretofore determined to contract indebtedness and enter into a General Obligation Essential County Purpose Loan Agreement (the “Essential County Purpose Loan Agreement”) in a principal amount not to exceed $260,300 for the essential county purposes of acquiring a building for County use and acquiring computer software and equipment for County buildings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa, the County also heretofore proposed to contract indebtedness and enter into other General Obligation General County Purposes Loan Agreements (the “General County Purposes Loan Agreements”) in an aggregate principal amount of $450,000 for other county purposes; and

WHEREAS, at the hearing on the Essential County Purpose Loan Agreement on March 27, 2007, the Board adopted a resolution (the “Issuance Resolution”) authorizing the County to enter into the Essential County Purpose Loan Agreement and the General County Purposes Loan Agreements (together, the “Loan Agreements”) and providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay the principal of and interest on the Loan Agreements in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Issuance Resolution provided for the levy and collection of taxes to pay the principal of and interest payable under the Loan Agreements based upon estimated interest rates and further
provided that the actual rate or rates of interest and the resulting tax levy amounts necessary to pay the
principal of and interest under the Loan Agreements should be determined at the time the County entered
into the Loan Agreements and the Issuance Resolution amended to so provide; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisement of sale, bids for the purchase of a $710,300 General Obligation
County Purpose Note (the “Note”) to be issued in evidence of the County’s obligation under the Loan
Agreements were received and canvassed on behalf of the County and the substance of such bids noted
in the minutes; and

WHEREAS, upon final consideration of all bids received for the purchase of the Note, the bid of Citizens
First National Bank, Storm Lake, Iowa (the “Purchaser”), is the best, such bid proposing the lowest
interest cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 384.28 of the Code of Iowa, the County may include any number or
combination of essential and general county purposes in a single financing; and

WHEREAS, the County deems it necessary and advisable at this time to combine the Loan Agreements
and to amend the Issuance Resolution to provide for the sale and issuance of the Note to the Purchaser
and for the levy of taxes to pay the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista, County, Iowa, as
follows:

Section 1. The bid of the Purchaser is hereby accepted, and the Note, dated the date of delivery
to the Purchaser, maturing in semiannual installments on the dates and in the principal amounts and

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is hereby awarded and authorized to be issued to the Purchaser.

Section 2. The Loan Agreements are hereby combined, and the County hereby determines to
enter into a single loan agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) with the Purchaser, in substantially the form as
will be placed on file with the Board, providing for a loan to the County in the principal amount of
$710,300, for the purposes set forth in the preamble hereof.

The Chairperson and County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Loan
Agreement on behalf of the County, and the Loan Agreement is hereby approved.

Section 3. Except insofar as it provides for the levy and collection of taxes in the fiscal year
beginning July 1, 2007, all of the contents, paragraphs, sections, clauses and provisions of the Issuance
Resolution are hereby deleted in their entirety and the terms of this resolution substituted in lieu thereof.

The County Auditor is hereby designated as the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Note and
may be hereinafter referred to as the “Registrar” or the “Paying Agent”.

All of the interest on the Note shall be payable semiannually on the first day of June and
December in each year, commencing June 1, 2007. Interest shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-
day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.
Payment of both principal of and interest on the Note shall be made to the registered owner appearing on the registration books of the County at the close of business on the fifteenth day of the month next preceding the payment date and shall be paid by check or draft mailed to the registered owner at the address shown on such registration books; provided, however, that the final installment of principal and interest shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of the Note to the Paying Agent.

The County reserves the right to prepay principal of the Note in whole or in part at any time prior to and in inverse order of maturity on terms of par and accrued interest. All principal so prepaid shall cease to bear interest on the prepayment date.

The Note shall be executed on behalf of the County by the Chairperson of the Board and attested by the County Auditor and shall have the County's seal affixed thereto and shall be fully registered without interest coupons. In case any officer whose signature appears on the Note shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of the Note, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery.

The Note shall be fully registered as to principal and interest in the name of the owner on the registration books of the County kept by the Registrar, and after such registration, payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon shall be made only to the registered owner or legal representatives or assigns. The Note shall be transferable only upon the registration books of the County upon presentation to the Registrar, together with either a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar or the assignment form thereon completed and duly executed by the registered owner or the duly authorized attorney for such registered owner.

The record and identity of the owner of the Note shall be kept confidential as provided by Section 22.7 of the Code of Iowa.

Section 4. The Note shall be in substantially the following form:

(Form of Note)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF IOWA
BUENA VISTA COUNTY
GENERAL OBLIGATION COUNTY PURPOSE NOTE

No. 1 $710,300

RATE MATURITY DATE NOTE DATE
December 1, 2009 (Closing Date)

Buena Vista County (the “County”), in the State of Iowa, for value received, promises to pay in the manner hereinafter provided to

Citizens First National Bank
Storm Lake, Iowa

or registered assigns, the principal sum of SEVEN HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS, together with interest on the outstanding principal hereof from the date of this Note, or from the most recent payment date on which interest has been paid, except as the provisions hereinafter set
forth with respect to prepayment prior to maturity may be or become applicable hereto. Interest shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

Interest on this Note is payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1, commencing June 1, 2007, and principal of this Note is payable in semiannual installments on each of the respective dates, in the respective installment amounts and bears interest at the respective rates, as follows:

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This Note is issued by the County to evidence its obligation under a certain Loan Agreement, dated as of the date hereof (the "Loan Agreement"), for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs of acquiring a building for County use and acquiring computer software and equipment for County buildings, acquiring voting equipment, constructing and acquiring equipment for the County jail, constructing improvements at the County Courthouse, acquiring a vehicle for the Public Health Department and acquiring a tractor for general County use.

This Note is issued pursuant to and in strict compliance with the provisions of Sections 331.402(3) and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa, 2007, and all other laws amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, and in conformity with a resolution of the County Board of Supervisors authorizing and approving the Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of this Note (the "Resolution"), and reference is hereby made to the Resolution and the Loan Agreement for a more complete statement as to the source of payment of this Note and the rights of the owners of this Note.

The County reserves the right to prepay principal of this Note, in whole or in part, at any time prior to and in inverse order of maturity on terms of par and accrued interest. All principal so prepaid shall cease to bear interest on the prepayment date.

This Note is fully negotiable but shall be fully registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the owner on the books of the County in the office of the Registrar, after which no transfer shall be valid unless made on said books and then only upon presentation of this Note to the Registrar, together with either a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar or the assignment form hereon completed and duly executed by the registered owner or the duly authorized attorney for such registered owner.

The County, the Registrar and the Paying Agent may deem and treat the registered owner hereof as the absolute owner for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of principal hereof, premium, if any, and interest due hereon and for all other purposes, and the County, the Registrar and the Paying Agent shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

And It Is Hereby Certified and Recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa, to exist, to be had, to be done or to be performed precedent to and in the issue of this Note were and have been properly existent, had, done and performed in regular and due form and time; that provision has been made for the levy of a sufficient continuing annual tax on all the taxable property within the County for the payment of the principal of and interest on this Note as the same will respectively become due; that the faith, credit, revenues and resources and all the real and personal property of the County are irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest; and that the total indebtedness of the County, including this Note, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitations.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Buena Vista County, Iowa, by its Board of Supervisors, has caused this Note to be sealed with its official seal, to be executed by its Chairperson and attested by its County Auditor, all on (Closing Date).

BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA

By (DO NOT SIGN)

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

(DO NOT SIGN)

County Auditor

(Seal)

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in this Note, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM - as tenants in common
TEN ENT - as tenants by the entireties
JT TEN - as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common
UTMA (Custodian)

As Custodian for (Minor)
under Uniform Transfers to Minors Act
(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the list above.

ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned assigns this Note to

(Please print or type name and address of Assignee)

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

and does hereby irrevocably appoint _____________________________, Attorney, to transfer this Note on the books kept for registration thereof with full power of substitution.

Dated:

Signature guaranteed:

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NOTICE: The signature to this Assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on this Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Section 5. The Note shall be executed as herein provided as soon after the adoption of this resolution as may be possible and thereupon shall be delivered to the Registrar for registration and
delivery to the Purchaser, upon receipt of the loan proceeds, and all action heretofore taken in connection with the Loan Agreement is hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 6. As required by Chapter 76 of the Code of Iowa, and for the purpose of providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on the Note and the installments of principal as each becomes due, there is hereby ordered levied on all the taxable property in the County in each of the years while the Note is outstanding, a tax sufficient for that purpose, and in furtherance of this provision, but not in limitation thereof, there be and there is hereby levied on all the taxable property in the County the following direct annual tax for collection in each of the following fiscal years:

For collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, sufficient to produce the net annual sum of $244,429;

For collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, sufficient to produce the net annual sum of $349,384;

Section 7. A certified copy of this resolution shall be filed with the County Auditor, and the County Auditor is hereby instructed to enter for collection and assess the tax hereby authorized. When annually entering such taxes for collection, the County Auditor shall include the same as a part of the tax levy for Debt Service Fund purposes of the County and when collected, the proceeds of the taxes shall be converted into the Debt Service Fund of the County and set aside therein as a special account to be used solely and only for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Note hereby authorized and for no other purpose whatsoever.

Section 8. The interest or principal and both of them falling due in any year or years shall, if necessary, be paid promptly from current available funds of the County in advance of taxes levied and when the taxes shall have been collected, reimbursement shall be made to such current funds in the sum thus advanced. The County hereby pledges the faith, credit, revenues and resources and all of the real and personal property of the County for the full and prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Note hereby authorized and for no other purpose whatsoever.

Section 9. It is the intention of the County that interest on the Note be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the appropriate provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations in effect with respect thereto (all of the foregoing herein referred to as the "Internal Revenue Code"). In furtherance thereof, the County covenants to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code as they may from time to time be in effect or amended and further covenants to comply with the applicable future laws, regulations, published rulings and court decisions as may be necessary to insure that the interest on the Note will remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any and all of the officers of the County are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions as may be necessary to comply with the covenants herein contained.

The County hereby designates the Note as a “Qualified Tax Exempt Obligation” as that term is used in Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 10. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and approved April 17, 2007.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors                          Attest: County Auditor

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The Board briefly discussed the HIPAA proposal for Compliance, Security & Privacy Officers, a Committee, and a Supervisor representative, and proposed no changes to the plan. Officers will be appointed at a later time.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve the minutes of the 4/10 meeting as printed. Carried.

PH Nurse Administrator Sally Bonnesen informed the Board of an opportunity to manage an Abstinence grant of up to $600,000. The program will teach abstinence in the schools. BV Co PH would present the (50 minute x 8 weeks) program to jr. high and high school students in all of the schools. Bonnesen noted that the county’s recently approved “Indirect Cost Allocation Report” establishes a 20.71% rate for Public Health, which will be used in the grant application. Only 3 agencies in the state are applying but there are only 60 federal funding awards to be made in the whole country. The application is due April 23rd.

Nokomis Township Trustees Russel Post and Dave Mortensen discussed the progress they are making on the reclaiming cemetery plots. They are very pleased with the assistance being provided by the County Attorney. After a great deal of research and publishing a notice, they will reclaim a total of 419 plots between the two cemeteries. These plots were purchased many, many years ago, but no descendents of the purchasers are still living or can be found; there is no potential for the plots to be used unless they are re-sold to other persons. Gravel is needed at both cemeteries; visitors have been driving on the grass to avoid the mud and causing damage. The Trustees also discussed a couple roads which are currently in poor condition. At the intersection of 40th Ave and Hwy 7, going south, maintenance is needed. Also, the road in front of Post's house needs repair. Vehicles are bottoming out; maintenance has been very poor the last couple years. The rail crossing is also a problem, both with the approaches and the wood ties holding the rails. They were referred to the County Engineer.

The Board considered a request from Dan Harskamp to install a lane on the west side of Section 6, Barnes Township. The Board will ask the County Engineer to investigate and report.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign Proclamation #2007-04-17-A declaring April 11-18 ‘Crime Victims Assistance Week’ in Buena Vista County. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign a ‘forfeited property agreement’ with the City of Storm Lake. Carried. The agreement stipulates that 25% of the property seized will go to the County for the assistance provided by the County Attorney.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign approval of a Jt. DD #19-26 claim to the Storm Lake Times in the amount of $30.10. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to authorize the Auditor to negotiate for best price on one additional AutoMARK ballot marking device. Carried.

This being the final year in the 3-year liability/worker's comp insurance program, the Board approved details of the RFP for the county's FY'08 insurance needs.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign a claim to River Valley Forest Services in the amount of $8,000.00 for tree removal in Jt. DD #24-42. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. until Tuesday, April 24th at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.
The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on April 24th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Susan Stone, American National Government Instructor, and 8 ICCC students were present to observe a portion of today’s Supervisors’ meeting.

Case Manager Tami Mills-Thomas presented the request of Spectra Health Care, Inc. for a 7% provider rate increase for FY’08. Sue Morrow, Spectra Administrator, has submitted financial and statistical information in support of the request. Input on this subject has also been received from BV County’s CPC and CPC’s from other counties. Following discussion, motion by Arends, second by Hach to grant a 3.5% rate increase for FY’08. Carried

Kuehl & Payer Engineer Ivan Droessler filed the Commissioner’s report on Re-Classification of the Jt. DD #19-26 MOD, and Common Outlets, and distributed supplemental materials and maps. Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to tentatively accept the Commissioner’s report and set the date of hearing on the report for 1:30 p.m., June 12th at the Sac County Law Enforcement Center. Carried.

Engineer Jon Ites has received a letter from Steve Hoffman about an upgrade (from Level “B” to Level “A”) to the road between Sections 11 and 14, Washington Township. Hoffman plans to put up a turkey facility at the ½ mile line. The County Board of Supervisors Resolution for a request such as this one requires investigating the cost to bring the condition of the road up to the next level, and assessing not less than 50% to the owner requesting the upgrade. Ites stated that the timetable for the upgrade will impact the cost. (If the road is wet, it will take longer.) His estimate of $7,457.68 (100%) was prepared on the high side. Good weather could reduce the cost. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to set 75% as the amount of the total upgrade cost to be assessed to Steve Hoffman. Carried.

Dan Harskamp has requested approval to upgrade a road along 70th Ave on River Road in Barnes Township west side of Section 6 (on the north side of the road). Asking to make a 1325’ lane out of it. Harskamp would grade and rock the road. Who pays, and who maintains it? It is currently a “B” road. Does the Board want to leave a portion of the road in Class “B”? If the County does it, the road would be improved to Jon’s specs. There is 1 neighbor on the south end, 2 at the north end. Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to direct the Engineer to contact Harskamp and the neighbor Mike Weier to discuss and come to an agreement on what the plan will be, with the intent that the County does not gain any liability for the changes.

Engineer Ites looked at Brush removal of DD #34 Lat 9, and DD #83. Secondary Road can’t do it any cheaper, and it would be July-August before they could get to it. Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to contact Brian, with Kuehl & Payer, that the Board will award contracts to: DD #34 Lat 9 OD – to Bawden Tiling in the amount of $2,175, DD #83 OD – to Bawden Tiling in the amount of $1,550. Carried. In DD #34 Lat 9 OD on the east side of Section 23 Lee Twp there are 2 culverts, one under the
drainage structure and one to the side, that are in need of major repair. May need a survey for a cleanout. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to appoint Ites to investigate to determine the scope of the problem and what is needed to correct. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to insure under Contractor’s Equipment only those items with a value of $50,000 or greater. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 4/17 meeting as printed. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach to approve a contract with Bawden Tiling for tree clearing in DD #34 MOD ($10,000). Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach to approve Jt. DD #19-26 MOD claims as follows: Graham Hoeg-$173.37 & Marlowe Feldman-$204.09-Commissioner services; Kuehl & Payer-$7,599.55-annexation & re-classification services; Sac Sun-$28.78-publication fee. Carried

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends to approve Jt. DD #181 claim to Pocahontas County Auditor-$22,373.29-transfer of funds. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to appoint the following persons to the named positions: Dawn Mentzer-Compliance Officer for Community Services, Carol McDonald-Compliance Officer for Public Health, Karen Strawn-Compliance Officer for the Auditor’s Office and also Privacy Officer and Security Officer, Dale Arends-Supervisor’s representative and all others-Members of the Buena Vista County HIPAA Committee. Carried.

CASA Coordinator and Iowa Citizens’ Foster Care Review Board under Child Advocacy Board Kathy Fritz, and Carmen Cameron, Secretary for both, was moved due to lack of space, driving to Spencer daily. They want to bring her back to Storm Lake. Foster Care Review Board has a much greater space need for records for the Board. Asked if there might be space after the LEC is completed. They would like about 700 sq ft. copier, filing cabinets, postage machine, tables. Boardmembers will check into the potential available spaces.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve the following two claims which were held last week pending the receipt of additional information: Fitzpatrick Auto Center-$61.04 and Schuelke Auto-$734.50. Carried.

The Chair presented Years of Service Awards to Mark Van Hooser – 30 years, and Garland Otto – 15 years. Unable to be present were Dennis Graesing, Joan Martin, Ron White, Rich Noll, and Kim Briley with 31, 25, 20, 15 and 15 respectively.

Payroll Deputy Leigh Madsen updated the Board on the available vision plans information (VSP & Avesis).

The Board moved to the Public Meeting Room for the Public Hearing on the amended Managed Care Plan.

Buena Vista County Managed Care Proposed Changes
Public Hearing
Tuesday, April 24, 2007

A Public Hearing was held on this date at 2:00 p.m. to receive input from the Public regarding the proposed changes to the Buena Vista County Managed Care Plan. Those present were: Herb Crampton, Lorna Burnside, Ken Hach, Paul Merten, and Dale Arends (Buena Vista County Board of Supervisor), Judy McDonough and Dorie Pedersen (Seasons Center), Cindy Wiemold and Sandy Pingel
Crampton opened the meeting at this time and turned it over to Mentzer.

Mentzer stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the proposed changes in the Buena Vista County Managed Care Plan. Mentzer stated that at this time Buena Vista County does not have a waiting list, whereas many other counties do. Mentzer stated that conditions for Buena Vista County would depend largely on the Legislature and Allowable Growth funds. She explained the handout showing mandated and non-mandated services and the conditions that would need to be met to cause a reduction in services and/or create a waiting list. Mentzer went on to explain that in the past, outpatient services were provided under the block grant to Seasons Center and that two years ago Buena Vista County initiated fee for services. Due to this change in billing, outpatient services have been added to the hierarchy for a waiting list if needed in the future.

Mentzer stated that historically Buena Vista County was paying approximately $20,000 a year for outpatient services at mental health centers. She reported that the amount of $23,000 had been budgeted for FY' 2007 and as of March 2007, over $42,000 has been spent on these services and she projected that Buena Vista County would be over budget by $40,000 by the end of the fiscal year. Currently, the Mental Health budget is at a 60% levy and for 2008, 80% levy. She projected that for 2009 the levy would be at 100% and that in creating a minimum standard of outpatient sessions for eligible individuals the need for a waiting list could hopefully be prolonged. Mentzer believed that a minimum standard should be established, which will be funding for twelve outpatient therapy sessions, four medication checks and on psychiatric evaluation per year for eligible individuals covered under the county management plan. Mentzer stated that CPC’s should not make clinical decisions and exceptions for additional visits would be requested by the therapist. Mentzer stated that these changes were strictly a financial decision in order to control costs. Mentzer explained that these changes would need the approval of the MH/MR/DD Commission and would take effect approximately forty-five days after approval.

Mentzer then asked for any comments.

Morrow asked the reasons for the increase in outpatient services. Mentzer stated that many do not have insurance coverage and that she believed that some were referred for outpatient and substance abuse services through larger employers. She also noted that an increasing number of minorities were accessing services. McDonough shared that there is a variety of places to seek treatment and there were more referrals, such as in the schools. She stated that she thought that people were more educated concerning the treatment for mental health and she understood the rising cost of treatment.

Morrow asked if there more chronic cases versus first time clients. Mentzer stated that there were a number of clients (3 to 4) that were long term and with these Buena Vista County did not have the ability to limit services.

Morrow then asked if there had been a reduction with chronic cases. Mentzer stated no. McDonough reported that with the chronic case, this could be seen as a possible reduction in costs; not involving extended hospitalizations and law enforcement agencies. Mentzer stated that usually the non-chronic cases were not hospitalized. McDonough stated that she supported Mentzer’s proposed changes to control costs. She went on to say that Seasons’ therapists take into consideration on how long they have been seeing their clients and what they can do find a solution so that they aren’t being seen for years.

Keleher shared that in their experience other counties were cutting back on services.

Mentzer reported that when she receives an application for a child, she usually refers them to Department of Human Services whenever possible.
Keleher asked if a different form would be used due to the changes. Mentzer stated no, to continue using the same diagnostic sheet as before.

Morrow inquired if the changes would reflect on the State Payment Program. Mentzer stated it would not. Mentzer reported that there was an increase of $170,000 to the mental health budget, due to the county taking over the state cases and currently this cost was being reimbursed by the state back to the counties. Hach stated that the mental health budget was the second largest item in the overall county budget.

McDonough inquired now that ARO (Adult Rehabilitation Option) was being phased out and replaced by the remedial/habilitation service, was this a mandated service for funding. Mentzer stated that it would be mandated.

Keleher asked what the legislature had approved. Mentzer reported that an additional $12 million was approved with $3.6 million earmarked for children services. Burnside inquired if this amount was larger this year, with Mentzer stating that it was.

Mentzer asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

Hach moved to close the public hearing at 2:40 p.m. Burnside seconded.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to adjourn at 2:40 p.m. until Tuesday, May 1st at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTIETH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (20)
MAY 1, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on May 1st in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, and Merten, and with Deputy Auditor Sue Kennedy as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Hach

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Marilyn Monson, Chamber of Commerce Director met to discuss the Taste of Storm Lake/ Farmers Market/ Arts Council request to have their activities on the courthouse square. Gary Nepple was also present to discuss the need for electrical outlets, and the possibilities of where they could be installed. The board will meet with them during their May 8th board meeting, and tour the grounds for the best location. Motion by Burnside, second by Arends to approve the Chamber’s request for Taste of Storm Lake/ Farmers Market/ Arts Council to host their activities on the courthouse square. Carried

Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson has received a draft permit for Fairfield Finisher Farms, in section 28 of Fairfield Township. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside authorizing the Chairman to sign the letter stating that we do not wish to file a demand for hearing. Carried.
Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson reported that the House & Senate have passed SF601, which will increase the fees collected from food establishments. It would also require the establishments to post their inspections, complaints, and re-inspections. She also notified the Board that the court case was dismissed without prejudice.

Russel Post & Dave Mortenson discussed issues with 580th St, 1 mile west of Alta. They brought pictures to show the conditions of the road and also Russel’s driveway. Engineer Jon Ites and Maintenance Superintendent Tom French were also present to explain the situation, and will take a look at the driveway. As far as they are concerned, they have driven the road, and it is fine now. The pictures were taken after the last heavy rain and they explained that with the number of miles in BV County and the number of drivers, Secondary Road cannot hit every road the day after a hard rain. Supervisor Arends requested that the ruts be filled in by the railroad track. Engineer Jon Ites said they will take care of that.

Treasurer Kathy Bach presented a request for a tax suspension for an individual on active military duty. Motion by Merten, second by Arends to approve the suspension of current and future taxes on parcel #0926183006 in the City of Alta pursuant to Chapter 427.9 of the 2007 Code of Iowa. Carried.

Engineer Jon Ites presented his Secondary Road report, and the latest farm to market quarterly report. With RAGBRAI going through part of Buena Vista County, there will need to be some improvements made to M54 to Hwy 10, and C29 from N14 to the Pocahontas County line.

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Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the claims approval list. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve the minutes of 4/24 as printed and the Farm to Market Road Fund quarterly statement. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the liquor license renewal application of Lake Creek Country Club. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, authorizing Deputy Auditor Sue Kennedy to sign the Ohio National Annuity Contract Change Notice for a former employee. Carried.

Sheriff Chuck Eddy informed the board that Deputy Larry Small had resigned, effective 4/23/07. He is in the process of hiring a new deputy.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, authorizing the Chair to sign the MH/MR/DD Services Management Plan Policies and Procedures cover sheet. Carried.

Recorder Shari O’Bannon reviewed her quarterly report of fees collected. Her revenues are up from last quarter due to boat licenses and passports.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends authorizing the Chair to sign the Loan Agreement – General Obligation County Purpose Note. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, authorizing the Chair or Supervisor Hach to sign the Veterans Grant application, when it is ready. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Arends, second by Merten, to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. until Tuesday, May 8th at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-FIRST MEETING, 2007 SESSION (21)
MAY 8, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on May 8th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Merten, and with Deputy Auditor Sue Kennedy as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson has received an MMP for FMP III Moval Site, which is below the master matrix. It is for 2400 pigs, grow to finish, in Section 33 of Hayes Twp. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside to set the date for the public hearing as May 15, 2007 at 8:45 a.m. Carried.

Supervisor Hach presented “Rules of Conduct” for the Supervisors meetings, that was drafted by the County Attorney. It will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Nikkel change order 4, for the LEC project, for additional conduit to tower, with a cost of $875. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach to approve and to allocate $3,500 from the Employee Health Insurance Fund for Wellness activities, for FY’07. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends to approve minutes of the 5/1 meeting as printed. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the April, 2007 bills for the LEC project in a total amount of $278,394.12. Carried.

Deputy Auditor Leigh Madsen discussed the current clothing allowance and the information she has received from our private auditing firm. According to the auditing firm, it should be paid through payroll, and is therefore taxable to the employee. It will be discussed again at the June 12th supervisor meeting.

Veterans Commissioners Lloyd Galbraith, Rich Haldin, and Ray Kurtz, along with Veteran’s Service Officer Clint Hoferman met to discuss a veterans grant that is available, for up to $10,000. Part of the grant can reimburse for expenses already incurred during FY’07, and the rest can be carried over to FY’08. The funds for FY'08 would be used to purchase office equipment, furniture, and salary for a veterans director. They also discussed having a supervisor as a representative to their commission. Supervisor Crampton will be the representative for the commission. Motion by Arends, second by Hach authorizing sending Galbraith to Des Moines on Wednesday to deliver the grant application, and to reimburse him for mileage, from the Veterans Service Office budget. Carried.

Engineer Jon Ites presented his Secondary Road report and gave an update on the conditions of the roads and ditches after the heavy rainfall. Also said that Dan Harskamp and Mike Weier are getting together with Wetherell regarding the issue on 70th Ave. and joint access. Ites prefers a Class C road and then decide on who has access.
Motion by Merten, second by Hach authorizing Engineer Ites to sign the underground utility permits, after he is able to check them further. Carried.

Deputy Auditor Sue Kennedy reviewed the items to be included in the budget amendment on May 29th.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends approving the following reports: April Board of Health minutes; April Conservation Board minutes; and Jt. DD 19-26 pre-construction conference report. Carried.

Chamber of Commerce Director Marilyn Monson, Gary Nepple, and Custodian Dewyne Stucynski met with the board to discuss the possible locations of the box of electrical outlets to be installed on the courthouse grounds to be used for the Taste of Storm Lake/Farmers Market/Arts Council activities. Monson stated that she would be applying for a BV Endowment Grant that would pay for ½ of the project cost, and that Santa’s Castle would contribute some too. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside authorizing Gary Nepple to put together a quote on the projected cost of the project, and to cooperate with the Chamber Taste of Storm Lake/Farmers Market/Arts Council projects. Carried.

Payroll Deputy Leigh Madsen & Group Services Representative Keeli Thomas met with the board to discuss vision insurance. Group Services could be the county’s Broker of Record, as they are with our health insurance. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside to accept VSP Signature Plan vision care insurance, beginning August 1st, and to appoint Group Services as our Broker of Record for both the vision insurance and also for our Delta Dental insurance. Carried. Employees could then make one call to ask questions regarding either their health, dental, or vision insurance. The county will purchase single coverage for all full-time employees. Employees may choose to purchase family coverage. Employee informational meetings will be held before the beginning of the plan year.

There being no further business, motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. until Tuesday, May 15th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.
County Attorney Dave Patton asked the Board if they had any questions about his draft of the meeting Rules of Conduct. Having no questions, motion by Merten, second by Hach to accept and adopt the Rules of Conduct as written. Carried.

Rules of Conduct
For the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors Meetings

Section 1. APPLICATION. These rules shall apply to the public meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Buena Vista.

Section 2. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AN AGENDA ITEM. A person may request to be heard on one agenda item per meeting. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

Section 3. PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, members of the public shall have the right to address the Board on items of interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. A person may make one presentation in any three-month period, on a non-agenda item, but shall not exceed three minutes in length. Not more than five persons may address the Board on non-agenda items at any meeting. A person addressing the Board shall avoid personalities on an agenda or non-agenda item.

Section 4. ADDRESSING THE BOARD. No person shall address the board until he/she has first been recognized by the Chair. The decision of the Chair to recognize or not recognize a person may be changed by order of the Board. All persons addressing the Board shall give their names and addresses for the purpose of the record. The Chair may, in the interest of facilitating the business of the Board, limit the amount of time which a person may use in addressing the Board.

Section 5. USE OF CELL PHONES AND PAGERS DURING BOARD MEETINGS. All pagers and cell phones belonging to the public, press or County personnel, must be placed in vibrate mode or be turned off while a Board meeting is in session.

Section 6. SIGNS. Except with prior authorization of the Chair, no placards, signs, posters, or packages, bundles, suitcases or other large objects shall be brought into the Board Room.

Section 7. DISRUPTIONS. All demonstrations, including cheering, yelling, whistling, hand clapping and foot stomping are prohibited.

Section 8. REMOVAL FROM BOARD ROOM. The Chair shall order removed from the Board Room any person who commits the following acts in respect to regular, adjourned regular or special meeting of the Board of Supervisors:

Disorderly, contemptuous or insolent behavior toward the Board or any member thereof, tending to interrupt the due and orderly course of said meeting.
A breach of the peace, boisterous conduct or violent disturbance, tending to interrupt the due and orderly course of said meeting.
Disobedience to any lawful order of the Chair, which shall include an order to be seated or to refrain from addressing the Board, and
Any other unlawful interference with the due and orderly course of said meeting.

Any person so removed shall be excluded from further attendance at the meeting from which he/she has been removed, unless permission to attend is granted upon motion adopted by a majority of the Board, and such exclusion shall be executed the Sheriff upon being so directed by the Chair.
Section 9. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES. Except as otherwise provided by law, these rules or any one thereof may be suspended by order of the Board when regularly entered in its minutes.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors.................................ATTEST: /s/ Sue Kennedy

A summer county attorney internship program was discussed. The Attorney General’s Office will reimburse $1,600. There would be a net cost to the County of $2,400. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside to hire an intern for this summer. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson announced that the public hearing for the MMP for FMP III Moval Site could not take place, due to the notice not published in the paper. 18 people were present for the canceled hearing, and asked questions of Johnson and the Board. Johnson stated that the public hearing is not required, but a courtesy to the neighbors. The board can do nothing for or against the MMP. Individuals need to contact the DNR. Those in attendance requested that the Board postpone the hearing for a month, allowing them time to contact individuals and get more information. Johnson said they could do that, but construction could start at any time. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach to set the date for the public hearing on the MMP for FMP III Moval Site, in Section 33 of Hayes Twp as June 12, at 8:30 a.m. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson has received an MMP application for Steve Hoffman for a turkey facility in Section 14 of Washington Township. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside to set the date of the public hearing as May 29, at 8:40 a.m. Carried.

Assessor Kathy Croker met with the Board to discuss her office expense requisitions. The Board would like to see all of their invoices, as they do other department. According to an Attorney General’s opinion, the Assessor’s Office is independent from the other departments, designed as a non-political entity, subject to audits, but the Conference Board is their governing body. She welcomed the Board to ask any questions they may have regarding her requisitions, and they can always come to her office to view the actual invoices.

John Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultants, gave an update on the LEC project, and requested approval on several change orders. Motion by Hach, second by Arends to approve Gadbury Plumbing change order for $2,429, for bypass on water softener system and water heaters, and 3 additional access panels. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside to approve Woodruff Construction change order for $1,317 for refinishing on doors, rock on entryways, stabilized entrance, and deleted some shower curtains. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends to approve the miscellaneous items for the food prep contract, totaling $1,101.81. Carried

Evidence storage shelving was discussed, with a portable moving system. Motion by Hach to approve the system for an amount not to exceed $19,466. The motion died for lack of a second. Additional shelving is also needed plus installation. Motion by Arends second by Merten to approve both shelving units, not exceeding $19,466 and $5,465 respectively. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends to approve the vinyl and handicapped signage on the LEC building and doors at a cost not to exceed $2,087.80. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends allowing the Sheriff to purchase 9 TV’s for a total cost not to exceed $1,750. Carried.

Engineer Jon Ites informed the Board that he was going to post the bridge on the 2nd mile north of Rembrandt Enterprises as 24, 35, 40. He has looked at scheduling the bridge for replacement. He also
discussed the bridge plaque on the Sturchler Bridge. He hasn’t received too much opposition for taking it off. It is still a viable structure to do something with. Asphalt resurfacing on M-27 started, but the rain has pushed it back some. Ites requested to carry over 40 hours of vacation, which is allowed by the personnel policy. His anniversary date is 5/31. Motion by Hach, second by Arends to approve the carryover of 40 hours of vacation for Engineer Ites. Carried.

Veterans Commissioner Lloyd Galbraith and Veterans Service Office Clint Hoferman reported the approval of the Veterans Grant for FY’07 in the amount of $6,708.06. They requested the Board make a decision on their future space after the jail and Sheriff moves out of the courthouse. They requested to keep the current office space and take half of the room to the north, up to the current deputies room. Motion by Merten, second by Arends to designate the Veterans Service Office expansion from the current office to include the current Emergency Management Office plus the two storage areas after the move out. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten to approve a claim to the Pilot Tribune for $81.49 for the notice of hearing on DD #19-26. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Invision Migration Contract between Tyler Technologies, Inc. and Buena Vista County. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the final payment vouchers on project #STP-S-CO11(55)--5E-11 in the amount of $225,417 and project #STP-S-CO11(55)--5E-11 in the amount of $319,187.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the claims list, approve the minutes of 5/8 as printed, and the following reports: April Clerk of Court Fees, January & February Emergency Management Commission minutes, March & April NWIPDC minutes, March ending fund balances, and Jt. DD #22 Notice of Hearing on the Commission Report for Common Outlet Benefits. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. for a Jt. DD #19-26 meeting in Sac City for a 1:30 p.m. public hearing on Right-of Way. They will meet again until Tuesday, May 22nd at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.
Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the claims approval list. Carried

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve the minutes of 5/15 as corrected, and to add the Rules of Conduct. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve the following reports: April budget reports, and the Iowa DNR monthly operation report for Spectra Health Care Facility. Carried.

John Torbert, Executive Director of the Iowa Drainage District Association was present to discuss the activities of the prior year. The agriculture environment has changed, we are not just growing corn for food, but it is needed for the ethanol plants. This is a good impact on prices, but there are also minuses. Is there enough capacity to meet this demand and still supply the food for the world? There are increases to yields each year, but more is needed than that. In 3-5 years, corn will be king, where the focus will be. CRP land may go back into production, more drainage may be put in making land suitable for planting row crops, might see corn on corn, with no rotation. Drainage is a big factor in production, but there is a loud voice with environmentalists that are not in favor of drainage, since it puts nitrates into the water supply. Controlled drainage was discussed, since the longer you hold the water, it denitrifies. If you have wetlands, this helps to denitrify the water.

Treasurer Kathy Bach presented a request for a certificate of adjustment for the 2005 and 2006 assessment years for parcel #0203100012 in Sioux Valley Barnes. The adjustment on the taxes is due to the river changing it’s course and not matching the legal description. The difference is 4.79 acres. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to authorize a certificate of adjustment for the 2005 and 2006 assessment years for parcel #0203100012 in Sioux Valley Barnes. Carried.

Duane Smith discussed a drainage problem that he has in Section 2 of Lincoln Township. In 2005, his drainage system was damaged and some drains destroyed with the ditch cleanout that was done. He has contacted supervisors in the past, who have contacted Kuehl & Payer, and nothing has been taken care of. The Chairman will contact Ivan Droessler about this problem and have him contact Duane Smith.

Engineer Jon Ites discussed the request of Steve Hoffman for changing the road designation from level B to level A, between Sections 11 and 14 of Washington Township. Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to accept and authorize the Chair to sign the terms of agreement. Carried.

Engineer Ites has received a request from Iowa Select Farms to change the road designation of 520th Street, from M54 east to their facility in Fairfield Township, from a level B to level A road. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to authorize the engineer to do a cost estimate for upgrading the road. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution #2007-05-22A for the construction agreement between City of Albert City and Buena Vista County on Secondary Road Extensions, Project #L-R-631--73-11. Carried.

RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND COUNTY ON SECONDARY ROAD EXTENSIONS

Buena Vista County Resolution No. 2007-05-22A
Project No. L-R-631--73-11
Consenting to and approving the plans for the improvement of the extension of Secondary Road FAS Route 0182 within the City of Albert City, Iowa.

WHEREAS, it is proposed to improve by Buena Vista County within the City of Albert City, Iowa in accordance with plans filed in the office of the Clerk of said City as follows:

Resurfacing approximately 0.27 miles from the junction of County Road C29 and 235th Street, Albert City, north to the intersection of Main Street, Albert City, Iowa. Project will go thru the City of Albert City, thru the Middle of Section 14 in Township 92 North, Range 35 West, identified as project number L-R-631--73-11, and

WHEREAS, the Council has informed itself as to the proposed improvement and has examined the plans thereof,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the said Council of the City of Albert City, as follows:

1. The Council hereby approves the plans for the said project and consents to the improvement in accordance with the plans.

2. The Council will take such legal steps and procedures to a conclusion such legal action and/or proceedings as are now or may hereafter be required.
   a. To legally establish the grade lines of the street in accordance with and as shown by the project plans, and to cause any damage accruing there from to be determined and paid pursuant to Iowa Code Section 364.15.
   b. To take such steps as may be necessary to secure the consent to the removal of any trees that may interfere with the construction of the project.
   c. To remove existing and prevent future encroachments and obstructions upon streets or highways covered by the project.
   d. To remove or cause to be removed without expense to the County all water hydrants, curb boxes, electrolliers and cables, poles, parking meters, traffic signals, and any other facilities or obstructions which interfere with the construction of the project.

All above ground utilities shall be placed as close to the right of way line as practical.

3. Since this project may be partly financed with Federal-aid funds, the grant of which requires that the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) and the County comply with federal laws and regulations with respect thereto, the Council agrees to take such action as may be necessary to comply with such federal laws and regulations. (Approval of the plans by the Council satisfies the requirements of this paragraph.)

4. The Council further agrees that within the limits of the proposed surfacing and for one foot outside thereof where the City or utility companies may be digging ditches prior to the proposed surfacing, the City will require that all backfilling and compaction of ditches shall be made in accordance with the Iowa DOT’s current Standard Specifications. The work will be subject to the approval of the County.

5. The Council will, by ordinance, prohibit or restrict diagonal parking throughout the project.

6. Upon completion of the project, the Council agrees that:
a. Any changes in the physical features of the project will be authorized only after approval has been secured from the County.

b. The Council will furnish and erect all signing in accordance with the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, including the necessary signing on: Main Street(s).

c. All signing shall be approved by the County before placement.

Approved this 22nd day of May, 2007

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors..............................ATTEST: /s/ Sue Kennedy

Motion by Merten, second by Hach authorizing the Historical Society to remove the sign on the Sturhler Bridge, and to preserve it with the documentation from the Historic American Engineering Record Card for the bridge history. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson has received an MMP application for Randy Kruse #2, in Section 11, Providence Township. Motion by Merten, second by Arends to set the hearing date for the MMP application for Randy Kruse #2 as May 29 at 8:45 a.m. Carried.

Johnson informed the Supervisors that the Board of Health approved the adoption of Iowa Administrative Code Section 641 Chapter 68, regarding lead base paint testing. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside to approve the Board of Health regulations. Carried.

Clarence Hoffman, County Risk Management Insurance Services, Inc. presented information regarding the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP). Their rates haven’t changed since they started, and their coverages are broader than other insurance companies. They will only take counties with a good safety program, good loss control, and good loss history. They are interested in Buena Vista County.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Arends, to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. until Tuesday, May 29th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Sue Kennedy, Deputy Auditor
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Herb Crampton, Chairperson
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (24)
MAY 29, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on May 29th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Vice Chairman Burnside presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Hach, and Merten, and with Deputy Auditor Sue Kennedy as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Crampton.
Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Merten. Nays—none. Abstentions—none.

8:30 a.m.—The time having arrived for a public hearing on a budget amendment for FY’07, the Vice-Chair opened the hearing with no interested persons present. Following a review of the amendment by the Deputy Auditor, motion by Arends, second by Hach to close the public hearing, and to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the certificate of FY’07 budget amendment, and to approve the following amendments to appropriations:

- Increase activity 1000 General Basic Fund (0001) Dept 5 $6,000
- Increase activity 1050 General Basic Fund (0001) Dept 29 $25,000
- Increase activity 1520 General Supplemental Fund (0002) Dept 31 $50,000
- Increase activity 1200 General Basic Fund (0001) Dept 71 $12,088
- Increase activity 3000 Buckingham Trust Fund (3500) Dept 98 $15,000
- Increase activity 3400 General Basic Fund (0001) Dept 45 $30,000
- Increase activity 4000 Mental Health Fund (0010) Dept 60 $110,000
- Increase activity 8000 General Supplemental Fund (0002) Dept 02 $20,799
- Increase activity 8010 General Supplemental Fund (0002) Dept 02 $35,008
- Increase activity 9010 General Basic Fund (0001) Dept 02 $1,100
- Increase activity 0010 General Basic Fund (0001) Dept 26 $3,000
- Increase activity 0220 General Supplemental (0002) Dept 02 $5,000
- Increase activity 0220 General Basic Fund (0001) Dept 01 $180,000
- Increase activity 0200 Secondary Road Fund (0020) Dept 20 $227,000 Carried.

8:40 a.m.—The time having arrived for a public hearing on the MMP submitted by Steve Hoffman in Section 14, Washington Township, the Vice-Chair opened the hearing with no interested persons present. Three written letters of opposition were received. Motion by Merten, second by Hach to close the public hearing. Carried.

8:45 a.m.—The time having arrived for a public hearing on the MMP submitted by Randy Kruse #2, the Vice-Chair opened the hearing with no interested persons present. Motion by Merten, second by Hach to close the public hearing. Carried.

Deputy Medical Examiner Tim Speers and Sheriff Chuck Eddy met with the Board to discuss the need for an ice rescue boat. They are doing research for the type of boat that would be best for Buena Vista County. They would like to have their budget balance and the end of June, 2007 designated to be used for a purchase in FY’08. The Board’s consensus was to agree to designate part of the General Basic Fund Balance to be used for a rescue boat purchase in FY’08, and that the amount will be determined after the last claim date in June, 2007.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the plans for a bridge replacement project #BROS-C011(79)--8J-11, and to set the letting date as September 18, 2007 at the State. Carried.

Engineer Jon Ites reported on the asphalt resurfacing projects, and a request from DOT to designate part of Hwy 7, from M-54 south to the Sac County line, as a haul road.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign today’s claims approval list and to approve the following reports: May Board of Health minutes and Mangold Environmental Testing Report of Spectra Lagoon. Carried

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve the minutes of 5/29 as printed. Carried.
Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to renew the employee health insurance program for FY’08 with the $2,000 deductible Wellmark policy, self-funded to a $750 or $1,000 deductible, to authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the necessary documents, and to set the rates as listed below. Carried.

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Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign tree clearing contracts to Bawden Tiling for 2007 for DD #34 Lateral 9 Open Ditch, Project #BV TC-03 ($2,175.00) and for DD #83, Open Ditch, Project #BV TC-04 ($1,550.00). Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the Jt. DD #19-26 MOD tile extension repair for $300. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of $1,232.43 from the Employee Health Insurance Fund #4151 to the General Supplemental Fund #0002, reimbursing the advance health insurance premiums for a former Sheriff’s Office employee. Carried.

A phone call was received from Clay County Board of Supervisors for the teleconference with Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors regarding Jt. DD #22. A levy was ordered for 140% against all lands, tracts, real estate, highway and railroads in Jt. DD #22.

Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson informed the Board about a change that needs to be made to the zoning ordinance. Motion by Merten, second by Hach to set the hearing date of June 12, 9:00 a.m. for adding service stations to the zoning ordinance to Chapter 8 Industrial Districts. Ayes: Burnside, Hach, and Merten. Nays: none Abstentions: Arends.

There being no further business, motion by Arends, second by Merten, to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. until Tuesday, June 5, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.
members present: Burnside and Merten, and with Auditor Karen as clerk for the meeting. Delayed: Arends. Absent: Hach.

Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson presented for the Board’s consideration an agreement to provide building inspector services to the city of Albert City. Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign a 28E agreement with the City of Albert City approving and authorizing the county zoning administrator’s department to provide building inspection services to the City, and providing for the payment of a fee by the city in the amount of $500 per year. Ayes—Burnside, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Carried.

Nurse Administrator Sally Bonnesen discussed a new sign for the East Richland Annex. The sign will list the departments and provide directional indications. The Board suggested waiting to order a new sign until final space re-assignments are approved. Regarding the expenditures for cell phones, she will ask the Public Health Board to formalize in the writing the cell phone policy for charges to be paid by the county.

Arends arrived for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Merten and Crampton. Nays—none. Abstentions—none.

John Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultants, provided an LEC construction update and presented a change order for the plumbing contract. Training of jail staff and transition to the new facility will begin in August. Good progress has been made since his last inspection; inspections are being completed. Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve ‘red-light’ specials (those items for which he negotiate prices). Carried. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve LEC Change Order #3 for Gadbury Plumbing in the amount of +$3,007.00. Carried. Hansen reported that the city had a question about an agreement for locating the generator on a city easement. He will follow up on this issue. Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the requisition for May bills for the LEC project in the amount of $453,003.98. Carried.

The Board received a letter dated June 1st from Roger Spahr, Ankeny, with a request for dredging of the ditch on the south edge of Section 16, Lincoln Township. Engineer Jon Ites has viewed the site which is in DD #34. When it rains, the area fills up and is slow to drain. Because the land is so low, there is no capacity to be gained by dredging. More depth isn’t possible; the channel could be widened, or more tile lines could be added. A couple new surface outlets could be added. When work was done on the road in the past, the road was raised because it was too low. The DD #34 Main is in the Raccoon River. Ites will write a letter that a cleanout is not an option. Supervisor Arends will call Spahr.

Ites reported that the audit has been completed on the twin-box culvert bridge project over Blue Bird Creek at Linn Grove. Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to accept the audit, authorize final payment, and to authorize the Chair to sign project #BROS-4395(601)—JL-11. Carried. The contract amount was $168,893.60, with the final amount being $166,448.78 (98.5%).

Ites has received a phone call from the Coon Rapids Conservatory regarding the bridge at Sturchler’s Pit. It may not be large enough for their needs, but he suggested negotiating less than the $500 previously set amount if the bridge were to be used any way for the public.

Ites was contacted about problems in the waterway in the Jt_Dd 14-42 on the Clay County line. Buena Vista County Secondary Roads did some work on it, but it completed the work and will be billing the district. Again, the ground has been planted all of the way to the ditch. He believes that the district should not be paying for each time, but instead, the landowner who is causing the damage by his farming practices. He suggested the Board consider a joint meeting with Clay County to discuss the matter.

Ites has received an inquiry about improvements on M-27 which may have been discussed with Oregon Trails Energy. The company would like to know what improvements are planned and the timetable for them. Ites was not aware of any improvements to be made, and accordingly does not have plans or budgeted funds. A review of the minutes does not indicate that road improvements were discussed, nor that Oregon Trails made any requests.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve the following utility permits submitted by Iowa Lakes Regional Water as follows.

• 1½" service line to 853 440th St. between Sections 8 & 17, Barnes Township;
• 1½" service line to private residence between Sections 6 Barnes Township and Section 1 Brooke Township;
• 1½" service line to 5326 100th Ave between Sections 33 & 34 Scott Township;
Discussed was how early approval should be given for spring **road ditch mowing**. Mowing too early can destroy protective habitat in the ditches. Ites suggested that this policy be set each year by the second meeting in May according to that year’s conditions.

At the Board’s request, Ites will review responsibilities of his office staff for possible changes.

Blaine Carlin, **Midwest Storage Solutions**, presented an option for shelving in the future storage area in the space currently occupied by the jail. The shelving can be customized and configured to individual needs. He will be happy to meet with individual dept heads to talk about what their type and amount of storage is needed.

Payroll Deputy Leigh Madsen discussed that the county **dental coverage** can be converted to the same type of self-funding program as the health insurance program. If we become our own group and if our usage is favorable, self-funding could allow the county to control future premium increases. The County is currently participating in the ISAC Delta program. If having our own group doesn’t prove advantageous, we can re-join the ISAC group at anytime without penalty. The dental coverage rates for FY’08 are slightly higher than the current FY’07. Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to move to a stand-alone group for dental coverage and set the premium rates at $25.92/mo for a single, and $59.10/mo for a family. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve the **minutes** of the 5/29 meeting, and the following reports: May Clerk’s fees, and IDHS approval of MHDD Manual amendment. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the brush control quote from B&W Control Specialists for **Jt. DD #181** (Area #s 1, 2, & 3) in the amounts of $1,500, $15,000, $8,000 respectively totaling $24,500. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the loosestrife brush control quote from B&W Control Specialists for the following **DD’s**: #3 ($3,000), #34 Lat 4 OD ($2,500), #34 Lat OD 6 ($3,000), #83 ($2,000) #106 ($4,000), and #184 ($2,000) in the total amount of $16,500. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize Chair Pro-tem Burnside to sign the 5/29 minutes of the **Jt. DD #22**. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the repair proposal in the estimated amount of $400 on **Jt. DD #64-105** in Delaware Township, Sac County. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to authorize the **de-appropriation** from the Communication Center budget (activity 1140) of $50,000, and increase the **appropriation** of the Law Enforcement Center budget (activity 0220) of $50,000, this amount having been budgeted in the Communication Center’s budget for expenses for the Communications Center in the LEC project. Carried.

With the deposit of the 2007 General Obligation Bond proceeds having been deposited in the General Fund on May 1, 2007, motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to authorize and to direct the Auditor to **transfer** $50,800.73 from the General Basic Fund (0001) to the Capital Projects Debt Service Funds (1520) to restore Fund 1520 to a ‘zero’ balance. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. until Tuesday, June 12, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

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The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on June 12th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Approximately 30 people were present in the 2nd floor Public Meeting Room for the public hearing on the MMP for the FMP III Moval site. EnvHealth/Zoning Director Kim Johnson provided an overview of the project, which is for 2,400 head of hogs, with a deep pit under the building to be located in Section 33 in Hayes Township. Rusty Kosky, Nutra-tech, gave an overview of his local company, which has been in business since the 70’s. Their operations have had good working relationships in the community and have a good record.

Clyde Krause stated that the people present for today’s hearing are here to make it loud and clear that they do not want this project in their neighborhood. It is not right to bring in this type of project into this neighborhood after people have purchased and improved acreages and built homes. The project will ruin their residential, bedroom community and their quality of living. They are presenting a petition against the project signed by 60 persons. Marcia Krause read 2 letters of objection from persons who were unable to be present for the hearing. There are 10 acreages within a 1-mile radius of the proposed site, and 20 in a 2-mile radius. Due to the availability of rural water, it makes it more attractive to build homes in that area. One of the letters was from someone who lives less than ½ mile south of the site, stating this is way too close. The other letter objects to the negative impact on their health. The neighbors have purchased homes and put a lot of money into them. Other comments from the group included the concerns for the health of the children living in the area. The community has invested a lot of money in Project Awaysis, which would be at risk due to the odor from the hog building. The prevailing winds will carry the odor right to the front door of the Awaysis Project. Why isn’t a different site being considered?

Deb Witt stated the local businesses stand to benefit from this economic development including the various contractors, consultants, suppliers, utilities, etc. providing their employees a job who then create additional business for the community. The DNR permits have been issued.

Another person stated that the project could be a win-win project – the residents of the area could continue to enjoy the quality of life, and the project could go forward, --- if, the site is located further south. Since the current law doesn’t allow local control, why aren’t the Supervisors doing what they can to change the law? Krause introduced a copy of a very old deed for the property, which established a site for a church and cemetery. This trumps the project since construction is not permitted on current or former cemetery sites.

The Chair announced that the public hearing must now conclude after 45 minutes due to the need to move on to the next item on the agenda -- a teleconference, which was scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m. The petition, the deed, and the comments will be forwarded to the IDNR.

Returning to the Boardroom, a call was placed to the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors for the purpose of approving levies in two joint drains. In Pocahontas, Supervisors Benecke, Triggs, Christensen, DeWolfe, Ekstrand and Deputy Auditor Janis Hanson were present. The purpose of the meeting was to set the following levies: **Jt. DD #145** – 30%, and **Jt. DD#183** – 25%, both due and payable with real estate taxes September 30th

Rich Haldin, Chairman, & Ray Kurtz, VA Commissioners, and Clint Hoferman, Veterans Services Officer, were present for a discussion of the new Veterans grant. The background for the services currently provided in BV County was reviewed. The Veterans Relief Director/Secretary position, under the direction of the Veterans Affairs Commission, has been in place more than 20 years. This position administers county funds (for rent, utilities, etc.) to veterans under the direction of the VA Commission. Also about 25 years ago, a volunteer in the community assisted veterans in accessing benefits from the Veterans Administration. When she was no longer able to provide the service, Jim Glouser from
Cherokee County came as a volunteer once a week, 2-4 weeks/month. Later, the Board of Supervisors agreed to reimburse him mileage. When he was no longer able to provide the service, the Board hired a BV County resident approximately ½ day/wk to take his place. This is the position now filled by the Veterans Services Officer; a secretary was added to assist him. These individuals help veterans to access benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Also, several years ago the VA Administration assigned a van to Buena Vista County to provide transportation for veterans to medical facilities. The Relief Director/Secretary makes the reservations and arranges for volunteers to drive the van.

The new grant funding and the county dollar match are for improving/expanding services. The Board asked what changes and activities the VA Commission is planning that will be paid from the grant funds. They will be working on the specifics of those services at their next meeting on July 5 at 10:00 a.m. The Board suggested, and Haldin & Kurz agreed, that it would be helpful to increase members of the Commission from 3 to 5. Also, Ray Kurtz's term expires June 30, 2007. He would like to be re-appointed. The Board agreed to meet with the Commission at the next meeting. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to increase the BV County Veterans Commission from 3 to 5 members effective July 1, 2007. Carried. The length of terms of the two members will be determined by the draw of the hat, at 10:00 a.m. at ERA. The Board would like to see all of the services available in a single location.

Dean Schade IMWCA, Loss Control Coordinator, met with the Board. IMWCA will be providing a proposal for Worker’s Compensation coverage for FY’08. Schade stated that if we accept their proposal, the County will be asked to designate a physician or clinic to handle required physicals and treatment of worker comp injuries. IMWCA also recommends pre-placement physicals and a re-turn to work/light duty policy. Other recommendations include Safety Committee meetings and incident review, as well as having the department supervisor be responsible for accident reporting and follow-up. IMWCA provides access to a “Company Nurse” by telephone for advice and recommendations and assistance with accident reporting. They also look for employee recognition programs and active participation by management in safety programs.

Deputy Auditors Sue Kennedy and Leigh Madsen, and Engineer’s Office Manager Shirley Johnson, discussed different clothing allowance policies amongst several departments, and the tax status regarding this benefit. The independent auditor has provided guidance on the requirement to report certain uniform allowances, which may not be exempt from employment taxes. Non-exempt benefit amounts would be entered into payroll so that the tax is deducted from the paycheck. An example of an exempt allowance would be a required uniform. In the past, certain allowances were approved for safety apparel only, but the policies are much looser now and cover many other items. An alternative to avoiding deducting tax on the benefit is to maintain a departmental apparel inventory. A change to the current policy to enter the benefit into payroll for non-exempt clothing allowances could be implemented with the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Burnside left the meeting.

Chamber of Commerce Managing Director Marilyn Monson and Gary Nepple discussed exterior electric service for the Taste of Storm Lake, SL Area Arts, & Farmer’s Market to be held on the courthouse lawn. The exterior courthouse electrical service will stand alone, and will not be connected to the courthouse. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to accept Nepple’s proposal to install 200 AMP direct bury electrical service for the southwest quadrant for the courthouse lawn in the amount of at $10,000-$11,000. Carried. Monson thanked the Board for approving this project.

Zoning Director Kim Johnson reported that no written objections had been received prior to the Public Hearing on the proposal to amend the zoning ordinance as requested by Raccoon Valley Bio-Diesel to allow a service station for a parcel in Section 6, Providence Township. The Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the amendment. There being no objections, motion by Hach, second by Arends, to close the Public Hearing and to set the date of the 1st Reading of Ordinance 6.8 adding service stations of the approved uses in Chapter 8 Industrial Districts as June 19, 2007 at 8:15 a.m. in the Boardroom. Ayes—Hach, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Abstentions: Arends. Carried.

Sheriff Chuck Eddy and Mark Van Hooser discussed easements at the LEC building site. They are working with the City Clerk on the arrangements for the paperwork. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to authorize the Sheriff to place a call to ‘One Call’, and if no utilities are found on the parcel at the LEC site, to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the city. Ayes—Arends, Hach, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Carried. They also discussed expenses for the moving and installation of the Comm. Center at the LEC. They will get an estimate of the needed funds.
CPC Dawn Mentzer requested the annual letter regarding designating the community mental health center. Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign a letter declining a waiver for the requirement to affiliate with a community mental health center; Buena Vista County will be using the Seasons’ Center. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to authorize Chair to sign today’s claims approval list. Carried.

The Board recessed for a Jt. DD #19-26 Reclassification Hearing at the Sac County Law Enforcement Center, and reconvened at 2:45 p.m. for the remainder of the business. Burnside rejoined the meeting.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends to approve a claim in the amount of $788.88 to the Storm Lake Times for Jt. DD #19-26 for publication of the proposed classification schedule. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to annually transfer boat title fees to the Conservation Land Acquisition Trust Fund, including $515 for FY’06. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends to approve minutes of the 6/5 meeting and the following reports: May Spectra lagoon monitoring report and May Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. until Tuesday, June 19, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor               Herb Crampton, Chairperson
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (27)
JUNE 19, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on June 19th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Environmental Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson reviewed the proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance, which will add a new use to Industrial Districts. Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve the 1st Reading of the Zoning Ordinance, which amends Chapter 8 Industrial Districts by adding service stations. Ayes-Burnside, Hach, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Abstentions—Arends. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to set a public hearing on the MMP for the P290 Finisher (2497 hogs) project as June 29th at 8:30 a.m. Carried.

Storm Lake’s Chamber of Commerce Manager Director Marilyn Monson discussed the 6/14 Taste of Storm Lake, Farmer’s Market & Storm Lake Area Arts Council event on the courthouse lawn. The Chamber sponsors both the Taste of Storm Lake and the Farmer’s Market, while the Storm
Lake Area Arts Council is planning the entertainment. Monson has received a thank you and congratulations from Cindy Glienke for hosting the event. The Chair asked Monson to thank Glienke and the 4-H Youth and Executive Committee. The Board will require a certificate of insurance with BV County as a named insured for the Taste of Storm Lake & Farmer's Market in addition to the individuals and groups providing entertainment. Monson has already arranged under the Chamber of Commerce liability coverage for participants in the Taste of Storm Lake and Farmer’s Market. The Thursday events will begin their set-up at 3:00 p.m. with the events and clean up completed by 8:00 p.m. So that the dissemination of information and any inquiries are consistent, the Board will ask that all questions should be directed to Monson. She thanked the Board for their help and cooperation in these events.

O.A. Ruhs, who lives east of Sioux Rapids, approached the Board about purchasing two small parcels adjacent to his property (less than 1 acre). The only access to these parcels is across his property. Engineer Ites advised the Board that the parcels could be made available for sale by declaring them to be excess property, advertise the parcels for public bid, and then either accept bids or sell by auction. The Board will take the necessary steps to proceed.

During “Hear the Public”, Gary Widman asked if the Board ever provides county funds to events such as the upcoming Relay for Life. He was informed that courthouse employees have a team for the event and employees contribute individually. He asked about other contributions to other groups. The county does allocate funds to organizations such as historical societies and libraries; the Code of Iowa permits the use of property tax revenue to support these organizations.

Engineer Jon Ites included the following in his secondary road report: there is still interest in the Sturchler bridge; a Board member will provide trails funding information to Scott Schuelke; over the past 20 years agland values have increased by 60% while there has been a 17% drop in taxable values; he has received a copy of the current Oregon Trails site plan. He will apply for RISE funds for the road improvement request when and if the application permit becomes available. Iowa Lakes Regional Water has made a request that the County consider allowing discharge into a county ditch for the Truesdale wastewater system. The Code of Iowa allows discharging into an open waterway, but it isn’t permitted into a ditch. After a time, a ditch could fill in; he would not want to make a practice of cleaning ditches. Ites reported on a survey of counties regarding clothing allowances, other work clothes and safety clothing. He has received a letter from Nokomis Township Trustee Dave Mortensen requesting gravel for the cemeteries in their township; Ites estimated the cost for gravel to be $300. The Code says that the County shall maintain the driveway from the road to the cemetery fence, not inside the cemetery. Motion by Hach, second by Arens, to authorize the Engineer to provide and place 3 loads of gravel in their cemeteries as requested by Nokomis Township and to direct the Engineer to bill the Township for the gravel. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve the minutes of the 6/12 meeting as printed. Carried.

Community Services Director Dawn Mentzer inquired about eligibility for longevity. The rules are not clear and do not appear to be uniform. The Board will review the policy.

Janice Danielson, with President BV Genealogical Society Kristen Watts and member, Dorothea Hornor appeared before the Board to request any help or suggestions they can offer their group. They rent an area in the Museum. It has become public that the Historical Society has discussed increasing the rent charged to the Genealogical Society and/or asking them to vacate their space in the Museum. Some suggestions have been discussed about renovating the west part of the museum building, or expanding the building to the west, or even acquiring other space. If asked to vacate, they would be out in 6 months; a rent increase could then force them out. They aren’t opposed to moving, but they need a place to go to. The activities of the Genealogical and Historical Societies have shared goals, sharing of people, and they could work together. Without having their own building, they aren’t in the public eye in the way the Historical Society is, and not having a base, it his hard to conduct fundraising activities. They asked the Board to keep them in mind.
Engineer’s Office Manager Shirley Johnson, Payroll Deputy Leigh Madsen, and Deputy Auditor Sue Kennedy answered questions about the clothing allowance for Secondary Road employees regarding the potential taxable status. Shirley provided the results of a survey of counties. The general discussion was to eliminate the clothing allowance, maintain the current policy for safety boots and safety eyeglasses, and allow the purchase of only certain items with a requirement for a departmental logo. The policy would require that safety clothing be worn. The clothing with a logo could be a departmental uniform. The Board will ask Engineer Ites and Johnson to develop the details and wording to how the program would work. This change things from an allowance that is a taxable benefit, to a uniform, not subject to tax. In order to eliminate the various practices of different departments, the Board could pass a moratorium of bulk purchases until a new policy is in place. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to order a moratorium or suspension effective June 30th on bulk clothing purchases by all departments. Carried. The Board will ask each department head to address what is needed for their department. This information request will be discussed at the next DH meeting, and should be turned in to the Auditor by July 23rd to prepare for July 24th meeting. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to eliminate the clothing allowance for FY’08. Carried.

The names of three veterans have been submitted for possible appointment to the two new positions on the Buena Vista County Veterans Affairs Commission. They will be contacted to determine their interest and in which military action they served.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2007-07-19-A regarding the designation of a portion of the FY’07 General Fund ending fund balance (June 30, 2007) for Drive Trails and Trails. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-06-19-A

Drive Trail & Trails

Designated Ending Fund Balances

WHEREAS, Buena Vista County included $100,000 in its FY’06 budgeted tax asking to be used for
‘signing’ for a Drive Trail to the wind-farm and other attractions around the county in connection with
Storm Lake’s Project Awaysis; and,

WHEREAS, the Drive Trail sign project was not completed by June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Buena Vista County ‘pledged’ a total of $400,000 over 5 years for Trails in the county in
connection with the Storm Lake’s Project Awaysis; and,

WHEREAS, the FY’07 budget adopted by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors included a plan
to spread the tax asking for the $400,000 for Trails over 8 years (FY’07 through FY’14) with a total of
$50,000 (or 1/8th of $400,000) in FY’07; and,

WHEREAS, no Buena Vista County Trail projects have commenced as of June 30, 2007; and,
WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors wishes to set aside the taxes levied for both the Drive Trail and Trails for expenditure at a later time; and

WHEREAS, the funding source amounts approved for both Drive Trails ($100,000 in FY'06) and Trails ($50,000 in FY'07) are from the General Basic (75%) and Rural Fund (25%);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUENA VISTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, that $112,500 in the FY'07 General Basic ending fund balance, and, $37,500 in the FY'07 Rural Basic ending fund balance, be considered and are hereby unreserved/designated for the Drive Trail and the Trails projects associated with Project Awaysis.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of June, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors………………………….………Attest: /s/ Karen M. Strawn

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2007-07-19-B regarding the designation of a portion of the FY'07 General Fund ending fund balance (June 30, 2007) for the FY'07 Veterans Grant. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-06-19-B

FY'07 Veterans Grant

Designated Ending Fund Balance

Whereas, the Buena Vista County Veterans Commission and the Buena Vista County of Board of Supervisors have applied for and received $6,708.06 in FY'07 to be used to improve/expand services to veterans in Buena Vista County; and,

Whereas, Veterans Grant funds in the amount of $6,708.06 were received and deposited in the General Basic Fund in May, 2007; and

Whereas, an operational plan for the improvement/expansion of services to veterans is under development and none of the $6,708.06 in FY'07 Veterans Grant funds will be spent by June 30, 2007; and,
Whereas, county recipients of Veterans Grant funds will be permitted to carryover the FY'07 grant funds for expenditure in FY'08;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, that $6,708.06 in the FY'07 General Basic ending fund balance, be considered and is hereby unreserved/designated for expenditure during FY'08.

Passed and Approved this 19th day of June, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors
Attest: /s/ Karen M. Strawn

Treasurer Kathy Bach and Drainage Clerk Barb Henrich reviewed the financial status of a number of drainage districts and made their recommendations for drainage district levies totaling $140,612.87. Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve the following levies for the various drainage districts, due and payable September 30, 2007, delinquent October 1, 2007 with a rate of interest 5% and with approved waivers as are eligible: DD #3 & 3 Ext - 56%; DD #12 – 33%; DD #49 – 33%; DD #49 Lat 2 – 19%; DD #49 Lat 2 Upper Main – 25%; DD #67 – 158%; DD #79 – 26%; DD #106 – 8%; DD #184 - 42%. Carried. It was noted that the Joint Board have also ordered levies for the joint drainage districts for the same period - due and payable September 30, 2007: Jt. DD #22 with Clay County-140%; Jt. DD #145 with Pocahontas County-30% with 7% interest; Jt. DD #183 with Pocahontas County-25% with 7% interest. Carried.

Bach reported registering 65 bidders for yesterday's delinquent tax sale producing $1,625 in revenue. One hundred sixteen parcels were on the list. The amount collected on the parcels sold was $93,000.

Following discussion of the reduction of state appropriations for credits and exemptions on property taxes payable in FY'07-08, motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2007-07-19-C regarding the administration of the reduced property tax credit/exemption reimbursement. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-06-19-C

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has appropriated moneys for fiscal year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, which moneys are insufficient to fund certain local property tax credits/exemptions fully, and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 25B.7 allows local governments to extend to the taxpayers only those portion of the property tax credits/exemptions that are estimated by the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance to be funded by the state appropriation, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance has estimated the percentages of funding for the affected property tax credits/exemptions for FY'08 as follows:

Homestead credit 73%, Military Exemption 100%, Low-income-Elderly-Disabled Credit 100%,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors that pursuant to Iowa Code Section 24B.7 the property tax credits/exemptions in Buena Vista County for fiscal July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 shall be extended to taxpayers as follows:

Homestead Credit 73%, Military Exemption 100%, Low-Income/Elderly Disabled Credit 100%.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors..............................Attest: /s/ Karen M. Strawn

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve FY’08 wage increases in the amount of 3.5% effective 7/1/07 for the following persons: D Stucynski, J McShane, K Johnson, P Guerra, C Hoferman, M Fibelstad, C Anderson. Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Crampton. Nay—Merten. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign FY’08 agreements with RIDES (NW IA Regional Transit Authority) and S.H.I.E.L.D. (NW IA Planning & Development Corporation). Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Auditor to void and re-issue the following checks:

- #170221 issued 7-24-04 $25.00 to R Christensen;
- #202723 issued 11-29-05 $42.71 to R. White;
- #166311 issued 4-6-04 $135.00 to T. Van Grootheest;
- #204683 issued 4-17-06 $95.55 to C. Seward;
- #201236 issued 9-6-05 $7.65 to C. Seward;

and the following checks also to be voided and reimburse back to the fund:

- #157691 issued 7/29/03 to Z. Lussman $5.00 & re-issue to Fund 0002;
- #157744 issued 7/29/03 to L & M Electronics $38.50 & re-issue to Fund 0020;
- #180331 issued 5/03/05 to Iowa Telecom $85.32 & re-issue to Fund 4010. Carried.

Sherise Gibson of the Storm Lake Area Arts Council met with the Board to discuss issues with the types of activity which will be permitted on the courthouse square on Thursday evenings. The Board wants to keep it for non-profit organizations. Those participating for the Arts Council may demonstrate their skills, but no selling of their artwork will be permitted. The Board also asked for proof of liability insurance from the Arts Council for any of the activities they are sponsoring on the Courthouse square. A request should be made of each person or group for a certificate of insurance with Buena Vista County as a named insured. The Board also gave approval to hand out flyers at the events. Gibson thanked the Board for clearing up some questions posed by the Arts Council.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve a cigarette permit for I & K Food Mart II, Inc. and to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for I & K Food Mart II, Inc. Carried

There being no further business, motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. until Tuesday, June 26, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.
The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on June 26th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten and Crampton. Nays—none. Abstentions—none.

Present for a public hearing on the MMP (Manure Management Plan) submitted for the “P290 Finisher” project located in Section 33, Fairfield Township owned by Prestage Farms of Iowa, were Dean Sundblad and Loren Lentz. EnvHealth/Zoning Director Kim Johnson reviewed the MMP and reported that no objections had been received. The project is for 2,497 head. There being no objections, motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to close public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve the 2nd Reading of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which adds service stations to allowed uses in Industrial Districts, and to set the 3rd and Final Reading of the Ordinance as July 10th at 8:25 a.m. Ayes—Burnside, Hach, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Abstentions—Arends. Carried.

John Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultants, reported that good progress is being made on the LEC project, with only the general contractor and his ‘subs’ still a bit behind schedule. The report on the review of the LEC non-construction plans for compliance with the 2003 International Building Code has identified a number of recommendations. The current storm water drainage permit will expire before the LEC is completed, so will need to be renewed. He recommended preparing the check and application at this time. Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to authorize Hansen to prepare the NPDES permit application and to direct the Auditor to write a check (July 10th) in the amount of $150.00. Carried. Fire Chief Mike Jones has done a walk through and a number of issues have been addressed.

Hansen reviewed the status of the Construction Budget. Approximately $16% of the estimated contingency remains. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign Change Order #5-Electrical Contract with Nikkel & Associates in the amount of $3,139.00. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign a Change Order in the General Contract in the amount of $1,230.00 in the Woodruff Construction. Carried. Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign a Change Order-Gadbury Plumbing contract in the amount of $832.00. Carried.

Engineer Jon Ites updated the Board on RISE funds. Kuehl & Payer are preparing an estimate of the cost of the improvement and a proposal to provide design services for the Oregon Trails Energy project. The RISE application will need to show participation of at least 20% to be considered. The Board agreed that he and the Chairman meet with JonAlan Page-Oregon Trails and Kathy Showalter-Planscape Partners to discuss the application, which must to be submitted prior to breaking ground. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, that Engineer Ites prepare an application for RISE funds for a road improvement, and negotiate with Oregon Trails Energy for the matching funds. Carried.

Quotes were received for diesel fuels. Upon the recommendation of the Engineer to accept the low quote, motion by Merten, second by Arends, to accept the low quote from 1st Coop, Cherokee for the diesel fuel for FY’08. Carried.
Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign payment certifications to IDOT for testing services from farm-to-market funds on asphalt projects: **STP-S-CO11(54) & STP-S-CO11(55)** in the amount of $2,832.32 and for **FM-CO11(56)** in the amount of $927.77. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve a request to close the main street in the **City of Linn Grove** for the parade on July 14th. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the final estimates as follows project #’s: **FM-CO11(53)-55-4** in the amount of $701,875.60; **FM-CO11(60)-55-11** in the amount of $608,371.57; **L-R-644—73-4** in the amount of $575,451.15. Carried.

An application has been submitted for **FEMA reimbursement** on the March, 2007 snow storm in the amount of $61,936.71 for overtime and machine time.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the utility permit for Iowa Lakes Cooperative, Estherville to install a single-phase 72 volt overhead power line in Sections 20, 21 & 28, Fairfield Township, for service to a hog building. Carried.

Recorder Shari O’Bannon discussed a voluntary program to file groundwater hazard statements electronically. Participation requires authorization by Board resolution. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman, the Recorder, and the Auditor to sign **Resolution 2007-06-26-A** approving Electronic Transmittal of Groundwater Hazard Statements. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2007-06-26-A**
GROUNDWATER HAZARD REPORTING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Buena Vista County and the Iowa County Recorders Association (Association) have created a county land record information systems in order to provide public access to real estate documents; and

WHEREAS, all Iowa counties are required to process Groundwater Hazard Statements as provided in Iowa Code section 558.69; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 558.69 requires the submission of the Groundwater Hazard Statements to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (Department); and

WHEREAS, the Department has adopted Iowa Administrative Code chapter 561 IAC 9, which allows the electronic submission of the Groundwater Hazard Statements, and

WHEREAS, the County and the Department desire to utilize the county land record information system as a means to provide for more efficient and timely filing of the Groundwater Hazard Statements;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County acknowledges that the County is responsible for the processing and filing of Groundwater Hazard Statements as provided in Section 558.69 of the Iowa Code and the chapter 561 IAC 9 of the Iowa Administrative Code. The County requests that in lieu of forwarding a printed version of any affirmative Groundwater Hazard Statement to the Department of Natural Resources, a facsimile or image of the printed version of the Groundwater Hazard Statement shall be stored in the local county land record indexing and imaging system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County agrees to the following terms and conditions.

a. A facsimile or image of a printed version of all forms required to be submitted to the Department pursuant to 561 IAC 9 shall be stored in the local county land record indexing and imaging system.
b. The facsimile or image of the form shall be permanently stored in the local county land record indexing and imaging system.

c. The image shall be legible and shall comply with the document formatting and imaging standards adopted by the Association.

d. The county and county recorder shall be members of the Electronic Services System.

e. The county and county recorder shall maintain compliance with the operating policies, procedures, and standards adopted by Electronic Services System including but not limited to policies concerning the timely uploading of information to the statewide county land record information system, a.k.a. Iowa Land Records.

f. The county recorder shall index the associated document information and the parties (grantors and grantees) for each Groundwater Hazard Statement. The county recorder is not required to index property or legal description information for Groundwater Hazard Statements.

g. The county and county recorder shall provide 180 days notice prior to reverting to the practice of forwarding a printed version of any affirmative Groundwater Hazard Statement to the Department.

An affirmative response on a Groundwater Hazard Statement means that the Groundwater Hazard Statement indicates a well, underground storage tank, disposal site, or hazardous waste site exists on the property. Pursuant to Iowa administrative rule 561 IAC 9.2(3), Groundwater Hazard Statements on which a private burial site is the sole matter disclosed and which do not reveal the existence of a well, disposal site, underground storage tank or hazardous waste the property shall not be submitted to the Department.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chairperson, Buena Vista County Supervisors, 6/26/07……………………………
/s/ Karen M. Strawn, County Auditor 6/26/07………. /s/ S.L. Willer O’Bannon, County Auditor 6/26/07

Judi McDonough, Executive Director of the Season’s Center, BV Co Mental Health Advocate Charlene Anderson, CPC Dawn Mentzer, and County Attorney Dave Patton were present for a discussion of the FY’08 provider contract with the Season’s Center. Mentzer recommends that the contract should not be signed until a clarification from IDHS is received regarding the requirement that demographic data for those persons in the medication/indigent medication program be reported to the state. Many community mental health centers and CPC’s are anticipating the clarification. The consensus of the Board is that it is not comfortable approving the contract without the IDHS clarification.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arens, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign today’s claims approval list. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of 6/19 meeting as printed, and following, today’s claims approval list, reports: May 17 test results of Spectra lagoon, June 22 NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, Western Iowa Tourism annual report. Carried

Upon review of an estimate of the General Fund FY’07 ending fund balance, and pending the completion of the LEC project, it was the consensus of the Board to decline at the present time to designate funds from the remainder of the Medical Examiner FY’07 operating budget for the purchase of a rescue boat.

Pending contact with persons about their interest in the Veterans Affairs Commission, appointments to the Commission were postponed.
Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2007-06-26-B (including attachment A), which appropriates funds for expenditure by the county departments during FY’08. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-06-26-B

WHEREAS, it is desired to make appropriations for each of the different officers and departments for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007, in accordance with section 331.434 (Sec 6) 2005 Code of Iowa,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The amounts itemized by department or office on the certified County Budget for 2007-08 are hereby appropriated at 100% to the department or office listed in the 2007-08 budget with one exception; only $24,180 of the $44,180 budgeted is appropriated to Veterans Services Officer Dept 27 (budget for expanded services to be approved at a later time – up to an additional $20,000).

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations and applicable state law, the appropriations authorized under Section 1 shall constitute authorization for the department or officer listed to make expenditures or incur obligations from county funds effective July 1, 2007.

Section 3. In accordance with section 331.437 Code of Iowa, no department or officer shall expend, or contract to expend, any money, or incur any liability, or enter into any contract, which by its terms involves the expenditure of money, for any purpose in excess of the amounts appropriated pursuant to their resolution.

Section 4. If at any time during the 2007-08 budget year the Auditor shall ascertain that the available resources of a fund for that year will be less than said fund's total appropriation she shall immediately so inform the Board and recommend appropriate corrective action.

Section 5. The Auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized in Section 1, each of which account shall indicate the amount of the appropriation, the amount charged thereto, and the unencumbered balance. The Auditor shall report the status of such accounts to the applicable departments and officers monthly during the 2007-08 budget year. The Auditor shall also provide a summary report of all departments to the Board monthly.

Section 6. All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the close of business June 30, 2008.

PASSED AND APPROVED, June 26, 2008.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors ……………… Attest: /s/ Karen M. Strawn, County Auditor

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2007-06-26-C authorizing interfund operating transfers from the general and rural funds to the secondary road fund, and local option sales tax funds from “Local Option Sales Tax Funds for Secondary Roads” (0019) to the secondary road fund as detailed in the FY’08 budget. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-06-26-C
WHEREAS, it is desired to transfer monies from the General Basic Fund (0001) to the Secondary Road Fund (0020) and to transfer from the Rural Services Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund; and

WHEREAS, said operating transfers are in accordance with section 331.432, 2007 Code of Iowa,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa as follows:

Section 1. The sum of $106,582.00 is ordered transferred from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund with one-half the amount ($53,291.00) transferred no earlier than July 1, 2007, and the last one-half transferred no earlier than January 1, 2008.

The sum of $1,098,146.00 (Rural Basic levy) is ordered transferred from the Rural Services Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund (levy) with one-half the amount ($549,073.00) transferred no earlier than July 1, 2007 and the last one-half transferred no earlier than January 1, 2008.

Section 2. The total maximum transfer from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund shall not exceed $106,582.00 (levy) and the total maximum transfer from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund shall not exceed $1,098,146.00 (levy) all for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.

Section 3. The total transfer of local option sales tax for secondary roads shall be limited to 60% of the total local option sales tax receipts for FY’07 received by the county, estimated for budget purposes at $402,500.

Section 4. The Auditor is directed to correct her books accordingly and to notify the Treasurer and Engineer of these operating transfers, accompanying the notification with a copy of this resolution and the record of its adoption.


/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair, Board of Supervisors.................Attest: /s/ Karen M. Strawn, County Auditor

Motion by Hach, second by Merten, to approve the request submitted by Ron Ellefson to shoot fireworks at 127 White Cap Road on June 30, 2007, with Ellefson to assume all responsibility for safety and liability, and to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of approval. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the Class E liquor license application from Oasis Liquor (I & K Food Mart II, Inc.). Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Auditor to void check #205155 dated 5-30-06 in the amount of $162.00 to the Alta Fire Department, and #203345 dated 1-24-06 in the amount of $5.70 to Claudia Figueroa to be re-issued to Fund 0002. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. until Friday, June 29, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session to consider property/casualty insurance coverage for FY’08.

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Karen M Strawn, Auditor                       Herb Crampton, Chairperson

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The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 9:00 a.m. on June 29th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2007-06-29 requesting the City of Storm Lake to vacate a utility easement. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-06-29
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE VACATION OF A UTILITY EASEMENT BETWEEN LOTS 2 AND 3 MCS ADDITION TO STORM LAKE, IOWA

1. On November 15, 1978 the MCS Company filed the original platting of the MCS Addition.

2. In said platting, a utility easement was provided for between Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 Block 2 of MCS Addition Storm Lake, Iowa. A copy of original plat is attached hereto and by this reference made a part of hereof.

3. That at the present time Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block 2 of MCS Addition to the City of Storm Lake, Iowa are owned by the County of Buena Vista.

4. That subsequent to the initial platting, it has been determined that the utility easement between lots 2 and 3 block two of MCS Addition to the City of Storm Lake, Iowa, is not necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors to hereby request the City Council of the City of Storm Lake, Iowa to vacate the utility easement between said lots from the curb back to northeast corner of said lots.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor are here empowered to certify this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of June, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chairman     /s/ Karen M. Strawn, County Auditor

The Board of Supervisors received four proposals for FY’08 property/casualty coverage – Continental Western, Cornhusker Casualty, EMC and ICAP/IMWCA. In addition to the coverage requested in the specifications, Tim Pierce also provided a proposal for Ocean Marine coverage from The Travelers for $18,000. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to accept the low proposal presented by Tim Pierce for tort liability, auto, property, computer equipment, E & O, umbrella, data processing, inland marine, contractor’s equipment, crime, CCF boiler, law enforcement professional, medical professional, worker’s compensation, and blanket bond insurance coverages for FY’08 Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Crampton. Nays—Merten. Carried. Merten stated that he isn’t comfortable going without the additional Ocean Marine coverage. Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to accept the Travelers proposal for Ocean Marine coverage in the amount of $18,000. Carried.
Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the FY’08 Season’s contract, subject to receipt of the addendum signed by Season’s Center as follows. Carried.

“The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors requests the Season’s Center to provide the following information to the Board by January 31, 2008 and July 31, 2008 as a part of this contractual agreement

1. Medications/Indigent Medications Program: All data as required by IAC 441-25.41 for each individual who resides in Buena Vista County who received these services from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

2. Emergency Services Program: A narrative report that includes as much information as is available about the number of instances/individuals served in Emergency situations.

3. Consultation and Education Services Program: A narrative report that includes information about the consultation and education services/activities that were provided in Buena Vista County.

Seasons Center for Community Mental Health, “Provider”
/s/ Herb Crampton, Chairman
/s/ Judi McDonough, Exec Director

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve the minutes of the 6/26 meeting as printed. Carried.


Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign FY’08 custodial contracts with Cindy & Cal Hildreth for the DHS Annex at $550/mo and E Richland Annex at $615/mo. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve a cigarette permit for the Little Sioux Golf & Country Club, Sioux Rapids. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the fireworks permit submitted by Bob Christensen at 5973 30th Ave., Alta for July 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the fireworks permit submitted by Paul Merten, 5785 140th Ave., Storm Lake for July 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Crampton. Nays—none. Abstentions—Merten. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Provider/Program Participation & Rate Agreements for FY’08 MH as follows: Cass Inc., Genesis Development, The Pride Group, Spectra Health Care, and the agreement with Genesis Development for subsidized tickets from “RIDES”. Carried.
There being no further business, motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to adjourn at 1:10 p.m. until Tuesday, July 10, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTIETH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (30)
JULY 10, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:25 a.m. on July 10th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

The Chair reported that the FYE Treasurer's cash count was completed by Supervisor Merten and himself on Monday, July 2nd.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to close the discussion of the Zoning Ordinance amendment. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve the 3rd & Final Reading of the following amendment to Zoning Ordinance, to authorize the Chairman to sign, and to direct the Auditor to publish the ordinance. Ayes—Burnside, Hach, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Abstentions—Arends. Carried.

BUENA VISTA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 6.1A-13

Title: AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

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 Ordinance with respect to Chapter 8.101 Industrial Use Regulations by adding “Service Station” to allowed uses 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 Ordinance. The official Zoning Ordinance 6.1 of the Buena Vista County 2003 Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

8.101 USE REGULATIONS: Within the “I-1” Industrial District, unless otherwise provided in the Title, no building or land shall be used for other than one or more of the following purposes:
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is repealed and replaced with

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

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors on this 10th day of July, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors........................./s/ Karen M. Strawn, Auditor

Nurse Administrator Sally Bonnesen presented “Guidelines for Iowa Law Enforcement Officers in Public Health Emergencies or Disasters” regarding isolation and quarantine activities for a medical event. The Board of Health or Iowa Department of Health would be the responsible for issuing the order to initiate the appropriate response.

Custodian Dewyne Stucynski discussed the trees on the south side of the courthouse. The hard maple on the parking is dying. The tree could be a chainsaw art candidate. He will get a quote for a new tree for the other location. Mike’s Lawn Service has submitted a design proposal for landscaping at the LEC. Stucynski will check with the Sheriff.

Arends left the meeting.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign today’s claims approval list. Ayes—Burnside, Hach, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Carried.
The Board received a telephone call from the Clay County Board of Supervisors for a **Jt. DD #22** teleconference regarding the creation of a wetland; at its conclusion, the BV Board’s meeting resumed.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve the **minutes** of the 6/29 meeting as printed.  

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve the following **reports**: June Clerk’s fees, June Sheriff’s fees, June monitoring report of Spectra lagoon, 6/29/07 LEC inspection report by Midwest Consulting, FY’07 ISAC lobbying expense report, 4th Qtr FY07 veterans relief report, and June Board of Health minutes.  

Kathy Evert, Exec. Director **IA Lakes Corridor Development** met with the Board to discuss county economic development incentive ideas.  Counties have three primary tools for attracting businesses and developing new jobs.  For industrial development, Iowa Code Chapter 427.B1 allows for an ordinance with a 5-yr tax exemption.  This is a good option, especially for existing businesses, and is pretty commonly used.  For projects with high dollar capital requirements, the County could consider something different -- abatements.  The County could develop parameters for companies which apply for abatements.  Another option is creating a TIF area.  This might be useful if the County wanted to recruit distribution center businesses with smaller numbers of new jobs.  The TIF could be used to make infrastructure improvements for the new or for the expansion of existing businesses.  If the County could do it, it could establish its own revolving loan fund on a small scale.  You could make a lower interest rate available.  The County could establish some priorities and some general parameters.  The Board would want to answer the question -- What would we be willing to do for county job growth?  It would be helpful to have Buena Vista County’s information on hand so she could provide it to those who contact her.  If she has the information for other counties, and not for Buena Vista County, we’re at a disadvantage.  She suggested NWIDPC or Bob Josten, Attorney, as good resources for developing a plan, and would include property owners in the discussion.

Mark Van Hooser, Public Safety Systems Administrator, reported that there isn’t sufficient time to set up our own network and lay a **fiber line** between the Courthouse and the LEC at the current time.  Qwest has proposed the lease of a fiber line for $2,000/mo for 3 years.  The Board suggested that the contract should include language in the event the fiber line doesn’t perform satisfactorily.  Hach believes that it is a fair option at a fair price.  It was the consensus of the Board to go ahead with budgeted funds to pursue the lease.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Auditor to **void check** #205434 issued 6-13-06 to Don McClure for $18.68.  Ayes—Burnside, Hach, Merten, Crampton.  Nays—none.  Carried.

Kathy Fritz, CASA Coordinator, renewed her request for office space in a county facility for Carmen Cameron, Secretary for **CASA and Iowa Citizens’ Foster Care Review Board**.  The Board Members are supportive, and believes the space will be available at the E. Richland Annex.  This item will be on the agenda for the 7/17.

Due to a lengthy public hearing in Sac County, the **Jt. DD #19-26** teleconference with Sac Co. Board of Supervisors was postponed until July 17th.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Auditor to **void checks** #204170 issued 3-23-06 for $48.96 and #901104 issued 3-24-06 for $151.94, both to Richard Fondroy.  Ayes—Burnside, Hach, Merten, Crampton.  Nays—none.  Carried.
There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. until Tuesday, July 17, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-FIRST MEETING, 2007 SESSION (31)
JULY 17, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on July 17th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Tim Speers, Deputy Medical Examiner, discussed the search for an appropriate watercraft for water rescue. Currently they have only a flat-bottomed boat, which could not be used on ice. Speers was concerned that the remaining unspent FY’07 funds in the Medical Examiner budget had not been earmarked as previously requested. The Board responded that they want to see the completion of the LEC, including finishing off areas for Emergency Management, the County Attorney, and the Communications Center, and moving expenses, prior to earmarking unspent FY’07 funds for other purposes. These three spaces were not included in the bond issue when the project total amount was set, but were added to the plan, and were to be paid from other sources. Speers noted that FY’07 was an unusual year with more leftover funds in the ME budget than is typical. These funds would have allowed a one-time purchase of a big-ticket item; it is not likely that sufficient leftover funds would be available in future years. They are still looking, for the right price, for an airboat, which can go over snow, ice and over open water.

Kathy Fritz, CASA, and Carmen Cameron, Secretary for Child Advocacy Services, met with the Board to see if office space has been located for the Secretary to allow her office to be moved from Spencer to Storm Lake. The Board has investigated the room in the East Richland Annex, which is currently used as a public meeting room in the west end of the building. Cameron has also seen the room and believes it is large enough to accommodate her desk, files, and storage. The State will pay for the moving expenses and the hook-up of computer, telephone and fax services. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to assign the space currently known as the E. Richland Annex Public Meeting Room to the Secretary for Child Advocacy Services effective September 1st. Carried.

Treasurer Kathy Bach reported to the Board that the City of Newell took deed on 6/8/07 to the parcel for which tax sale certificate #040113 had bee assigned to them on 12-12-06; the City now requests an abatement of the delinquent taxes. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to abate the 2000-2005 taxes and the 2005 drainage assessments, totaling $632.00, on parcel #16-17-457-003. Carried.

Bach reviewed the Treasurer’s semi-annual report, which included ending fund balances, a review of the type and uses of funds, and the investments in various financial institutions. Motion by
Hach, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the Treasurer’s 2\textsuperscript{nd} half FY’07 semi-annual report. Carried.

Bach also reviewed the Buena Vista County Investment Policy, which has been amended, including setting the amount of blanket bond amount for the Treasurer at $50,000. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the amended Buena Vista County Investment Policy. Carried.

A rural resident informed about the Board of his complaint of a serious problem with dust on a gravel road. He suggested if the County could not put on dust control to reduce the problem, that it considers reducing the speed limit. The Engineer reported that the County’s policy is not to treat individual roads with the dust control. Adequate rainfall will eliminate the problem.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to set a public hearing on the MMP for the “Poland Finisher” project located in SE¼ SW¼, Section 3, Poland Township, on July 31 at 8:30 a.m. Carried. The owner of the facility is White Swan Farms LLC, with the pigs owned by Iowa Select (996 animal units).

Engineer Jon Ites reported that the ‘first-round’ application deadline for RISE funds is Thursday, 7/19, and that Oregon Trails Energy LLC is a willing, participating partner if the RISE application is approved. NWIPDC will send letter of support. Someone should be designated as the contact person. If the application is approved, the county will have to front the money, and then receive reimbursement from RISE. The project estimate is $350,000. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to designate Engineer Jon Ites as the contact person for the RISE application for the road improvement at the proposed location west of Alta for the Oregon Trail Energy LLC ethanol plant; the County will be the public agency applicant and will have an agreement showing that Oregon Trail Energy LLC will provide the participation funds; and to request that the County Attorney prepare the participation agreement for Oregon Trail Energy LLC. Carried. .

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 7/10 meeting as corrected, and the following report: 4\textsuperscript{th} Qtr FY07 Farm-to-Market Road fund. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the Class C Beer Permit for Sparky’s One Stop, Storm Lake. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to accept with regrets the resignation of Dewyne Stucynski as Head Custodian effective August 31\textsuperscript{st}. Carried. The Chair noted the Board’s appreciation for his nearly 19 years of service and his fine work in keeping the facilities and grounds in excellent condition. An opening will be advertised.

A teleconference planned with Sac County Board of Supervisors for DD #19-26 Jt. was re-scheduled for July 24\textsuperscript{th}.

Dave Rettig, Rembrandt Enterprises, and Kathy Evert, IA Lakes Corridor Development Corp., were present to request a property tax exemption for RE’s planned building and equipment for pasteurization and packaging. The operation will begin with about 35 jobs and grow to 50-60. They will also build a soybean extrusion facility with another 3-5 jobs. Another processing operation will be to dry inedible products (to be done in Spencer). The jobs to be developed are high quality jobs, and will require more than just a high school diploma. Further into the future, they might also purchase eggs from other companies for pasteurization and processing. Rembrandt Enterprises is planning to make a $20,000,000 investment to become a food company. They have applied to IDED for incentives for high quality jobs in value-added agriculture. Since 2001, they have created about 160 jobs; another 20+ will be added by the end of the year. The jobs created for the new operations are over and above the 180 total by the end of 2007. They are already zoned industrial for the new building. Evert pointed out that 70-80% of new jobs come from existing businesses; it is important to assist those who are making an
additional investment. Rettig responded to several questions: What does the dried egg product look like?—drying reduces the weight by about 3/4. Will there be more truck traffic—no, since they will be sending about the same number of trucks out as the number that transports the liquid product currently. There may be additional traffic when they start buying eggs from other producers. What would be the estimated property taxes on the new building?—the building will be commercial. Some of the equipment may be determined to be a part of the building, but this is not known at this point. The actual valuation would be determined by County Assessor's appraisal. The Chairman stated that a 5-7 year abatement at 70-75% might be a beginning point for discussion purposes. Merten would like to have some additional discussion before reaching a decision. He would like to learn more about what the Board might consider abating. Arends doesn't know yet what the value of the abatement might be. Rettig's estimate of the valuation for the building is approximately $5,000,000, but doesn't know where the equipment is to be assessed. On the $5,000,000 valuation, the tax would be about $145,000 at the current levy rate. 75% abatement would leave a tax payment of $36,250. Rettig stated that they hope to be operational this fall. Before making a decision, the Board would like to consult with the Assessor. It was noted that the Board wants to provide incentives to existing businesses, not just new ones.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign an agreement presented by Mark Van Hooser to lease a fiber line from Prairiewave, subject to the approval of the County Attorney. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Arends, to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. until Tuesday, July 24, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-SECOND MEETING, 2007 SESSION (32)
JULY 24, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on July 24th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Assessor Kathy Croker discussed the new "High Quality Job Creation Act" (Iowa Code Chapter 15).

Marilyn Monson and Gary Nepple discussed the project to add electrical service to the courtyard. The project will require a change design which will increase the cost about $3,000, for a total of $12,000-$13,000. The Board has heard positive comments from the public regarding the Thursday evening activities. Motion by Hach, second by Arends to allow Nepple Electric to purchase an additional
transformer for approximately $3,000 and to proceed with the installation of **outside electrical service for the courthouse** (the pedestal to be installed east of the flagpole). Carried.

Dewyne Stucynski, **Custodian**, discussed the current workload of the department which includes the courthouse and two additional buildings. The DHS Annex and the E. Richland Annex have custodial agreements with a 3rd party for the day-to-day cleaning, with the maintenance being performed by the custodial department. The Sheriff has proposed a custodial agreement for the new LEC, but it isn’t known how much maintenance will be required on the LEC, or whether any of the systems will be on maintenance agreements. Once the LEC is open for business, the additional capacity will be in use for those persons who are on ‘the waiting list’. An additional custodian has been mentioned. Stucynski provided a copy of the job descriptions for the current positions. Hach commented that the buildings have been kept in immaculate condition and are well maintained. The Chairman presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Stucynski for his nearly 19 years of service to the county.

At the request of Environmental Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson, motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to set a public hearing on August 14th at 8:30a.m. for a **master matrix evaluation** on the “Halverson South” operation (2000 animal units in three buildings) in Section 22, Lee Township, owned by White Owl Farms LLC. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign today's **claims approval list**. Carried.

Kathy Showalter was present for the discussion of the **RISE project application** for road improvements on M-27 south of Hwy 7. Engineer Jon Ites reviewed the proposal which would add a left turn lane on the approach from the north, and install ½ mile of overlay; the engineer’s estimate and design cost is $358,681.70. Showalter updated the Board on the progress for the Oregon Trail Energy ethanol plant project which now projects a $219,786,624 capital investment. Oregon Trail has agreed to provide the local participation dollars required in the RISE application, and will have the language added to the development agreement. Showalter commended Ites for submitting the RISE application by the very tight deadline. If awarded, the RISE funds will probably not be available until November, 2007, with the project hopefully to be let next spring. Oregon has not made its final decision to build at the Alta location due to the funding available. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair and Auditor to sign, Resolution 2007-07-24-A and the RISE application for Road and Related Improvements to M-27. Carried. Showalter noted that the language and numbers will be provided to Bob Josten, Counsel for the Board of Supervisors.

**RESOLUTION 2007-07-24-A**  
Resolution Endorsing the Road Project and Submittal of A Rise Application for Road and Related Improvements

**WHEREAS**, Buena Vista County is actively pursuing new and/or aiding existing industrial businesses to establish or expand operations in the Buena Vista County area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the reconstruction and paving of a modified roadway is necessary for appropriate access to the Oregon Trails Energy LLC Ethanol Plant as well as for prospective owners to provide economic development opportunities to Buena Vista County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors fully endorses the project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors affirms that the roadway will remain dedicated to public use; and,

**WHEREAS**, the roadway will still be under Buena Vista County’s jurisdiction and therefore, will be under the maintenance program of the County;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, that the Board endorses the improvement of the road and related improvements, and hereby directs the Chair to sign the application which will be thereafter submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation; and,

The Board of Supervisors will assure that the required local match will be provided to the RISE funds, if approved by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is hereby authorized to sign any and all RISE application documents.

PASSED this 24th day of July, 2007
/s/ Herb Crampton, Chairman.......................................................Attest: /s/ Karen Strawn, Auditor

Ites has been unable to locate a legal description for the property east of Sioux Rapids which O.A. Ruhs would like to purchase from the County. There is no paper trail on a part of the parcel. How much is the Board willing to spend to have the abstract brought up-to-date, a legal description written, and publish a notice of hearing to declare the property as excess property so that it can be sold? The cost could be $800-$1,200. To recoup the costs, a minimum bid could be established—if it is too high, interest in it might be discouraged. How much is too much for approximately 1 acre? The Board will give it some consideration.

The most recent Road Use Tax Fund report indicates a reduction of available funds from the last report. The new amount is $2,599,006, down from $2,621,734; the reduction of $22,728 is attributed to the new distribution formula. Traffic count is a bigger consideration in the new formula. Ites has requested a DOT traffic count for several special locations.

Ites asked what action, if any, should be taken on the Whitney Pit lease. It's time to consider updating the lease and providing notice no later than August 31st, or allowing it to renew automatically as it has been done for a couple years. The rental rate is $75/acre/yr. Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to allow the Whitney Pit lease rollover for another year and not re-negotiate the terms at this time. Carried.

Ites noted that the road on the west side of Rembrandt Enterprises is currently being used for grain deliveries, though the original plans were to use it only during construction of the facility. The plans called for an internal service road for deliveries. Rembrandt Enterprises has paid for a couple applications of limestone. He suggested that the company needs to contract with the county for 100% of the maintenance if it needs to be paved. At the current rate of use, the road is taking a beating and won't last 30 years.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the utility permit applications submitted by Iowa Telecommunication Services Inc., Grinnell for the following:

- to install 1154' of 25 pr cable from the north ROW of 480th St. (C-25) between Sections 35 & 36, Lee Twp, crossing under 180th Ave. and install the fiber optic cable in the west ditch of 180th Ave. for a livestock operation;

- to replace 450' fiber cable in the west ROW of M-54 on the east side of Section 5 of Coon Township (cable hit due to shallow bury depth) to be buried at 36” depth. Carried.

A telephone call was received from the Sac County Board of Supervisors for a meeting of the Joint Board of DD #19-26. Upon completion of the joint meeting, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors resumed their agenda.

Dave Rettig, Rembrandt Enterprises, and Kathy Evert, IA Lakes Corridor Development Corp., were present for questions of the Board regarding RE’s request for property tax abatement for their
proposed pasteurization/packaging facility. The estimated taxable valuation is $5,000,000. The property is currently zoned industrial, but classified agricultural. The Assessor will be changing the classification for the egg breaking facility and will classify this parcel as industrial. Arends asked about the internal service road shown in their original plans, which was not built. Instead, the road on the west side of the complex is being used for deliveries. This needs to be addressed at some point due to the hard use of the county road. The Board will want to come to Rembrandt Enterprises at the point when work needs to be done on it. Rettig agreed to work with the Board and participate in the discussion when the time comes. Meanwhile he will ask his engineer to find a way to reduce the length of the grain delivery route which would reduce the use of the county road. Merten asked if the amount of grain deliveries will increase when additional birds are added—yes. There will also be delivery of the bean meal and shipping out the oil which may affect the road. Martin Glienke was recognized by the Chair to provide comments—He is concerned about the tax abatement to large businesses. If the businesses can’t survive without the tax abatements, they should change their business. He sees the county’s cost of road maintenance going up. Why should the taxpayers have to pay for the increased road maintenance? Hach responded that one of the Board’s concerns is to grow the county’s economy and the number of jobs. The Board has worked with the Assessor and used the Iowa Code to come up with a reasonable abatement agreement. It is one of the county’s goals and also the goal of Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corp. to help develop the county. The state already provides for a 5 year abatement plan upon the request of a company. The county proposes to provide an additional 2 years. Rettig commented that he appreciates that the county is looking to provide a benefit to an existing business. Rembrandt Enterprises has created 160 jobs so far and will be up to 180 by year end. What used to be a farm field, is now a business that has created jobs which are helping to keep the local school enrollment up. There isn’t a chance that these jobs will go to China. Burnside commented that the Board has not provided financial help to Rembrandt Enterprises before now. The state provides for years 1-5, which, if the project isn’t built the county wouldn’t get property tax revenue anyway. The abatement is not 100%, and equals a yearly average of 54% over the 7 years. Merten stated that the property tax is estimated to be approximately $145,000/year on the new building. The County would give a little of the property tax up now, to get some in the future. Rettig stated that he appreciates what the Board is offering.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2007-07-24-B for financial support for Rembrandt Enterprises Inc. The vote was: Arends-aye, Burnside-aye, Hach-aye, Merten-aye, Crampton-aye; nays-none; abstentions-none. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-07-24-B
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR REMBRANDT ENTERPRISES INC.

WHEREAS, Rembrandt Enterprises Inc. is interested in building a pasteurization and packaging process facility creating a new food processing business in Buena Vista County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, this facility will create 50-60 new high quality jobs, make an investment of more than $20,000,000 in the new project and create new revenue for the area; and

WHEREAS, the project intends to apply for grants and loans through various state and federal programs; and

WHEREAS, Rembrandt Enterprises Inc is in need of financial assistance in the form of tax abatements through Buena Vista County in order to make this project a reality,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, that:

Section 1: The County wholly endorses this project and all applications for state and federal grant and loan funding without incurring any financial responsibility for such grant or loan applications; and
Section 2: The County intends to negotiate a development agreement and will offer a seven (7) year schedule of abatement for property tax exemption available through the High Quality Job Creation Program from the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

Exemption Schedule For the New Processing & Pasteurization Project:

- First year – 75%
- Second year – 75%
- Third year – 75%
- Fourth year – 60%
- Fifth year – 45%
- Sixth year – 30%
- Seventh year – 15%

Section 3: This agreement is based upon the assumption that the Processing & Pasteurization Project will be classified industrial for assessment purposes.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of July, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chair………………………………………ATTEST: /s/ Karen M. Strawn County Auditor

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve minutes of 7/17 meeting, and the following reports: 7/18 LEC project communication-MCC, annual report of Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corp., 2007 Existing Industry Call Program, and the NACo annual report. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the law enforcement contract with City of Linn Grove for FY’08-’10. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the LEC project June bill summary in the amount of $402,395.16. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign The Richmond Center provider agreement for FY’08. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign Final Report-State Reimbursement for FY’07 Substance Abuse Funding. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract with the IDPH for the program Reimbursement for FY’08 Substance Abuse Funding in the amount of $3,827.06. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the fireworks permit submitted by Keith Biggins for 9/2/07, with Biggins to be responsible for all safety and liability. Ayes—Arends, Hach, Merten, Crampton; nays-none, abstentions-Burnside. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the annual NPDES permit fee #1100901 for the Spectra lagoon. Carried.

In re-assigning the former public meeting room area in the E. Richland Annex as office space to the Secretary for Child Advocacy Services, it is anticipated that public meeting room space will still be needed at that location. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to designate the ‘public area’ in the west end of the E. Richland Annex as a public meeting room space; reservations for use of this space shall be made with the Auditor’s office according to the use policy adopted 5/29/1996. Carried.
There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Merten, to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. until Tuesday, July 31, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

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Karen M Strawn, Auditor       Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-THIRD MEETING, 2007 SESSION (33)
JULY 31, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on July 31st in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, and Hach, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Merten.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Environmental Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson and Loren Lantz representing Iowa Select Farms, were present for the public hearing to review the MMP for the “Poland Finisher” 990 animal unit facility in Section 3, Poland Township. Ken Woodford will be the operator. There having been no objections received, motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to close the public hearing on the MMP filed for “Poland Finisher” located in Section 3, Poland Township, operated by Ken Woodford and owned by White Swan Farms. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to set a public hearing for August 7 at 8:30 a.m. on the application submitted by Steve Kier to change his livestock operation by increasing the pig units and to decrease the turkeys. Carried.

Johnson conferred with the Board to set up the next discussion of the Comprehensive Plan, agreeing to August 31 at 11:00 a.m.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to table action on the 2007 chemical brush contracts for DD #34 pending the receipt of additional information. Carried.

Custodian Dewyne Stucynski discussed a water leak in the Courthouse basement ceiling in the hallway outside the jail. He recommended replacing copper pipes with plastic. He suggested getting an estimate from Seiler Plumbing, along with a commitment and time table to get the work done.

Sheriff Chuck Eddy and Deputy Doug Simons discussed plans for opening the new LEC. As the finish work is being completed and the building turned over to the county, staff training is beginning. Tours for District Court, ministers, and other law enforcement agencies will be held. Staff training will begin August 8-9. When security installation is completed, the judges will tour again. More staff training will be held August 28-29. The building is scheduled to be turned over to the County on September 1. Files will be moved that week, and an Open House will be held September 8-9. Staying on this schedule
will permit the LEC to be open for business on September 10 with the prisoners being moved in at that time. CBM Foodservice will provide the cookies and coffee for the open house. Finish work being completed now includes painting, sealing the floors, and installation of the filing system. The open house will allow taxpayers to see what they are paying for. The Communications Center is expected to be moved in August. The number of work release beds will allow catching up with the backlog.

Eddy informed the Board about a problem regarding livestock being loose on a roadway. The property owner, who lives in Washington Township, has been notified to fix his fence a number of times to prevent his cattle from getting out and causing a danger to the motoring public. A new law allows the Supervisors to take action to require the owner to fix the fence, and if this is not completed, the Board can order the fence to be repaired and to have the costs added to the tax list for collection with property taxes. The Chair will send a letter. Members of the public have complained about the problem.

Eddy discussed how the law enforcement contracts are negotiated. The towns contract for a specific number of hours and then a deputy’s salary and benefits are prorated for the number of hours in the contract. The towns are sent a monthly report of the hours and activity. Documenting has been helpful in making the towns aware of the services being provided.

Eddy is working on a custodial agreement for LEC. He is not aware of any maintenance contracts to be considered for the building systems. Arrangement will need to be made for someone to clear the snow.

Engineer Jon Ites informed the Board that employees have inquired about the Secondary Road clothing allowance for the department. The opportunity for the best pricing is coming up soon. He reported on a county engineers’ survey on policies in other counties. Almost none of the counties tax their clothing allowances. In most counties which have clothing allowances, the funds are used for safety apparel. The work of the mechanics is a little different than other employees; the work is so dirty. BV currently provides uniform rental for the department but the cost doesn’t go through the payroll system. Bulk purchase of certain items was discussed. All employees are issued safety vests for when they are out on the road. Arends and Hach favor having a program which would be approved by the Board for safety and cold weather gear, and administered by the Engineer and the Office Manager. Once the Board approved the policy, it would not be involved in administration of the program.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside to approve the minutes of the 7/24 meeting as printed. Carried.

The Board placed a call to John Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultants, to confer over several LEC Change Orders. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign Change Order #2-Contract #2 with the G-S Company, for the deduction of $339.00. Carried. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve to authorize the Chairman to sign Change Order #4-Contract #3, with Gadbury Plumbing in the amount of $832.00. Carried. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve using epoxy treatment on the floors. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Arends second by Burnside, to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. until Tuesday, August 7, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

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The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on August 7th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, and Hach, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Merten.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign today's claims approval list. Carried.

The Chair opened a public hearing and asked the Environmental Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson to review a construction application, which proposes to increase the number of hogs, and decreases the number of turkeys, for the Phoenix operation in Section 6 & 7, Newell Twp. There were no objections filed. Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to close the public hearing on the MMP filed for the Phoenix operation in Newell Township. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to set a public hearing for an MMP for a turkey operation (four buildings) to be located in Section 19 Elk, Township; Kent Lewis is the owner for August 21 at 8:30 a.m. Carried.

Johnson inquired about the assignment of courthouse space and re-assignment of the courthouse parking once the LEC opens. The Board set August 28, 1:30 p.m. for a discussion with all of the department heads to be affected. Johnson also discussed how security issues at the courthouse will affect recommendations for using public meeting room spaces. Arends suggested that the ‘situation room’ at the new LEC will also be available.

John Hansen, Midwest Construction gave an LEC update and provided a copy of the NPDES permit renewal for the file. Motion by Burnside, seconded by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign Change Order 4 for Contracts 1 & 6, for the LEC project with Woodruff Construction in the amount of $10,878.00. Carried. Hansen gave a detailed report of finances for the project. A “punch list” inspection will be conducted on 8/14 and requested that the Board participate along with the Sheriff and Architect. Hansen will hold off on the seeding until after the outside of the building is completed to avoid any damage. The current deadline for completion is August 31. He will work on a maintenance agreement for the air conditioning. All repairs that come up will be posted in ‘error tracking system’. The last check issued to MCC was lost in the mail. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to authorize the Auditor to void warrant #211913 for $14,513.01 and re-issue to Midwest Construction Consultants. Carried.

Sheriff Eddy reported that the cost of “pulling cable” in the new building was omitted in the plans. He proposed to pay the approximately $12,400 cost from the Jail Security Fund. The Board approved.

Engineer Jon Ites reported that the (MacKay) gravel stockpile lease on M-27 is up on January 1, 2008. He proposed extending it for three years. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign a lease with Archie and Janice Mackay for a parcel in the SW¼ Section 4, Nokomis Township for gravel stockpile purposes, for the term of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010 in the amount of $125/yr. Carried.

Ites reviewed the most recent Farm-to-Market fund balance report ($154,571) and the reimbursement timetable for projects using federal funding.
Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the following utility permits submitted by Iowa Lakes Regional Water:

- install a 1½” main and service line under 70th Ave. to serve a new building site north of 430th St.,
- install a 1½” service line under 80th Ave to serve 5883 80th Ave.,
- install a 1½” line under 570th St. to serve a new building site on 570th St.,
- install a 3” mainline under 160th St. to serve 1577 640th St. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the following utility permits submitted by Iowa Lakes Electric Coop, Estherville for service to the cell phone tower facility:

- install single phase overhead 7200 volt cable on west ROW line of 220th Ave on east side of Section 21 Newell
- install underground single phase 7200 volt cable from powerline in west ROW to east ROW for new service to tower site Carried.

The Board acknowledged a letter from Dick and Connie Gilmore requesting an opportunity to purchase a property east of Sioux Rapids. This is the same property O.A. Ruhs had inquired about. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Engineer to have an abstract prepared for the property located in Section 6, Lee Township, and to authorize the necessary expenses to advertise, hold a public hearing to declare it excess property, and to offer it for public sale. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve a $125 secondary road clothing allowance policy for safety and outerwear under the supervision of the Engineer and Office Secretary, the items will not be taxable to the employees. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to accept and to authorize the Chairman to sign the low proposal for an LEC custodial agreement from Dewyne Stucynski for period September 1st until June 30, 2008 at a monthly rate of $1,000.00. Carried.

Shawn Arneso, Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corp reviewed the Buena Vista County “Existing Industry Call Program”. He reviewed how the call program was structured, which included an in depth interview and written questionnaire. The participation was voluntary and the companies were given the right to leave some questions unanswered. Hach stated that he is impressed with the work he and Kathy Evert are doing.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to re-appoint Justin Yarosevich and Joe Aube as Buena Vista County’s representatives Homeward Housing Trust Fund Board. Carried.

A letter was received from Candy Galbraith about fencing off or gating the access to the area between the DHS Annex building and the Fritcher Abstract building to protect the gas lines, gas meters and drain plastic pipe. She proposed sharing the cost with the County. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve the request and to proceed with putting up a fence/gate. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve minutes of the 7/31 meeting, and the following reports: April & July Emergency Management Commission minutes, July Board of Health minutes, July Clerk of Court fees, FY’08-11 Region 3 Transportation Improvement Program, July monitoring report for Spectra lagoon. Carried.
Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2007 Review & Approve FY’07 Case Management Annual Program Evaluation. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Montag Excavating, West Bend, for 2007 Tree Clearing in DD #34 Lateral 2 Open Ditch in the amount of $7,500. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hach second by Burnside, to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. until Tuesday, August 14, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (35)
AUGUST 14, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on August 14th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Hach and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Arends, Burnside.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays—none. Abstentions--none.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing on the matrix evaluation of the Halverson South project owned by White Owl LLC and located in Section 22, Lee Township on Hwy 10. Environmental Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson reviewed the elements of the submission for which she awarded 450 points. 440 is the minimum number of points required, with the proposal submitted with 455 points. She has received no comments in writing. Two persons were present and invited to comment. Tim Humes asked about the level of investigation regarding water type. (Johnson answered that this is not a part of the county’s review, but it is done by the DNR.) Taking points for proximity to the cemetery as a public use area should not be appropriate. (Loren Lantz, representing the applicant, stated that the cemetery is the nearest public use area and the distance requirement is appropriate.) Humes asked what soil type survey was used. This operation will be applying manure at a location about ½ mile from his home, but there are other closer locations that have been used. The soils aren’t appropriate for the manure application. The prices being paid for these projects ($6,000/ac) have not been reported in the newspaper but a recent sale for a farm was approximately $5,000/ac. These types of sales are being ignored. Hach responded that this is public information and is available online. Humes wants his opinion heard. Senator Harkin wants to put money into the Farm Bill to help big time polluters clean up -- the polluters are the ones who will benefit from the farm bill, but he received no help for the expense of his new septic system. It’s a shame the county bends over backward to support large producers. Motion by Hach, second by Merten, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Hach, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2007-08-14-A. Carried.
RESOLUTION 2007-08-14-A

Recommending approval of the Halverson South Finisher Farm (White Owl, LLC) Construction Application to the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources.

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has adopted the Master Matrix CAFO construction application to provide an opportunity for local input; and

WHEREAS, a construction application for three 51 X 252 feet wean to finish hog buildings has been submitted by Halverson South Finisher Farm on July 19, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Environmental Health Director has reviewed the application using the Master Matrix, finding a score of 450 points, and has verified all of the elements of the application for accuracy; and

WHEREAS, the minimum score set by the DNR is 440 points.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors published a notice in the Storm Lake Pilot Tribune on July 28th, 2007 as required, and held a public hearing in the Supervisors Meeting Room at the Courthouse on August 14th, 2007, for the purpose of receiving public comment; with the response provided: Concern for the water quality when the IDNR and companies use outdated soil analysis, Concern about the price the ground is selling at. Concern about subsidies being paid to the polluters of the land and water, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors shall submit the recommendation within 30 days of DNR receipt of application,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, has assembled their comments with knowledge provided for submission to the DNR;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby recommends approval of the construction application of the Halverson South Finisher Farm Construction Application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of August, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors    Attest: /s/ Karen M. Strawn, Auditor

Recorder Shari O’Bannon discussed the steady level of fees collected in her department. She plans to take advantage of a service for redesigning the floor plan in her department to address the recent changes in equipment and workflow. One computer is currently available for public access to the records, and she anticipates that another one will need to be added. Her department has had a recent water leak and some damage was done. The Chair reported that he is working with Jerry Seiler to get the repairs made. Generally, water pipes are located in the hallways, but not in the Recorder’s office.

A telephone call was received from Supervisor Arends regarding this morning’s hearing on the county’s RISE application for road improvements on M-27 for the Oregon Trails Energy project. Buena Vista County’s application was approved in the approximate amount of $300,000.

Motion by Hach, second by Crampton, to approve the minutes of the 8/7 meeting and the following reports: 4th Qtr FY 07 Recorder’s fees, February, April, June and July Conservation Board minutes, and June minutes of the NWPIDC Policy Council. Carried.

The Auditor reviewed the report regarding the FY’07 Veterans grant which has been filed. Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to appropriate the FY’07 Veterans grant in the amount of $6,708.06 to the Veterans Affairs budget, Dept. 21. Carried.
The Chair reported on the water damage in the Spectra Administrator’s house – the recent heavy rain caused water leakage in the basement requiring the removal of carpet and causing some damage to the drywall. The repair and cleanout costs are a repeat of similar ones a couple years ago. He suggested there is a need for a sump pump. Sealing the walls was also discussed. The Care Facility Committee will do a walk-thru on Friday.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Hach, to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. until Tuesday, August 21, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.
have been required. The Board will request information from the Drainage Attorney before making their decision.

Engineer Jon Ites gave a secondary road report, and also informed the Board of a news release regarding the reduction of Federal Highway Trust Funds in FY2009. A shortfall in revenue is due in part due to lower fuel tax receipts. Also reviewed was a letter from DOT regarding the approval of the RISE application for improvements for M-27. If Oregon Trail doesn’t build in 2 years, the county would need to request an amendment to the timeline submitted on the application. Kuehl & Payer Ltd. has estimated the cost for drainage erosion control at the Alta Middle School at $90,702, with 2% being the county’s share.

An application for funding for a bridge innovation project (a pre-cast structure) to be located between Sections 23 & 26 Providence Township has come in for $200,000, which is only about 50% of the application amount. This project was taken out of the construction program for completion in August, 2007 when there was no confirmation that it would be accepted. He will inquire why the award was less than the application and will recommend not going ahead with the project if there aren’t any more dollars available.

Assessor Kathy Croker discussed the Department of Revenue’s equalization order for Buena Vista County. Although 18% assessed valuation increases for agland and residential property, and an 8% assessed valuation in commercial property were ordered, these increases do not translate into 18% and 8% increases in taxable valuations. Rollbacks, which will be ordered later this year, limit taxable valuation increases. She noted that the ‘01 agland assessment was dropped about 30% due to dropping two more productive years and picking up two less productive years. Now two of the less productive years have been dropped, and two more productive years were added allowing some of the loss to be regained.

The Board received a telephone call from the Sac County Board of Supervisors to set a date for a completion hearing for DD 19-26 Jt. with Sac County

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign today’s claims approval list. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of 8/14 meeting as printed, and the following reports: FY’08 L.O.S.T. projections, and appraisals for the dredge, barge, tugboat and equipment. Carried.

Beth Cathcart, Linn Grove, was present to ask about having the erosion on her lane checked. She appreciates the work that was done a couple years ago, and would like to have it maintained. The lane doesn’t have a culvert and it is hard to get across the low area with trailers and such equipment, and the weeds are pretty bad. She thought that the native prairie grasses that were planned were never planted.

Supervisors Merten and Crampton will conduct interviews of the applicants for the custodial position.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Merten, to adjourn until Tuesday, August 28, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

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Karen M Strawn, Auditor                  Herb Crampton, Chairperson

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Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

The Chair opened the public hearing on the MMP filed by John Sievers for his hog operation in Section 14, Grant Township. EnvHealth/Zoning Director Kim Johnson reported that the notice was published, and reviewed the plan which is for 2,400 of finish hogs (960 animal units) in a building with deep pits and natural ventilation. Sievers responded to a question about the type building. There having been no objections filed, motion by Arends, second by Hach, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Johnson reported the omission of some information in the legal notice published for the August 7th public hearing on the construction application for the Phoenix operation located in Sections 6 & 7, Newell Township owned by Steve Kier. The Board will not need to repeat the public hearing, but a notice with corrections will be published to notify the public that the application is on file in her office.

CPC Dawn Mentzer discussed a communication from DHS regarding a disputed billing for one client. Her recommendation was to pay the bill. Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to issue a check for $2,123.91, the disputed amount, and to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign a letter requesting a review of the amount by the Division of Fiscal Management of IDHS, as recommended by the CPC. Carried. Mentzer asked for guidance on vehicle replacement for next year’s budget.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve the 8/21 minutes as printed, and the following report: IDOT desk review audit on projects #BROS-CO11-(50)-8J-11 & #BROS-CO11-(64)-8J-11. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign a custodial agreement with Dewyne Stucynski for temporary courthouse custodial services for $19/hr during the week of September 4-7. Carried.

Engineer Jon Ites reviewed the policy for bridge inspections in Buena Vista County. The full inventory of bridges is inspected every other year. Those listed on the watch list are inspected every year. Congress intends that more attention be focused on aging infrastructure, but has so far not provided funding to pay for it. Ites has received notice of the availability of a subscription service for access to a web portal to serve needs of utility design locates for utility identification. The fee of $250/yr will allow up to 10 locates/yr.

Ites discussed the request from Pat Kelly, Street Department Superintendent-City of Storm Lake, to consider the placement of signs on county road approaches to the city limits, designating the enforcement area for the City's Jake Brake Ordinance (600’ from city limits). It was the consensus to approve signs on C-63, E Milwaukee and Business 71. The county does not have jurisdiction on state highways.

Ites reported that some road employees are concerned about losing some benefits under the new clothing allowance policy; they would be willing to receive the benefit on a taxable basis. The Board reiterated that the intent was to avoid a taxable benefit by approving up to $125/yr only for items that qualify as safety or winter-wear with good visibility. It is not intended to create a policy allowing taxable
allowances for other departments. Items in orange, yellow, or green safety colors, or in ‘secondary road red’, with department emblems/logos would be acceptable. The independent auditor has reviewed and approved these items as not taxable. Office Manager Johnson has researched and suggested a pretty good program including a number of options. The Board agreed that if a condition changes, Ites and Johnson will receive authority to approve a new item.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve utility permits submitted as follows:
- Iowa Telecom, Newton to install new 5-pr communications service lines for a new house and turkey facility located in section 32, Fairfield Township at 2056 560th St.;
- Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville to install two new 72v overhead power lines to replace the failed underground line in the SE¼ of Section 32, Lincoln Township, then south along the west ROW line between Sections 4-5, Grant Township and then east along the north ROW between Sections 4&9, Grant Township. .......................................................... Carried.

Marathon Mayor Dana Snow and Council Member Al Kinnetz updated the Board on their Marathon Community Center project. All of the departments are moved in, a couple of spaces are yet to be finished, but they are ready for the punch list. Library patrons have asked to have another entrance added near the library entrance, which is on the opposite end of the building where the voting polling place is located. It will take approximately $7,000 to do that and the parking area. They hope to access additional CAT funding. They are looking for information on what other grants might be available or other types of other community funding. They were encouraged to apply to the Community Foundation. Their town enjoyed the RAGBRAI event and their fundraisers were successful – they sold out by 11:00 a.m. The total funds raised have not yet been announced. The Council is also trying to finish the bell tower on the south side of the building by installing a v-shaped walk path from the bell tower north to the building and adding a door for a new south entrance. They estimate the cost at $4,500. Finally, they have had to shut down one of the water wells, as it isn’t safe due to the arsenic level. It has been shut down. Funds are needed to replace it. The City would like to have the opportunity to request funds from the County in the FY’09 budget.

Zoning Director Kim Johnson took up the next section of the Comprehensive Plan draft, and reviewed a memo from the City of Storm Lake with suggestions re: sewage lagoons, heavy industrial uses, and protocol for development exceptions.

Sheriff Chuck Eddy gave an update on the LEC and discussed preparing a plan for the Ribbon-Cutting and Open House.

The Board conducted a work session to discuss courthouse departmental space assignments. Those present included Rich Dietrich-Juvenile Probation Officer, Clerk of Court Donna McPherren, Kathy Fritz-CASA Coordinator, Veterans Services Officer Clint Hoferman, Carol Van Hooser-Review Appraiser, Cindy Kruse–Juvenile Probation Office, Engineer Jon Ites, Treasurer Kathy Bach, Recorder Shari O’Bannon and EnvHealth/Zoning Administrator Kim Johnson. A number of issues were discussed. After the jail is vacated, water leaks will be repaired or the water shut off. MidAmerican Energy will be contacted to identify someone to assess the current electric demands for computers and other electronic equipment. The goal will be to open up areas for simple storage as quickly as possible in a manner that avoids moving things twice. Since most departments already have many/most of the storage units they will need, and due to cost no expensive shelving units will be included in the plan. There will also be ‘rough’ storage at the BV Warehouse on Expansion Boulevard. Once the jail is in operation in the new building, the Board will plan to meet with each department head to assess their storage room size(s) and location. When the law enforcement vehicles are located at the LEC, additional Courthouse parking spaces will be assigned/marked. These will include two Community Services vehicles which are currently parked on the street or at the E. Richland Annex lot, the Veterans’ Van, EnvHealth/Zoning vehicle, and the Board Chairman.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with Qwest for T-1 and internet provider services for a term of 2-years. Carried.
Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign approval of the proposal from B&W Control Specialists, Algona for the **DD #34** chemical treatment program for 2007 on 24.85 miles (on the MOD, Lat 1-OD, Lat 2-OD, Lat 3-OD, Lat 4-OD, Lat 5-OD, Lat 6-OD, Lat 7-OD, Lat 9-OD), with the total cost estimated to be at $48,500 or less. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the work order for **DD #34 Lat 7**. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Crampton, to adjourn until Tuesday, September 4, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

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Karen M Strawn, Auditor          Herb Crampton, Chairperson

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Buena Vista County 2006 Payroll

Andersen, Gordon 390.70; Anderson, Amanda 469.20; Anderson, Ardyce 30.00; Anderson, Bob 18.75; Anderson, Charleen 7,180.07; Anderson, Jacob 1,555.00; Anderson, Travis 11,655; Armstrong, Carolyn 26,281; Assmann, Jean 28,656; Bach, Donna 1,053.75; Bach, Kathleen 42,304; Bailey, Daniel 35,627; Bailey, Taesa 13,943; Bartley, Josefina 25,840; Bellows, Carl 60.00; Binder, Charlotte 165.00; Black, James 320.63; Bodholdt, Judith 275.00; Bogue, Pamela 7,503.12; Bolte, Mary 38,198; Bonnesen, Sally 47,915; Botcher, Steven 32,567; Briest, Diane 30,721; Briley, Kimberly 32,151; Brock, Sandra 10,559; Burnside, Loma 22,358; Buske, Ronald 39,026; Calderon-amides, Mindy 201.99; Cameron, Thomas 30.00; Carnine, Kim 43,325; Cavanaugh, Thomas 56.25; Cavanaugh, Timothy 43,667; Chindlund, Ann 15,765; Christiansen, Robert 47,583; Christiansen, Daniel 2,847.00; Christiansen, Diane 18,434; Christiansen, Gary 40,388; Christiansen, Michael 1.00; Cosgrove Whitmer, Meghann 37,400; Cougill, Sheila 31.053; Crampton, Herbert 22,369; Croker, Kathryn 50,971; Curry, James 39,418; Danielson, Lloyd 15.00; Danielson, Robert 56,413; Day, Christine 18,340; Demuth, Marty 46,013; Dirks, Lynn 37,326; Dowdy, Edward 38,423; Ebersole, Greg 2,443.70; Eddy, Charles 56,216; Egertsen, Tracy 32,961; Ehlers, Kevin 26.25; Ehlers, Luke 1.00; Eldred, Christian 259.50; Elston, Kory 50,988; Engel, Marvin 1.00; Evans, Kay 13,588; Fassler, David 38,848; Fassler, Jo lee 17,517; Fibelstad, E. 6,240.69; Flanigan, Thomas 39,120; Foell, James 35.00; Fondroy, Richard 161.25; French, Thomas 49,465; Gavlin, Terrill 38,555; Glienke, Martin 67.50; Gouldin, Cheryl 23,352; Graesing, Dennis 35,772; Guerra, Paula 24,982; Gustafson, Jim 22,487; Gutz, Dennis 30.00; Haahr, Leon 526.86; Haberman, Judy 31,637; Halverson, Wayne 40,101; Hammen, Susan 28,757; Hatlen, Rodney 15.00; Havens, Philip 49,436; Henderson, Earl 20,177; Henrich, Barbara 28,717; Hepola, Carole 1,702.83; Heuton, Timothy 48.75; Hill, Paul 125.63; Hillmer, Verne 304.40; Hinkeldey, Carey 45.00; Hoferman, Clinton 10,008; Hoffard, Mark 37,322; Hollenberg, Kimberly 6,622.54; Holliday, Dennis 38,290; Holmes, Robert 45.00; Horner, Duane 30.00; Hotvec, Richard 39,920; Hoyt, Sandra 32,622; Husman, Dennis 1,446.00; Imming, Matthew 267.75; Ites, Jon 80,662; Jackson, Donald 35.00; Jacobs, Preston 43,938; Jahde, Allen 538.84; Johnson, Belinda 8,660.57; Johnson, Calvin 8,764.25; Johnson, Curtis 37,431; Johnson, Kimberly 50,622; Johnson, Shirley 36,223; Jordan, Annette 17,231; Jorgensen, Arden 30.00; Kirkholm, Mark 1,875.00; Koepppe, Brenda 32,997; Kolpin, Jeri 6,374.06; Kolpin, Lori 44,556; Konradi, Thomas 28,724; Koster, Annette 13,149; Lanphere, William 22,946; Larsen, Kristine 35,533; Launderville, Gary 54,220; Launderville, Jessica 25.00; Lawson, Christian 10,098; Leyden, Ashli 57.46; Lloyd, Eugene 16,061; Lloyd, Susan 33,877; Lorenzen, Roger 981.11; Luillmann, Kevin 38,545; Lund, Norman 7,369.76; Mack, Scott 35,402; Madsen, Leigh 31,764; Martin, Joan 33,852; Mason, Mona 25,097; Massop, John 35.00; Maymon, Patti 27,518; Mc Clure, Kenneth 315.74; Mc Donald, Carol 30,507; Mc
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Buena Vista County Claims List
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4imprint 458.98; Acorn Naturalists 35.65; Advanced Drainage Systems 7,217.16; Advanced Pest Technology 137.00; Aflac 129,800.43; Ag Partners L.L.C. 11,518.58; Agler, Charles 122.64; Air Filter Cleaning 340.89; Airgas North Central 1,157.82; American Legion Post 394 45.00; American Rental 379.10; Amerigas 509.02; Andersen, Dennis V 18.48; Andersen, Gordon 47.75; Anderson, Ardyce 156.00; Anderson, Charleen 530.05; Anderson, Jim 16.32; Anderson, Raymond J 141.16; Anderson, Robert L 9.84; Ar We Va Schools 11,025.00; Aronson, Paula 250.00; At & T 42.24; Auditor Of State 625.00; Aurelia Lumber Company 681.24; Avera Spencer Family Care 2,617.00; B & M Service Inc 2,142.91; B & W Control Specialists 10,338.25; B V Co Secondary Road 13,390.45; B V Co Soil Conservation 1,250.00; B V County Health Dept 28,823.82; Bach, Kathleen 60.38; Bailey, Dan 200.00; Bailey, Tasa 230.40; Bankers Trust 400.00; Barker & Company Inc 12.60; Barker Company Inc 4,681,72; Barker Funeral Homes 1,225.00; Barnes Group Inc 1,176.55; Bartholomew, James 20.00; Baughman, Arvid 79.52; Bawden Tiling 15,000.00; Bedels Drive-In Pharmacy 2,290.73; Bellows, Carl 11.44; Benetton, Dick 300.00; Bertness, Jacki 76.00; Bertness, Marc 135.28; Binder, Charlotte 10.50; Black, James F 13.20; Black, James F. 6.60; Blackburn Mfg Co 106.83; Blacktop Service Company 433,85.; Bli Lighting Specialists 87.88; Bodholdt Brothers 514.38; Bodholdt, Tony 157.52; Bomgaars 5,120.13; Bomgaars 132.83; Bonnesen, Sally 698.78; Botcher, Steven 78.17; Botine Electric 201.77; Brad's Service Inc 27.00; Braunshweig, Connie 8.36; Breymogle, Cecile C 265.05; Briggs Corporation 184,16; Brincks, Cheryl 52.80; Brookes Publishing Co 664.30; Brown Supply Co 577.60; Buckendahl, Harvey 115.00; Buena Vista Abstract & 410.00; Buena Vista Co Auditor 36.00; Buena Vista Co Treasurer 90.00; Buena Vista Co. Sheriff 4,319.19; Buena Vista County 3,505.00; Buena Vista County Ems 5,789.19; Buena Vista County 180.00; Buena Vista County Journal 2,693.28; Buena Vista County 76.25; Buena Vista County 1,134.13; Buena Vista Glass 13.02; Buena Vista Regional Med 500.00; Buena Vista Regional 46,810.71;
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The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on September 4th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, and Hach, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Burnside, Merten.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Hach, and Crampton. Nays—none. Abstentions—none.

EnvHealth/Zoning Director Kim Johnson reviewed a construction application which will require a matrix evaluation. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to set a public hearing for the matrix evaluation of the application to construct a second building for the “Providence Pork” project located in Section 36, Providence Township, as September 25 at 8:30 a.m. Carried.

Johnson summarized the 28E agreement between the City of Albert City and Buena Vista County allowing the City to contract for the County’s Zoning Administrator Services. The City may consider a change in the City Ordinances to require the approval of the City Council on building permits exceeding a $15,000 threshold. She asked if the Board might have any input on the matter.

The Board placed a call to John Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultants, to discuss decisions on several final items of work to be completed on the LEC project. After a review of the work to be approved, motion by Arends, second by Hach, to authorize and to direct the Auditor to transfer $190,032.45 to Fund #1530, including $7,519.50 in additional funds over those previously committed to the project. Carried. Hach reported that only 2 contractor representatives were on site this morning. Hansen discussed his efforts to get the contractors to complete their work by the deadline. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve the addition of a redundancy panel in the booking room, in an amount not to exceed $12,000.00. Carried. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve one additional camera in the booking room to allow monitoring by the control room and to film the check-in and check-out of items and money belonging to prisoners, in the amount of $2,184.00. Carried. There was discussion of imposing penalties if the work is not done by the September 15th deadline.

Engineer Jon Ites reviewed the results of the IDOT audit on project #BROS which was funded with 80% being federally funded, and being paid on a reimbursement basis. The City of Linn Grove has proposed a 4-year payback schedule for its share of the project. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve a payback schedule of a total of $16,644.87 in 4 annual installments of $4,161.22 from the City of Linn Grove on project #BROS-4395(601)—8J-11. Carried. The final cost was about $1,200 less than the project estimate.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign, the payment voucher in the amount of $2,287.08 to IDOT from the Farm-Market-Fund account for testing services on the C-49-concrete overlay project #STP-S-CO11(39). Carried.

Ites has met with Alta School District, City of Alta, Kuehl & Payer and Johansen about finding an appropriate solution for a drainage problem on the south of the Alta Middle School on S Main St. Several proposals have been considered. The most recent proposal was estimated at $80,000, of which the County’s share would be 2%. A request has been made for the County to do some of the dirt work. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to authorize the Engineer to assist in the selection of an appropriate
solution for the Alta School District and the City of Alta drainage problem on S. Main St, and to prepare a 28E agreement with the terms of the School, City and County participation Carried.

Ites advised the Board on the upcoming deadline for submission of the Buena Vista County Secondary Road Annual Report – Sept. 15.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 8/28 meeting as printed. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign today’s claims approval list, and the July budget reports. Carried.

Also discussed were the general outline of plans for the LEC Ribbon-Cutting and Open House tentatively for September 22-23 and repairs needing to be done at the Spectra Administrator’s residence, and the investigation of the cause of the water leak.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Arends, to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. until Tuesday, September 11, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-NINTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (39)
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on September 11th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Arends reviewed the discussion with the court system regarding re-assignment of courthouse space. The plan is still under review by the court personnel.

CASA Coordinator Kathy Fritz discussed a potential change in the space previously assigned for the Secretary for CASA & Foster Care Board Secretary from the E Richland Annex to the basement of the courthouse.

Engineer Jon Ites discussed the use of county roads as a detour route for road repair. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Engineer to sign the proposed reimbursement of $879.56 by IDOT for use of county roads as a detour route during the repair of Hwy 7. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the 3-year, (1-1-08 to 12-31-2010) $100/yr lease with the City of Newell for a site across from the county’s main shop in Newell, the parcel to be used for a stockpile. Carried.

Ites circulated a copy of the clothing allowance program that has been developed for the Secondary Road employees.
The County's driveway construction price schedule was last updated in September, 2002. Ites reported on increases in the costs of dirt work and culverts. Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve the updated driveway field entrance construction price schedule to become effective 1-1-2008. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to declare a boom and old auger as excess equipment, and to authorize the Engineer to negotiate a price for the sale of the equipment. Carried.

A new proposal to provide drainage relief at the south end of Alta’s Main St is being considered by the City and the Alta School District. An earlier proposal was estimated at $90,000, which included allowances for residential development. The new design is approximately 1/2 of that. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to authorize some type of work to be done by the county, and for the Engineer to continue with the city and school to solve the drainage problem. Carried.

By telephone with Tim Pierce, insurance agent, Stille Pierce & Pertzborn, the Board discussed ocean marine coverage proposed for the dredge, tender, booster barge, & yawl. No action was taken. Pierce, and City Administrator Patti Moore with meet with the Board September 14 when the School Election will be canvassed.

Chamber of Commerce Managing Director Marilyn Monson reviewed the grant application she has written for the county to apply for Buena Vista County Community Foundation funds. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman and the Auditor to sign the grant application in the amount of $5,000 from the Buena Vista County Community Foundation for the courthouse outdoor electrical service. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 9/4 minutes as printed, and the following reports: Aug 21 Board of Health minutes and Aug budget reports. Also reviewed the LEC final punch list. Carried.

EnvHealth/Zoning Director Kim Johnson reported that a new manure management plan (MMP) for an existing hog operation at an existing location (in Section 20, Poland Township) but with a new name and owner, has been filed. The Board opted to not publish a notice since it is not a new operation.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to DNR waiving the opportunity for a ‘demand hearing’ for the Halverson South project. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2007-9-11-A recommending approval of the Phoenix (Steve Kier) construction application. Carried

RESOLUTION 2007-09-11-A

Recommending approval of the Phoenix (Steve Kier) Construction Application to the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources.

WHEREAS, a construction application for expansion of a 144 ft. by 66 ft. turkey brooder, a expansion of a 144 ft. by 65 ft. turkey brooder both in Sec 6, Newell Twp. and a new 127 ft. by 60 ft. nursery hog building in Sec 7, Newell Twp has been submitted by Steve Kier on July 26, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Environmental Health Director has reviewed the application, and has verified all of the elements of the application for accuracy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors published a notice in the Pilot Tribune on Sept 1, 2007 as required, and held public hearing in the Supervisors Meeting Room at the Courthouse on August 7th, 2007, for the purpose of receiving public comment; with no response provided

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors shall submit the recommendation within 30 days of DNR receipt of application,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, has assembled their comments with knowledge provided for submission to the DNR;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby recommends approval of the construction application of the Phoenix (Steve Kier) Construction Application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
/s/ Karen M. Strawn, Auditor

The Board completed the review of the draft Comprehensive Plan. The next step is to meet with the Airport Commission and the City of Storm Lake to discuss airport issues.
Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Financial and Statistical Report for Purchase of Case Management Services Contracts. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve receiving in a lump sum $6,566.94 from the Season's Center which is the County's share of the Medicaid reimbursement from October 1, 2006 to the current date. Carried.

It is here noted that a letter requesting a review of the disputed state billing for a mental health client, and for which the Board authorized payment on 9/4/07, is no longer needed since CPC Dawn Mentzer has received further clarification.

There being no further business, motion by Burnside, second by Crampton, to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. until Friday, September 14, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.
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There being no further business, motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to adjourn at 12:00 noon until Tuesday, September 25, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-SECOND MEETING, 2007 SESSION (42)
SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on September 18th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Burnside, Hach, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Arends.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays—none. Abstentions—none.

EnvHealth/Zoning Director Kim Johnson reviewed her matrix evaluation of a new proposed building for the Providence Pork operation located in Section 36, Providence Township. 445 points were scored with 440 being the minimum. She noted that proper notice had been published, and that she had received no comments. Merten asked how the new building affects the site as a whole. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign a resolution recommending approval of the Providence Pork Construction application. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-09-25-A

Recommending approval of the Providence Pork Construction Application

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to the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources.

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has adopted the Master Matrix CAFO construction application evaluation resolution to provide an opportunity for local input; and

WHEREAS, a construction application for the expansion of a 308 ft. by 61 ft. swine finishing building has been submitted by Providence Pork on August 30th, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Environmental Health Director has reviewed the application using the Master Matrix, finding a score of 445 points, and has verified all of the elements of the application for accuracy; and

WHEREAS, the minimum score set by the DNR is 440 points.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors published a notice in the Pilot Tribune on September 13th, 2007 as required, and held a public hearing in the Supervisors Meeting Room at the Courthouse on September 25th, 2007, for the purpose of receiving public comment; with no response provided:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors shall submit the recommendation within 30 days of DNR receipt of application,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, has assembled their comments with knowledge provided for submission to the DNR;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby recommends approval of the construction application of the Providence Pork Construction Application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
/s/ Karen Strawn, Auditor

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to employ Steve Hammen as Head Custodian effective September 24, 2007 at $14/hr, with an additional $.50 at each 6 mo. interval until the completion of 2 years of employment. Carried. A letter of thanks will be sent to the other applicants.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 9/18 meeting as printed. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation to the employees of the Sheriff’s office, Jail and the Communications Center for their work in cleaning the Law Enforcement Center in preparation for the Open House. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to assign responsibility for accident reporting and worker’s compensation administration to the Auditor’s Payroll Deputy, and the vehicle & equipment inventory maintenance to the Engineer’s Administrative Assistant. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the RISE agreement for project #RC-CO11-(85)-9-11 (improvements to M-27) which will provide $300,000 or 80% of the total cost, whichever is less. Carried.

Upon Engineer Jon Ites’ recommendation, motion by Merten, second by Hach, to accept Hwy 110 detour compensation from the DOT in the amount of $666.74. Carried.
Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve the final payment of $2,206.49 for project #L-R-631—73-11 (re-surfacing of 235th Ave east of Albert City), and to authorize the Engineer to sign. Carried. The final cost was $73,549.37.

Motion by Hach, second by Burnside, to award the bid for project #BROS-CO11(79)—8J-11 (replace the bridge in Section 37, Newell Township) to the low bidder, Dixon Construction, Correctionville, in the amount of $191,486.88. Carried.

The pre-construction meeting for the Hwy 71 patching project (from Hwy 3 north to Clay County line) is scheduled for September 27. Construction is likely to begin as early as next week.

Ites has received information that the Farm-to-Market fund has improved which will allow the County to let the C-65 project early next year. He will hire outside services to buy the necessary ROW.

Ites reported that in a number of locations, road ditches are being used to burn trash. Buena Vista County Ordinance 4.1 prohibits placing debris, trash and garbage in the ditches. Open burning is prohibited by DNR regulations. In those areas, right-of-way work will need to be done.

The Board reported to Ites that they have received calls regarding the ditch on 90th Avenue – it isn’t draining properly and a field tile needs to be repaired. Was the seeding completed? After the crops are out, the field tile can be hooked up. Ites reported that after construction was completed, ditches were shaped so they could be mowed, and they will be seeded.

An inquiry was received from Connie Gilmore regarding the status of the property east of Sioux Rapids which she and her husband are interested in. The Engineer was directed to have an abstract prepared for the property.

Justin Yarosevich, Storm Lake City Clerk, presented a report on the Homeward Housing Trust Fund Board meeting which he attended earlier in the month. He explained how the funds were allocated ($12,088 to Buena Vista County) and how they must be spent. The Board thanked him for serving on the Trust Board.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten to approve the minutes of 9/18 meeting as printed, and the following reports: September 18 Board of Health minutes, DNR notice of approval – Steve Kier construction permit, FY’07 BV Co Ag Extension financial report. Carried.

The Board received a letter from Washington Township Officials requesting that the Board proceed with the notice to Bob Jensen to repair his fence to prevent his livestock getting out on the roadway.

Tim Humes presented a request for tax abatement or other type of help with the cost of bringing his septic system into compliance with regulations and making changes that would improve the environment. He quoted EnvHealth Director Kim Johnson’s number that there are “1500 homes in the unincorporated area” with antiquated systems. If he put in a new system, he could use his property for a massage therapy business, and also, perhaps a retreat or a bed and breakfast operation. He would like some relief from the cost to make the repairs since he recently lost two sources of income and is not able to make the changes. The Board suggested that he contact Iowa Lakes Corridor Development or the local chapter SCORE for assistance with starting up a small business. He is aware that there are low interest loans, but he doesn’t qualify for them. He will look into the Homeward Housing Trust funds.

Zoning Director Kim Johnson presented a request for a minor subdivision submitted by Leroy Fitchett. She recommended that an easement be required so that access can be maintained. This request does not need to go before the Zoning Commission. Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution 2007-9-25-B approval for the minor subdivision for a parcel in Section 25, Newell Township requested by Leroy Fitchett. Carried.
RESOLUTION 2007-9-25-B

WHEREAS, Leroy Fitchett has presented a preliminary and final plats (of survey) on

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Hereafter known as Lot G of Section 25, Township 90 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa. Parcel contains 3.52 Acres and is subject to all easements of record.

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Hereafter known as Lot H of Section 25, Township 90 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa. Parcel contains 2.67 Acres and is subject to all easements of record.

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Hereafter known as Lot I of Section 25, Township 90 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa. Parcel contains 33.72 Acres and is subject to all easements of record.

WHEREAS, the final plat meets with the approval of the Board subject only to the following if any: There shall be an access easement for Lot I across the east twenty-five feet of Lot H.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County, Iowa, Board of Supervisors that the final plat of:
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Hereafter known as Lot I of Section 25, Township 90 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa; is hereby accepted subject to the following if any: There shall be an access easement for Lot I across the east twenty-five feet of Lot H.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be affixed to the final plat of said:

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Hereafter known as Lot I of Section 25, Township 90 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa; and copies of said final plat shall be of record in the appropriate County offices.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chairman................................................................./s/ Karen M. Strawn, Auditor

Roger Skelton, who farms in Section 8, Lincoln Township (DD #34) asked about the Board’s philosophy on tree removal on the back slopes in the drainage districts. He has discussed his concerns with Brian Blomme, the Drainage Watchman. After pulling the trees out by the roots, if the soil isn’t leveled, it can slough off into the waterway and effect water quality and soil conservation. He wasn’t able to find any evidence of seeding in these areas. He recommends sawing the trees off. He suggested if possible, and given some time to get the work done, he would do the work himself. Merten mentioned a new chemical that can be applied to the stump to eliminate re-growth, but it must be applied by a certified sprayer because it is a restricted use chemical. The Board plans to discuss this matter with Blomme. Skelton also mentioned that perhaps some of the trees could be left. The buffalo he raises use the trees to rub up against.
Tim Humes re-addressed the Board. He asked what is in Storm Lake’s water and whether the Board is looking into the matter on behalf of its constituents? He was referred to the City’s website where the results of the water study are posted.

Merten reported on the tile line which may be needed to eliminate the water problem at Spectra. He has discussed this matter with the owner just north of the facility. In addition to water problems in the Spectra Administrator’s residence, an abnormal amount of water is being pumped into the lagoon. He will discuss the matter with Sue Morrow, and also a letter regarding recommendations for the range guard fire suppression system.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve a courthouse lobby display – “An Empty Place at the Table” (domestic violence awareness) requested by CAASA (Centers Against Abuse & Sexual Assault. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. until Tuesday, October 2, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

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Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-THIRD MEETING, 2007 SESSION (43)
OCTOBER 2, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on October 1st in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Merten, and with Deputy Auditor Sue Lloyd as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Head Custodian Steve Hammen requested using a cell phone for both business and his personal use, keeping track of the minutes used for the County and then turning in for a reimbursement. It is much easier to reach him by cell phone rather than by pager. He also mentioned that he completed his training with Dewyne and has a list of priorities that need to be taken care of.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to authorize the Auditor to pay out $10,451 toward Conservation Director Gary Christiansen’s accrued vacation as recommended by the Conservation Board, and to direct that Christiansen log all hours worked, and the vacation & flex time taken and submit them for entry into the payroll system. Carried.
Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign today's claims approval list, and the following reports: Aug NWIPDC Policy Council minutes & Sept 12 Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 9/25 minutes as printed. Carried.

Having received notice of the award of $5,000 for the courthouse exterior electrical service, motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Community Foundation grant agreement. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve the following appointments to Safety Committee: Steve Hammen replacing Dewyne Stucynski, Pam Bogue replacing Sally Bonnesen, and Leigh Madsen replacing Shirley Johnson. Carried.

The Board discussed several problems and repairs needed at Spectra. They will schedule a meeting with Administrator Sue Morrow to discuss the issues.

There being no further business, motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. until Tuesday, October 16, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.

Sue Lloyd, Deputy Auditor                                      Herb Crampton, Chairperson
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (44)
OCTOBER 16, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on October 16th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

The Chairman reported that the 11:00 a.m. meeting on today’s agenda with Sue Morrow, Spectra Health Care Administrator to discuss repairs and a lease will be postponed to a later time.

Dawn Mentzer Community Services Director discussed a new service for those consumers who qualify for a Medicaid waiver – the 'Consumer Choice Option'. A workshop to acquaint consumers and their family members will be held in Sac City. If enough sign up, she will provide (RTA) bus transportation. The option allows family members to receive care from family members who will be paid. The cost of this service will be cheaper because there will be no administrative cost. Consumers will allow having a relative, neighbor or friend provide personal services for pay. It will give the consumer
more options and will improve the quality of life; the consumer makes the decision. An independent support worker will be available to assist the consumer with their decision process.

One of the case managers has requested to reduce her hours of work from 40 to 35 hrs/week. The Board had no objection to the request if she was satisfied that there would be no negative consequences to the department. She has purchased “DragonSpeak” speech recognition software which will allow case managers to dictate their reports and produce their own typewritten reports.

A fire drill was conducted at 9:00 a.m. to evaluate the response time of employees and the members of the public. Safety Coordinator Mike Raner suggested that each department consider how a real fire might disrupt the business of the county, and how the services could be provided if the courthouse was damaged and closed for a period of time.

Rhonda Christensen, ISU Extension Director met with the Supervisors to provide a recap on the Extension programs that were provided in the recently completed program year. The “Strengthening Families” program held its first session last night in Newell. It is a research based program and is being provided by funding through the federal government to land grant universities nationwide. She invited the Board to consider providing a county employee to participate in Partnering in Communities: Strong Families, Strong Communities.

Assistant Engineer Steve Wolf presented the contract for a bridge replacement located between Sections 35 & 36, Newell Township. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract, contractor’s bond and certificate of insurance with Dixon Construction, Correctionville in the amount of $191,846.88 for project BROS-CO11(79)—8J-11. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the today’s claims approval list. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve the 10/2/07 minutes as corrected and the following reports: 1st Qtr fees – Sheriff, Clerk of Court, 1st Qtr – Veterans van ride report, Indirect cost reimbursements – FY’07 report – Cost Advisory Services, Sept. 27 Board of Health minutes, Sept 13 NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, and the Sept. monthly operating report of the Spectra lagoon by Mangold Environmental. Carried. Merten plans to attend an Iowa Workforce Development workshop in Holstein on 10/18 regarding the Rural Renewal tax credit.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to authorize the Auditor to void and reissue check #212183 issued 8-21-07 for $190 to Runae Ann Brake; #212183 was reported destroyed. Carried.

Auditor Straun and County Attorney Dave Patton discussed a proposal to add a Network Technician/Clerk position to assist with IT needs. This position would supplement the work being done by the IT Technician/Clerk, but would not replace the currently outsourced Network Administration services. A significant increase in requests for assistance and new applications can’t be met at the current staffing level.

Deputy Auditor Leigh Madsen discussed a request from a new vendor to provide the county with flex benefits administration services. Currently, the county uses Wellmark. It appears that the fees by R.D.Drenkow & Co. are lower. Madsen will gather additional information. It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a presentation before beginning work on the FY’09 budget.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the claim for November premium in the amount of $5,351.10 to Delta Dental. Carried.

EnvHealth/Zoning Director Kim Johnson discussed the notice from the DNR regarding approval of a proposed construction application for “Providence Pork”. Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to
approve and to authorize the Chair to sign a letter waiving the Board’s right to demand a hearing on the Providence Pork construction application. Carried.

Johnson also discussed a construction design statement for Gnewuch Turkey Finisher in Section 36, Fairfield Township. The minor subdivision request does not require approval of the Board. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to set the matrix evaluation for the Gnewuch Turkey Finisher CAFO construction application for November 13th at 8:30 a.m. Carried.

Head Custodian Steve Hammen discussed how the snow equipment will be shared between the Courthouse/DHS Annex/Yon Building and the LEC/E Richland Annex. Now that the prisoners, Sheriff’s office, Communications Center and Emergency Management have moved to the LEC, the Board approved the plan re-assigning spaces in the parking lot and adding Community Services, Environment Health/Zoning, Veteran’s Administration van and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Hammen has estimated the cost of Christmas lighting for one tree (on the west side of the courthouse) at $9,800 – additional exterior electric service at $8,500 and $1,300 for lights and miscellaneous with no allowance for electric usage. It was noted that there are no funds available in the current budget for this type of project. If the Board might consider this in the future, Hammen suggested having someone else putting it up, and handling maintenance, replacement bulbs, etc. The County does not have a ‘bucket’ truck which could be used for putting lights up and taking them down each year. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to decline the request from the Chamber of Commerce to participate in the Christmas lighting project and the addition of more exterior electrical service. Carried.

The Custodian suggested having departments rotate turns decorating the Courthouse Christmas tree. The Board approved. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to authorize purchase of a leaf sweeper for $199, adding electrical outlets in the former jail exercise room. Carried.

The research has been completed to determine the ownership (Buena Vista County) and to develop the legal description for a parcel of land located east of Sioux Rapids (Section 7, Lee Township). The Engineer is directed to proceed with having the abstract prepared. A public hearing to declare the parcel as ‘excess property’ to allow the sale of the parcel by sealed bid after abstract is completed.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign LEC change order #6 on bid package #5 in the amount of $13,063.03 to Nikkel & Associates. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign LEC change order #3 on bid package #2 in the amount of -$305.00 to G-S Company. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve a work order for Jt. DD #274 for a location in Section 5, Delaware Twp, Sac Co. in the estimated amount of $. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve a work order for DD #34, Lateral #4 Open Ditch, Tile Line Lateral 1 & 2 for a location in Section 29 & 30, Lincoln Township, Buena Vista County, the project to be reviewed by the County Engineer to determine whether the County will make the repairs, or refer it to the Drainage Watchman to obtain a contractor. Carried.

In light of the recent publicity regarding a rally proposed to be held on the Courthouse lawn, County Attorney Dave Patton has drafted a proposed Ordinance 8.1 - Public Gatherings. The purpose of the ordinance is to establish the criteria and the procedures under which requests may be submitted and approved, and to protect the freedom of speech of all persons. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to add a clause for a damage deposit to proceed with the ordinance adoption procedure by setting the date of the 1st Reading of Ordinance 8.1 – Public Gatherings, as October 23rd at 8:30 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Courthouse. Carried.
A request has been received for use of the Courthouse lawn on Saturday, November 17th for the purpose of holding a community prayer and worship service submitted by Rev. Ted Weirich, Turning Point Church, Spencer, IA. The Board will review the request in light of the proposed Ordinance 8.1 – Public Gatherings, and if it meets the requirements in the proposed ordinance, will give its decision after the 3rd reading of the ordinance.

There being no further business, motion by Arends, second by Hach, to adjourn until Tuesday, October 23rd at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

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Karen M Strawn, Auditor             Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-FIFTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (45)
OCTOBER 23, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on October 23rd in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Hach, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Burnside.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

County Attorney Dave Patton was present to hear the requests of the Board for changes to the Ordinance 8.1. Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 8.1 – Public Gatherings with the following changes [To Section 8.107, change "D" by reducing from 50 to 25 the threshold when a proof of insurance liability coverage is to be required; and to add "E" a $200 damage deposit.] and to set the time of the 2nd Reading as 10/30/07 at 8:30 a.m. in the Boardroom. Carried.

EnvHealth/Zoning Director Kim Johnson reported that the Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on a request from Dennis Launderville to re-zone a parcel north of Alta owned by Carl Turnquist. If approved, the Supervisors will need to take action to amend the zoning map. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to set 11/6/07 at 8:45 a.m. as the date and set time for the 1st Reading on an ordinance amendment to the Zoning Map, for Lot C, Section 14, Nokomis Township, 5.72 acres, from A-1 to C-1 to permit vehicle storage. Carried.

The Board considered several items regarding the FY’09 budget including updating the longevity policy, scheduling agency requests, a target date for receiving Compensation Board recommendations, and an orderly progression of wage decisions for all county employees. It was noted that the Recorder, Sheriff and Auditor will need to appoint or re-appoint their representatives to the Compensation Board as those terms expired 6/30/07.
Engineer Jon Ites provided a (marketed) grain report for the S. Hayes Pit farm, and briefly discussed the resolution of the Crawford County RAGBRAI court case.

Ites recommended proceeding with a public hearing on the proposed sale of a parcel east of Sioux Rapids, and waiting to have an abstract prepared until the property is sold. Motion by Arends, second by Merten to set the date and time of public hearing on 11/6/07 at 10:00 a.m. on the proposal to sell the a property (description below), followed by the acceptance and opening of sealed bids (10:00 a.m. sealed bid deadline to the County Auditor); the county reserves the right to refuse any and all bids; the property is described as: Lot Six (6) in the Auditor's Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section Seven (7), Township Ninety-three (93) North, Range Thirty-six (36) West of the 5th P.M., except a tract of land lying in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE¼ NE¼) of Section Seven (7), Township Ninety-three (93) North, Range Thirty-six (36) West of the 5th P.M., also known and described as Commencing at the Northeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE¼ NE¼) of Section Seven (7), Township Ninety-three (93) North, Range Thirty-six (36) West of the 5th P.M., thence North 90°00´ West, a distance of 144.7 feet to the East Right-of-Way Fence of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, thence South 35°54´ East a distance of 94.3 feet along the East Right-of-Way line of said railroad, thence South 90°00´ East a distance of 89.4 feet to the East line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE¼ NE¼) of Section Seven (7), thence due North a distance of 76.4 feet to the point of beginning, and containing an area of 0.21 Acres, and, The East Half (E½) of the Abandoned Railroad Right of Way of the Chicago and North Western Transportation Company adjacent to Lot Six (6) of the Auditor's Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section Seven (7), Township Ninety-three (93) North, Range Thirty-six (36) West of the 5th P.M. Carried.

The City of Truesdale is looking to replace its septic system and has asked the County to consider approving use of a county road ditch in their plan. Ites noted that a road ditch is not maintained for this type of use; its purpose is for road drainage, not farm field drainage, or septic system purposes. Ites discussed sending letters to property owners whose mailboxes are obstructions when snow clearing is necessary.

One of the secondary road crews has spent a substantial amount of time attempting to find buried drainage tile outlets. Duane Smith, landowner had requested that the outlets be found, at a location in DD #34 Lat 7, and repaired. Buena Vista County's Farm-to-Market cash balance is now showing sufficient funds that will allow us to 'let' the C-65 project this next year.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the underground utility permit submitted by Interstate Power and Light Co., Mason City, to install a 6" plastic natural gas line in the south ditch on the north side of Section 36, Barnes Township along 476th St. on the north side of Rembrandt. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the underground utility permits submitted by Iowa TeleCommunications Services Inc., Newton, as follows:

- to install a communications loop and placing a pedestal in the east ditch between Sections 22/21 Newell township to service the new cell phone tower; and
- to install a 5 pr communications cable along 220th Ave, Sections 33 & 34, Fairfield Township, for a hog confinement……………………………………… Carried.

Subject to the Engineer's review and approval, motion by Hach, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the underground utility permit submitted by Innovative Underground Inc., Cambridge, MN, to install 6 pr telephone cable to replace failing cable, to be bored under the creek and other drainage structures at 352 620th St., Carried.
The Board asked if the secondary road tile crew might be available for some work at Spectra Health Care. The crew has 2-3 weeks lined up at the current time. The Board would like assistance in determining the cause of the drainage problem. Engineer Ites will investigate.

Sheriff Chuck Eddy and Deputy Gary Launderville gave an update on the LEC and Jail. They have been informed that it may take 2-3 months for re-manufacture of the problem windows and the door glass due to the holiday manufacturing schedule. A representative from Global (window manufacturer) inspected the faulty installations last week (mirrored and mirrored-reflective glass was not done correctly). The Board has received Certificates of Substantial Completion for all 5 contracts for approval and signatures; however, approval was withheld pending additional information from Midwest Construction Consultants. The contract with G-S has a significant amount of work yet to be completed. Video visitation and video arraignment adjustments are working on now. Some of the communications center equipment is still yet to be moved, but they are operating in the new location. There are a few items yet to be moved. Cameras from the old jail will be removed and reinstalled in the new facility. After department heads have a chance to claim any of the leftover furniture, what’s left (including the dishwasher and stove) will be moved to the warehouse for disposal by auction. Eddy has added parking stall markings in the warehouse so that Public Health can house their vehicles (and the Veterans Administration’s van) inside.

Launderville is keeping records on the cost savings from eliminating the outside housing of prisoners and transportation costs. They’ve held 11 females, and saved 45 days on juveniles since September 23. Two juveniles have been waived to adult court, which is saving $7,000/mo. They are re-evaluating which charges require housing juveniles in detention in the YES Center in Cherokee. Eddy discussed procedures followed when prisoners are released. Following the appearance before the judge, prisoners return to the jail for their property. They are given an opportunity to make a phone call for a taxi or someone else to pick them up. If they choose to, they can wait in the lobby or vestibule outside the Sheriff’s office. The Board suggested a padded bench in the lobby. Eddy will be looking for volunteer help from juvenile court to pick up rocks at the LEC.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize payment this date those E911 claims held at the October 16 meeting. Carried.

Nancy Robbins, BVCo. Fair Board presented a financial report for the 2007 fair, including a statement of funds raised. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to pay out the $5,000 matching funds as approved 2/27/07, at the rate of $1 for every $2 raised. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve the minutes of the 10/23 meeting as printed, and the following reports: FY’08 report of Conservation Board, grain sale summary-S Hayes Pit, 1st Qtr FY’08 Farm-to-Market Fund

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to set the date for a hearing for the purpose of amending the FY’08 budget as November 13th at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom. Carried.

Next meeting, October 30, at 10:00 a.m. was the time set for a walk-through of the Expansion Blvd. warehouse for the purpose of determining use guidelines for that building. Use guidelines for the EOC of the LEC will also be considered.

No action was taken at this time on the proposed HVAC preventive maintenance agreement with Tessier's, pending receiving a response from Midwest Construction Consultants regarding how it affects the warranties.

Following discussion with County Attorney Dave Patton, approval of the agreement for food service with CBM, for the LEC, was postponed.
Upon review, the consensus of the Board was to postpone approval of the Certificates of Substantial Completion for the five **LEC contractors**, (Woodruff Construction, G-S Company, Nikkel & Associates, Tessier’s, and Gadbury Plumbing) pending discussion with Midwest Construction Consultants.

Reports from City Administrator Patti Moore and Tim Pierce reporting on the **dredge recovery** were reviewed.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to allocate $3,500 from the Employee Health Insurance Fund for **Wellness** activities, for FY’08. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Arends, second by Merten, to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. until Tuesday, October 30th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.
about 50 gallons of weed chemicals to be stored over the winter months. The storage space needs to be insulated. Regarding a starting date for courthouse department relocation, Arends reported that once the communications center completes the removal of the remainder of their equipment, the Treasurer's storeroom can be emptied and preparation of the new driver license space can begin. Once internet hookup is completed at the LEC, Emergency Management will move in. A substantial amount of the Coordinator's work requires use of the internet. After the new space is completed for the Treasurer, the next step will be to prepare the vacated jail space for storage. Ites asked what the duties of drainage watchman are, specifically regarding work orders. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to run everything through the County Engineer first. If the work can’t be performed by the road department, the work order will be referred to Kuehl & Payer. Regarding snow removal at the ERA & LEC, specs should be written and request quotes.

Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign a Proclamation naming November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Buena Vista County.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign a claim to The Times for publication of a public notice for Jt. DD #19-26. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve the minutes of the 10/23 as printed, the following reports: statement of funds raised in '07 by the BV County Fair Board, and to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign today's claims approval list. Carried.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to do a walk-through at the Expansion Blvd. warehouse. The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m., with Arends, Burnside, Merten, and Crampton. Absent: Hach.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the recap of September bills ($26,100.95) for the LEC construction project. Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve the claim to Cindy Hildreth for September for ERA in the amount of $615.00. Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve the employment of Heidi Hansen as the Office Administrator in the office of the County Attorney effective immediately. Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Carried.

Sheriff Chuck Eddy informed the Board that Deputy Dave Doebel has resigned to return to the Storm Lake Police Department and he has selected Chris Eldred to replace him. Eldred is already certified. Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve the employment of Chris Eldred as a Sheriff's Deputy, with the effective date to be determined by the Sheriff. Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. until Tuesday, November 6th at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

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Karen M Strawn, Auditor          Herb Crampton, Chairperson

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The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on November 6th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Burnside, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Hach.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Merten, and Crampton. Nays—none. Abstentions—none.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve the 3rd & Final Reading of Ordinance 8.1 – Public Gatherings, and to direct the Auditor to publish Ordinance 8.1 pursuant to Chapter 331.302.7 of the 2007 Code of Iowa. Burnside-aye, Merten-aye, Crampton-aye. Nays—none. Carried.

Zoning Director Kim Johnson reported that the Zoning Commission met 11/5 to consider a re-zoning request for a parcel north of Alta. Three objections were received. The decision of the Commission was to recommend that only 1/2 of the parcel be re-zoned. If the Board of Supervisors elects to approve, the Zoning Map will need to be amended. The Chairman invited comments from those present. Dennis Launderville stated that he wants to withdraw the request for re-zoning at this time. His son, who is a part of the project, also wants to withdraw. Now that the re-zoning request has been withdrawn, no action was taken.

Johnson informed the Board that Mark Bertness has submitted his resignation from the Zoning Commission. He represented Lee and Poland Townships.

Custodian Steve Hammen discussed repair/replacement of wall mounted radiator units in the courthouse; replacement parts may not be available. Two units are currently down. After a discussion of replacement as needed vs. replacement of a block of units, the consensus was to replace the current problem units as needed, and do some additional research. The Board suggested he discuss replacement of courthouse water pipes with Jerry Seiler, and to begin in the current budget year. Water to the old jail will be cut off. A new law will require that the courthouse elevator be outfitted with a new mechanic cylinder by 2011. The Board agreed to plan for the replacement in FY2009-2010 and to request that the Elevator Service technician schedule it for that year.

After discussion of current equipment and personnel for snow removal, it was agreed that the Secondary Road department will clear the courthouse parking lot and provide gravel and salt as needed and other arrangements will be made for the ERA and the LEC. Hammen will ask Stucynski to clear the sidewalks at the ERA and the LEC. Hammen will also purchase a larger snowblower to be used at those locations. Bids will be obtained for clearing the driveways and parking lots and hauling the snow away.

Engineer Jon Ites reported a total of 2,068.04 bushels of corn have been delivered to Sulphur Springs from the S. Hayes pit farm which is an average of 147 bu/acre. The Board authorized him to sell rather pay storage.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the final payment on project # L-R-727—73-11 (asphalt at M-27) in the amount of $528,624.69. Carried. This is $15,858.74 under the contract amount of $548,878.05 (96.3%).

Buena Vista County has currently $252,547 in HBRR (bridge replacement) funds after letting the project scheduled for Section 36, Newell Township (good for approximately 1.75 yrs). We have two projects in the near future.
Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve the underground utility permit submitted by Qwest to install 6 pr copper communication cable along 120th Ave to a turkey facility in Section 14, Washington Township. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve the underground utility permit submitted by Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, to install a 1½" service line under 110th Ave, to serve a turkey facility located at 6534 110th Ave., in Section 34, Hayes Township. Carried.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on the proposed sale of property east of Sioux Rapids. Interested persons had requested the opportunity to purchase the property which has no access except by easement. It is located along the river and old railroad ROW. The Auditor confirmed that the notice of hearing, which included notice that the Board would accept sealed bids for the excess property, was published in the Spencer Daily Reporter, and that no objections have been received. There were no objections from those present. Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to close the hearing. Carried.

Two bids were received: Connie & Dick Gilmore - $1,000.00, and O.A. Ruhs $1,005.00. In support of their bids, both parties offered to pay all of the county’s costs including: a title search and preparation of legal description, publication of notice of hearing, preparation of an abstract, title opinion, and a survey, if needed. With just $5.00 between the offers, the Chairman offered the parties an opportunity to discuss the matter. The parties reached a consensus; they reported that Ruhs is agreeable to releasing his high bid, and that the Gilmore’s agree to pay all of the county’s costs. Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, that the County consider the bid adequate, to accept their bid of $1,000.00 from Dick and Connie Gilmore plus the payment any and all costs including a title search and preparation of legal description, publication of notice of hearing, preparation of an abstract, title opinion, and a survey, if needed, and to sell the property described as follows: Lot Six (6) in the Auditor’s Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section Seven (7), Township Ninety-three (93) North, Range Thirty-six (36) West of the 5th P.M., except a tract of land lying in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE¼ NE¼) of Section Seven (7), Township Ninety-three (93) North, Range Thirty-six (36) West of the 5th P.M., also known and described as Commencing at the Northeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE¼ NE¼) of Section Seven (7), Township Ninety-three (93) North, Range Thirty-six (36) West of the 5th P.M., thence North 90°00' West, a distance of 144.7 feet to the East Right-of-Way Fence of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, thence South 35 degrees 54 minutes East a distance of 94.3 feet along the East Right-of-Way line of said railroad, thence South 90°00' East a distance of 89.4 feet to the East line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE¼ NE¼) of Section Seven (7), thence due North a distance of 76.4 feet to the point of beginning, and containing an area of 0.21 Acres; and, The East Half (E½) of the Abandoned Railroad Right of Way of the Chicago and North Western Transportation Company adjacent to Lot Six (6) of the Auditor’s Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section Seven (7), Township Ninety-three (93) North, Range Thirty-six (36) West of the 5th P.M. Carried.

Treasurer Kathy Bach presented a request from the department heads. Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve the request of the department heads to close the county offices on Christmas Eve, December 24th, 2007. Carried.

Recorder Shari O’Bannon reviewed her current fees report, and provided an update on upcoming software changes.

The Auditor distributed copies of the longevity rate table as well as lists of those employee categories which are and are not receiving this benefit.

The Board reviewed Drainage Engineer Ivan Droessler’s report on his re-examination of a field crossing in Jt. DD #19-26 located in Sac County, but took no action.
Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve the minutes of the 10/30 meeting as printed, and the following reports: Spectra lagoon effluent test results, Sept. Recorder’s fees, minutes of the 11/11 NWIPDC Policy Council meeting. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the repair for Jt. DD #16-30-92 located in Sac County. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the claim for $9,000 to River Valley Forest Services for tree clearing - Jt. DD #14-42. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the claim for $921.47 to BV Co Secondary Roads for tile locates Section 2, Lincoln Township in DD #34 Lat #7. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the County’s Representative to that Board (Hach) to sign the revised 28E agreement with NW IA YES Center Board. Carried.

Environmental Health Director Kim Johnson discussed lead hazard training which is scheduled for November 26th-30th in Dubuque. Expenses for 2 persons for registration, mileage, lodging and meals were not budgeted in the current year’s budget. The consensus of the Board was to pick up the training the next time it is offered.

There being no further business, motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. until Tuesday, November 13th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session and to canvass the 2007 Municipal Election.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

(Entered out of order)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTEENTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (15)
MARCH 27, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on March 27th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach and Merten and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes--Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.
Present for the public hearing on the Double R Farm manure management plan was Environmental Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson. Johnson confirmed that a notice of public hearing had been published. She reviewed the MMP, which is for a turkey operation. There being no objections, motion by Arends, second by Hach, to close the public hearing. Carried. Jay Raditzn is the owner.

Present for the matrix evaluation of the CAFO construction application submitted by Brookside Farms, LLC were: Johnson and Loren Lantz, Iowa Select Farms. The application is for a location in Section 28, Fairfield Township. Johnson stepped through her scoring of the application and found 455 points, with 440 being the required minimum. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution recommending approval of the Fairfield Finisher Farm construction application. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-03-27-A

Recommending approval of the Fairfield Finisher Farm (Brookside Farms, LLC) Construction Application to the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources.

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has adopted the Master Matrix CAFO construction applications to provide an opportunity for local input; and

WHEREAS, a construction application for three 51 X 252 feet wean to finish hog buildings has been submitted by Fairfield Finisher Farm on March 5, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Environmental Health Director has reviewed the application using the Master Matrix, finding a score of 455 points, and has verified all of the elements of the application for accuracy; and

WHEREAS, the minimum score set by the DNR is 440 points; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors published a notice in the Pilot Tribune on March 10th, 2007 as required, and held a public hearing in the Supervisors Meeting Room at the Courthouse on March 27th, 2007, for the purpose of receiving public comment; with no response provided; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors shall submit the recommendation within 30 days of DNR receipt of application, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, has assembled their comments with knowledge provided for submission to the DNR;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby recommends approval of the construction application of the Fairfield Construction Application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of March, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton Chairperson, Board of Supervisors…………………………… /s/ Karen Strawn, Auditor

Shaun Arneson, Vice President of IA Lakes Corridor Development Corp., updated the Board on the recent activities of the organization. They have received RFP’s for 3 buildings located in Storm Lake. Those inquiries represent 25-100 new jobs and a $5-7million investment. The Corridor continues to market sites in Buena Vista County and is using the LOIS program to provide data of interest to businesses through the Internet. They have launched a new website, and will be continuously updating the information. He asked that the Corridor be contacted with new information on sites or buildings. The new website is of interest to prospective businesses, visitors to the area, and to people currently living in the four counties. Currently they are conducting a program to promote business retention. Their confidential survey call to businesses will help them learn more about each business and determine what
their needs and challenges are. 35 businesses will be contacted this current quarter. Another program is the monthly CEO meeting, which promotes networking and discussions about workforce, legislation and business related issues. The Corridor recently assisted Rembrandt Enterprises with their application to IDED for tax benefits, which could have a value of up to $400,000 due to the creation of 62 new jobs. Housing for new employees can be an issue; inquiries are directed to the appropriate people/agencies. The Corridor had attendees from three states at the recent entrepreneurial workshop, which was for people interested in starting a business. It will be repeated in the future. August 5-10, 2007 will be the second Entrepreneurs Institute at Okoboji. 32 students from the three state universities plus Buena Vista University and Iowa Lakes Community College will participate at the Lakeside lab. This training setting will give students an opportunity to interact with business leaders. Public and private sponsors of the program pay the costs. The Corridor’s calendar also includes trade shows and “Sell Iowa” trips. The next quarterly investors’ meeting is April 19th in Dickinson County with two sessions -- afternoon and evening. The Corridor Board currently has a vacancy to be filled by someone from Buena Vista County.

Treasurer Kathy Bach discussed the recent voluntary settlement on the 2004 valuation of First Cooperative Association (5 parcels), which had been appealed by them. The adjustment to the taxes paid in FY’05, FY’06, and FY’07 will be made in 6 equal adjustments beginning with the current taxes dues. The final adjustment will be on taxes due October 1, 2010. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve adjustments to the tax list for First Cooperative Association pursuant to the settlement notice, and to direct the Auditor to issue Certificates of Adjustments to the Treasurer. Carried.

Patrick Schmitz, Executive Director, and Kim Kelleher, Branch Office Director of Cherokee, Ida and Buena Vista offices, of Plains Area MHIC, met with the Board to meet the three new Supervisors and to discuss their programs. In Storm Lake, their office is at the North Campus of BVRMC. They continue to provide counseling 2-2.5 days per week at the office and in the schools. 68 persons were served out of the Storm Lake office from July 1-Feb 28, 2007. They provided 23 hours of consultation and education services to the schools, Juvenile Probation Officers and to the doctors; at 5-10 minutes per consultation, 109 individuals were served. Plains Area is available for emergencies. They are currently working with the Bridges Project—a federal grant through the Alta Schools geared to linking schools with MH providers. Currently there isn’t enough demand in Storm Lake to provide psychiatric services, but they are available in Cherokee 2 days a week with Dr. Fulton.

Hach reported on the state accreditation re-certification for Buena Vista County Case Management. A thorough job was done, going through all the records, examining goals that had been set, how they were met or not, and how everything was documented. Buena Vista County received a 100 score, after a 95 score 3 years ago. The department has maintained a high level of performance. He believes that a 5% wage increase for the department is fair. Arends noted that Director Dawn Mentzer told the Board that she wanted to address retention with this increase. After speaking to other counties, Merten learned that case managers are paid much more elsewhere. He can support the 5%. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve the following wages for FY’08 for the Community Services Department: Tami Mills-Thomas-$16.46/hr., Kara Napierala-$15.88/hr, Jamie Turnbull-$14.14/hr, Linda White-$11.79/hr, and Dawn Mentzer-a salary of $46,025.70. Carried.

This being the time and place specified for taking action on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Essential County Purpose Loan Agreement (the “Essential County Purpose Loan Agreement”) in a principal amount not to exceed $260,300, the County Auditor announced that no written objections had been placed on file. Whereupon, the Chairperson called for any written or oral objections, and, there being none, the Chairperson announced that the Board may proceed with the authorization of the Essential County Purpose Loan Agreement.

After due consideration and discussion, Supervisor Burnside introduced the resolution next hereinafter set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Arends. The Chairperson put the question upon the adoption of said resolution, and the roll being called, the following Supervisors voted: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays—none. Carried.
Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted as hereinafter set out.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-03-27-B

Resolution authorizing a General Obligation County Purpose Loan Agreement in an amount not exceeding $710,300 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Buena Vista County, Iowa (the “County”), has heretofore proposed to contract indebtedness and enter into a General Obligation Essential County Purpose Loan Agreement (the “Essential County Purpose Loan Agreement”) in a principal amount not to exceed $260,300 for the essential county purposes of acquiring a building for County use and acquiring computer software and equipment for County buildings, and has published notice of the proposed action and has held a hearing thereon; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa, the County also heretofore proposed to contract indebtedness and enter into other General Obligation General County Purposes Loan Agreements (the “General County Purposes Loan Agreements”) in the principal amount of $450,000 for other county purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable and in the best interests of the County to provide for the levy and collection of taxes to pay the principal of and interest on the Essential County Purpose Loan Agreement and the General County Purposes Loan Agreement (together, the “Loan Agreements”);

NOW, THEREFORE, It Is Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The County hereby determines to enter into the Loan Agreements in the future providing for a loan to the County in the principal amount of $710,300 for the purposes set forth in the preamble hereof.

Section 2. For the purpose of providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Loan Agreements, there is hereby levied on all the taxable property in the County the following direct annual tax:

For collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, sufficient to produce the net annual sum of $237,665;

provided, however, that at the time the County enters into the Loan Agreements, the actual tax levy amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the Loan Agreements in each subsequent year shall be determined based upon the interest rate or rates at which the funds are borrowed, and this resolution shall be amended by the Board to provide for such actual and necessary tax levy amounts.

Section 3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be placed on file with the County Auditor of Buena Vista County, and the County Auditor is hereby instructed to enter for collection and assess the tax hereby authorized. When entering such taxes for collection, the County Auditor shall include the same as a part of the tax levy for Debt Service Fund purposes of the County and when collected, the proceeds of the taxes shall be converted into the Debt Service Fund of the County and set aside therein as a special account to be used solely and only for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Loan Agreements and for no other purpose whatsoever.

Section 4. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED March 27, 2007.
Buena Vista County banks will be invited to submit an interest bid on the total amount of the Capital Projects loan of $710,300. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to select a 2½-year payoff of the capital projects loan, with no penalty for early payoff. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve the minutes of the 3/20 meeting as printed. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter approving a fireworks display by the City of Rembrandt on July 4th, 2007, with the City to be responsible for all safety and liability. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign a claim to Kuehl & Payer for professional services on the cleanout and repair project on Jt. DD #19-26 in the amount of $7,626.06. Carried.

Paul Peterson met with the Board to request the appointment of a special independent prosecutor to investigate what he alleges is missing (audio) tapes. He would like to obtain transcripts from a trial (during the time that Phil Havens was County Attorney) to be able to proceed with re-instating his law license, but the transcripts have been withheld. The Chair stated that due to the status of his motions currently before the court, the Board today declines his request for a prosecutor. Peterson disagreed that the Board cannot become involved at the current time. The dismissal of the charges in that case has resulted in the transcripts not being made available to him. County Attorney Dave Patton has refused to investigate which is Peterson’s reason for the request. Ann Peterson Pyle appealed for the injustice to stop. She has suffered unnecessarily this past year, and she is appalled at the circumstances. Peterson’s psychiatrist has refused to provide additional services until he has an evaluation, which the county has refused to pay for. He has exhausted the services of Plains Area Mental Health and the Season’s Center, which is why he had requested an evaluation at the University of Iowa. Hach stated that as long as some of these matters are in litigation, the Board cannot grant his request.

Environmental Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson discussed this year’s RAGBRAI event in Buena Vista County. She distributed copies of the County’s 2001 Resolution which was passed the last time RAGBRAI went through, and also a copy of Ida’s County’s action. She requested that the Board give some thought to the type and content of the action, which they may take. An ordinance would provide a little more clout for enforcement. The Board asked that she prepare a draft an ordinance for their consideration.

Johnson reported that the new Comprehensive Plan is ready for review by the Board. The City of Storm Lake would like to meet with the County on the Plan. The Board set April 3rd at 10:30 a.m. as the time to review the plan. The City hopes to review it with the Board on April 11th.

Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to set a public hearing on MMP submitted for the Grau site in Section 11, Newell Township for 8:30 a.m., April 3rd. Carried.

Johnson informed the Board that Rembrandt Enterprises would be requesting a special use permit from the Board of Adjustment to allow agricultural sales and service.

The City of Albert City would like to hire Johnson through the county to serve as their building compliance official. She is willing to do it, and explained that the existing 28E agreement could be updated to include those services. The city pays the county $2,000 for the zoning services she
provides. Johnson doesn’t feel it would take much time, but thinks there should be some additional cost to the city. Hach suggested $2,500 for both services. She will have the city attorney update the agreement, and then have the County Attorney review it. The Board’s consensus was to proceed.

Johnson reminded the Board of the April 17 Board of Health meeting when lead-based paint will be discussed.

Johnson discussed a complaint she has received about equipment parked on Steve Lullman’s property along Hwy 71. A number of questions have come up including whether demonstrating the equipment at that location is prohibited, and how a sign might change the issue. Since this is on Hwy 71, the DOT would be the first agency to have something to say about a sign. She will take the questions to the County Attorney.

Community Services Director Dawn Mentzer introduced her Case Management staff to the Board. Tami Mills-Thomas has been employed by the County for 5 years, Kara Napierla for 3 years, and Jamie Turnball—since last September. This is the 1st time in the state that a score of 100 for Case Management accreditation has been given. She explained that there was a thorough review of records, interviews with staff members, and a lot of digging to find areas for improvement. Burnside commented that the tougher job will now be to stay there. Motion by Hach, second by Merten, to congratulate the Department and to express the Board’s appreciation for their work. A roll call vote was requested: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays—none. Mentzer stated that her staff has been doing a very good job and their efforts have saved the county quite a bit of money.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, upon review of the information provided by United Community Health Center Executive Director Renea Seagren, which reports the number of children without sufficient financial resources who have been served by UCHC since it opened 3/31/06, and having received County Attorney Dave Patton’s recommendation to accept the information provided, to authorize the two payments of $15,000 each from the Buckingham Estate Fund for each of the calendar years—2006 and 2007 (pursuant to a motion by the Board on 11/23/04). Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten to approve and to authorize the Auditor to void warrant #209593, issued 3/6/07 to Dearborn Life, and to re-issue the warrant; the original warrant was lost. Carried.

Burnside left the meeting.

John Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultants, construction manager for the LEC project, updated the Board on today’s progress meeting. All floor slabs in the building have been poured, and the workers are working on the female pod. They will soon have a concrete slab on top of the control room so that work can begin. He has encouraged the contractors to do a better job cleaning up the site. When the soil dries out they will be able to grade and re-compact the soil. Steel studs are 75% complete, and drywall installation will start next week. The communications tower installation will be complicated because the location for placement is in the area where construction trailers currently sit. There will be a charge for temporary electric hookup. Hansen plans to seek approval from the City to change the landscaping plans that were made a part of the Zoning Commission’s decision on the variance. The new construction of storage buildings north of the LEC, blocks the view (of the LEC) from the residential area north across the road, which was the primary reason for making it a part of the commission’s decision. He noted that if access to the easement along the planned location of the trees were ever needed, trees would have to be removed to gain access. He has successfully negotiated the extraordinary gas bill -- the meter was registering double; a credit will be shown on the next bill. Paving of the north drive will be done first followed by other paving. He has suggested getting the staining process started to avoid the muddy season when spring rains begin. Coordination of all of the contractors is going fairly well. The engineer was on site last Friday for an inspection. There could be a 2-week extension due to weather, but
contractors will maintain the schedule and complete the jail first. The administration side will be completed afterwards. This will allow prisoners to be moved as soon as possible to cut off the cost of out-of-county housing. Vinyl lettering is planned to go on the entrance. Parking lot light poles will provide the night lighting.

Due to time, the discussion of longevity was postponed to April 10th.

The Board discussed the request from the City of Newell for a letter of support and for $50,000 in funding for their Community Center project. Since the FY'08 budget has already been finalized, which included exceeding the $3.50 General Fund levy limit, and with the development of the FY'09 budget nearly 10 months away, motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve $5,000 in funding for their project, and to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support to accompany the City's CAT grant application along with confirmation of funding in the amount of $5,000. Ayes—Arends, Hach, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Carried.

Upon review of the new job description and division of duties of the IT Technician/Clerk, motion by Hach, second by Merten, to approve an hourly rate of $15.20/hr for the position retroactive to 1/1/2007, and with a 3.5% increase for FY'08. Carried.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a request signed by Steve Hoffman to upgrade the road on the north side of Section 4, Washington Township. Construction of 4 turkey buildings is planned to begin in May 2007. The request was referred to Engineer Jon Ites for a determination of the cost of the upgrade.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to set the maximum limits for employee contributions to their FY’08 flex benefit plan as follows: medical reimbursement-$2,500, part time employees-$1,000; dependent care-$5,000. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the renewal agreements with Wellmark for FY’08 employee health insurance. Ayes—Arends, Hach, Merten, Crampton. Nays—none. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Arends, to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. until Tuesday, April 3rd at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.
The Chair opened the hearing on the Gnewuch Turkey Finisher construction application. EnvHealth/Zoning Director Kim Johnson reviewed the project which proposes to expand the current facility by adding one building for 778 animal units. It does not require a matrix evaluation. There being no objections, motion by Merten, second by Arends, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2007-11-13-A approving the Gnewuch Turkey Finisher construction application. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-11-13-A

Recommending approval of the Gnewuch Turkey Finisher (Loren Gnewuch) Construction Application to the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources.

WHEREAS, a construction application for expansion of a 642 ft. by 55 ft. turkey feeding barn, dry manure storage in Section 26, Fairfield Township, has been submitted by Loren Gnewuch on October 15th, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Environmental Health Director has reviewed the application, and has verified all of the elements of the application for accuracy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors published a notice in the Pilot Tribune on October 25th, 2007 as required, and held public hearing in the Supervisors Meeting Room at the Courthouse on November 13th, 2007 for the purpose of receiving public comment; with no response provided

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors shall submit the recommendation within 30 days of DNR receipt of application,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, has assembled their comments with knowledge provided for submission to the DNR;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby recommends approval of the construction application of the Gnewuch Turkey Finisher Construction Application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of November, 2007.

/s/ Lorna Burnside Vice-Chair, Board of Supervisors.........................................../s/ Karen M. Strawn, Auditor

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve the minutes of the 11/6 meeting as printed. Carried.

Merten reported on the De-cat meeting he had attended as Crampton’s alternate. The services being provided by one provider were discussed.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve the following reports: 9/12 Conservation Board minutes, Oct Spectra lagoon monitoring report by Mangold Environmental, and the Oct Clerk’s fees. Carried.

The Chair opened the public hearing on the first FY’08 Budget Amendment. The Auditor reported that the notice of public hearing had been published as required, and reviewed the amendment. There being no objections, motion by Merten, second by Hach, to close the public hearing, and to approve the 1st amendment to the FY’08 budget, to authorize the Chair to sign and to approve the expenditure appropriations listed below. Carried
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Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign the 3-year election services agreement with Election Systems & Software Inc. for ballot layout, coding and voice file services, and ballot printing services. Carried.

Pam Bogue introduced herself to the Board as the new BV Co. Public Health Nurse Administrator as of October 22nd. In the past she had worked for BV Co. Public Health for 9 years. She invited Board members to attend the flu clinic scheduled for 11/19. November is Home Care month and she will be on KAYL to inform the public about the flu clinic and to provide recognition for her staff.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to accept and to authorize the Chair to sign the proposal from Bodholdt Brothers for a preventive service agreement (service at 6 mo intervals) for the LEC rooftop HVAC units in the amount of $5,452.00 plus the cost of filters. Carried.

Sheriff Chuck Eddy introduced Chris Eldred as the new Deputy in his department. He requested approval for an October 31 effective date for his health insurance coverage. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve health insurance coverage to begin December 1 for Deputy Eldred. Carried. Ayes—Arends, Hach, Burnside; nay—Merten. Carried.

The Board discussed a letter from Crawford County requesting that the county send a representative to a November 30th meeting at which their recent RAGBRAI lawsuit will be discussed. They would like to have the Iowa legislature pass legislation allowing permissive use of the roads by bicyclists, and to ban permissive users from filing claims against governmental bodies for damages in the event an accident or mishap. The Board took no action at this time.

Ites reported that the collapse of the bridge in Minneapolis earlier this year is likely to lead to more federal bridge inspections; there are about 3 proposals for legislation.

Engineer Jon Ites has received a request from Eugene Johnson regarding a location in Section 4, Poland Township where the channel is silting in. Ites' investigation didn't find any tile without an outlet. He has recommended that Johnson request permission from the DD #34 Trustees to put in an "in-stream crossing".

Ites will check a location in Section 16, Fairfield Township where there may be a tile outlet with dirt and verify when the last ditch cleaning in DD #34, Lat 2 was completed.

Ites will have the Tile Crew Foreman to check what work was done previously regarding a tile hookup when 90th Ave was paved. The Road department is shifting to winter crews this week. Merten has had several calls about the rough road on Vestal St. and asked what can be done about it. Ites estimated that it would take $10,000-$15,000 worth of machine time to correct the problem, but it wouldn't work well at this time of the year.

CPC Dawn Mentzer presented an annual review of the Managed Care Plan. The plan includes new goals in the 3 year strategic plan including promoting community employment opportunities and creating more of a ‘person-centered’ system. They are developing a survey tool to be sent out to the
consumers. Genesis Development has been working with consumers to get them out in the community and annual advocacy training to teach them to speak up for what they want. The Managed Care Advisory Board meets quarterly and works on the stated goals. This has allowed changes in services to be communicated this way. Buena Vista County does not have anyone on a waiting list currently. Mentzer meets with AEA annually to plan for persons that may come into the system. With a federal grant, the “Bridges” program has put MH services in the school systems. She discussed block grant expenditures (to Season’s Center) for outpatient services ($69,522 for total for all programs) and discussed options. To make any changes for the upcoming budget, they need to be considered now.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign today’s claims approval list. Carried.

Pursuant to Chapter 50.24 of the 2007 Code of Iowa, motion by Arends, second by Merten, to declare the results of the Canvass of the November 6, 2007 Municipal Election as follows: (* indicates winner)

**ALBERT CITY** - total voters – 72 - 17% turnout

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Motion by Hach, second by Merten, to accept the proposal from Paul Howie to provide snow removal services at LEC and ERA for $60/hour, and to request a certificate of insurance from him. Carried.
There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Arends, to adjourn at 1:10 p.m. until Tuesday, November 20th at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

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FIFTIETH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (50)
NOVEMBER 27, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on November 27th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays—none. Abstentions—none.

County Attorney Dave Patton discussed the cost of bringing witnesses back to Buena Vista County to testify in a couple of cases. The consensus of the Board was that he should do so. There may be a need to amend the budget at a later time. The Board discussed having a formal policy for volunteers which would include training and confidentiality issues. Patton will do some research on the issue.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to approve today’s agenda, and to add approval of Change Order #4 – Gadbury Plumbing for the LEC project. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign Change Order #4 to Gadbury Plumbing (plumbing contract #3) for the LEC project in the amount of $1,924.98. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to add the following item to today’s agenda – consideration of the bill for rock submitted by Al Shultz for rock at the LEC site. Carried. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize payment of the bill for rock at the LEC site in an amount to be negotiated by construction consultant John Hansen with the amount to be in the range of $636.00. Carried.

Supervisor Burnside introduced a resolution hereinafter next set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Merten; and after due consideration thereof by the Board, the Chairperson put the question upon the adoption of the said resolution and the roll being called, the following named Supervisors voted: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, Crampton, Nays—none, Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted as follows:
RESOLUTION 2007-11-27-07
To a fix a date for public hearing on a loan agreement

WHEREAS, Buena Vista County (the “County”), proposes to enter into a loan agreement (the “Equipment Loan Agreement”) in the principal amount of $200,000 for the essential county purpose of equipping the county law enforcement center with voice and data E-911 communication equipment, and it is necessary to fix a date of meeting of the Board of Supervisors at which it is proposed to take action to enter into such loan agreement and to give notice thereof as required by law; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to fix a date of meeting of this Board at which it is proposed to take action to enter into such loan agreements and to give notice thereof as required by law;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. This Board shall meet on the 4th day of December, 2007, at the Boardroom in the Courthouse, Storm Lake, Iowa, at 8:30 o’clock a.m., at which time and place hearing will be held and proceedings will be instituted and action taken to enter into the Loan Agreement.

Section 2. The County Auditor is hereby directed to give notice of the proposed action on the E911 Equipment Loan Agreement setting forth the amount and purpose thereof, the time when and place where the said meeting will be held by publication at least once and not less than four nor more than twenty days before the meeting, in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the County.

The notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND BORROW MONEY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $200,000 (GENERAL OBLIGATION)

The Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, will meet on the 4th day of December, 2007, at the Boardroom in the Courthouse, Storm Lake, Iowa, at 8:30 o’clock a.m., for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action to enter into a loan agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) and borrow money in the principal amount of $200,000 for the purpose of equipping the county law enforcement center with voice and data E-911 communication equipment.

The Loan Agreement is proposed to be entered into pursuant to authority contained in Section 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa. The Loan Agreement will constitute a general obligation of the County.

At the aforementioned time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement. After receiving objections, the County may determine to enter into the Loan Agreement in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Karen Strawn
County Auditor

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
Passed and approved November 27, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chairman, Board of Supervisors............Attest:  /s/ Karen M. Strawn, County Auditor

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Community Foundation Grant project evaluation for the exterior electrical service project, to be submitted to the Community Foundation. Carried.

Engineer Jon Ites informed the Board that the department has switched to winter crews and is down a couple employees due to surgeries and recovery. DOT has scheduled a meeting to discuss the impact of extra heavy loads from moving cranes back and forth on roads from job site to job site, particularly where wind generation projects are being built. ‘What is the long term impact of 150,000-160,000 loads on roads?’ He has seen the need for some increase in graveling.

A notice has been received from the DOT local systems office that effective 11/28/08, those employees working on roads which have received federal aid will be required to wear high visibility clothing. This includes road employees and anyone else working on the roads i.e. sheriff’s deputies.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to accept the Engineer’s recommendation to accept the low proposal from Calhoun-Burns Associates in the base amount of $12,410 for 2008, and $1,610 for 2009 for bridge inspections services. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign an underground utility permit submitted by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., Newton, to install a 5 pr communication cable to a hog facility at 5145 240th Ave, in the roadway of Section 23, Fairfield Township. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign an underground utility permit submitted by Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, for a directional bore for a water main from ROW to ROW line on the west side of Section 7, Elk Township. Carried.

Motion by Burnside, second by Arends, to amend today’s agenda by adding approval of a contract amendment, and to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract amendment with the IA Dept of Public Health for a substance abuse grant in the amount of $3,827. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve the minutes of the 11/20 meeting as corrected, reports as follows: annual 3rd Judicial District Department of Corrections, 2007 Weed Commissioner’s report, corn sales from S. Hayes Pit farm, and to authorize the Chairman to sign today’s claims approval list. Carried

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Arends, to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. until Tuesday, December 4th at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FI FTY-FIRST MEETING, 2007 SESSION (51)
DECEMBER 4, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on December 4th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

This being the time and place specified for taking action on the proposal to enter into an Essential County Purpose loan agreement, the County Auditor announced that no written objections had been placed on file. Whereupon, the Chairperson called for any written or oral objections, and there were none.

After due consideration and discussion, Supervisor Hach, introduced the resolution next hereinafter set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Burnside. The Chairperson put the question upon the adoption of said resolution, and the roll being called, the following Supervisors voted:

Ayes: Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, Crampton.
Nays: none. Whereupon, the chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted as hereinafter set out.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-12-4
Authorizing a Loan Agreement and a $200,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Note and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa (hereinafter referred to as the “County”), has heretofore proposed to contract indebtedness and enter into a loan agreement in the principal amount of $200,000, for the purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of equipping the county law enforcement center with voice and data E-911 communication equipment.

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and advisable to provide for the levy and collection of taxes to pay the principal of and interest on a $200,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Note (the “Note”), to be issued in the future in evidence of the County’s obligation under the Loan Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, It is Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The County hereby determined to enter into a loan agreement with a lender (the “Lender) to be selected in the future, providing for a loan to the county in the principal amount of $200,000 for the purpose or purposes set forth in the preamble hereof.

Section 2. The Note shall be issued in a principal amount not to exceed $200,000 in evidence of the obligation of the County under the Loan Agreement when the Lender is selected and shall be dated as of the date of its delivery to the Lender.

The Note shall bear interest, shall be payable as to principal and interest on the dates and in the amounts, may be subject to prepayment prior to maturity and may contain such other terms and provisions as shall be determined by the Board of supervisors at the time the Lender is selected, and this resolution shall then be amended to so provide.

Section 3. The actual tax levy amount and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Note as the same becomes due, shall be determined based upon the interest rate
or rates at which the Note is issued, and after the County has entered the anticipated agreement with the Buena Vista county E911 Service Board under which it will receive the proceeds of the loan to be used by it solely for the purchase of property as indicated in the preamble and it will repay with the its E911 emergency telephone surcharge revenue the general obligation note approved hereby in accordance with the terms established by the county and the Lender. This resolution shall be amended by resolution of the Board of Supervisors to provide for such actual and necessary tax amounts, if any, after entry of the Agreement with the Buena Vista county E911 Service Board.

Section 4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be placed on file with the County Auditor of Buena Vista County, and the Auditor is hereby instructed to enter for collection and assess the tax hereby authorized to the extent, if any, that E911 emergency telephone surcharge revenue fails to satisfy the loan terms entered by the Lender and the County. When annually entering such taxes for collection, the County Auditor shall include the same as a part of the tax levy for Debt Service Fund purposes of the county and when collected, the proceeds of the taxes shall be converted into the Debt Service Fund of the county and set aside therein as a special account to be used solely and only for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Note hereby authorized and for no other purpose whatsoever.

Section 5. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and approved December 4, 2007.

/s/ Herb Crampton, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors.........Attest: /s/ Karen M. Strawn, County Auditor

EnvHealth Director Kim Johnson reviewed the status of her FY'08 budget and informed the Board about bioterrorism funds which are available for environmental health equipment. It appears that no budget amendment is needed at this time, but it will be reviewed again prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Sheriff Chuck Eddy presented a letter from some of his employees protesting the Board's decision to close county offices on December 24. The decision leaves out his department (except office staff) since deputies, jailers, and radio operators provide 24/7 services. The decision doesn’t provide his department the same benefit (both those scheduled to work, nor those not scheduled to work) as all other county employees. The Board discussed how to be fair to all employees. This will be discussed at the department head meeting on Thursday when all department heads will be present. Sheriff also informed the Board that the "meals on wheels" program which is now being provided by CBM Food Services, began yesterday. The increased number of meals prepared cuts the per meal cost down for the jail program.

Clerk of Court Donna McPherren introduced Joann Kinnetz who has been appointed to replace McPherren when she retires December 31st. Kinnetz will be in the office throughout the month to learn the programs and procedures.

Supervisors Merten and Arends reported on the discussion had by the Iowa County Supervisors at ISAC last week regarding the proposal for legislation to protect counties from lawsuits like the recent suit against RAGBRAI and Crawford County. It is hoped that all 99 counties will adopt a resolution encouraging the legislation so that Boards of Supervisors don’t have to act at the local level to regulate the use by cyclists of secondary roads. A resolution format was approved for use this purpose. Roads in Iowa are designed for motor vehicle transportation. If the road is properly maintained, the county would be protected. If a county doesn’t take of problems i.e. potholes or properly maintain the road, the county could be sued. The legislation would add this as another reason for which a county could not be sued. At the ISAC meeting, it was noted that RAGBRAI riders do not abide by the rules of the road, (ie. stop at stop signs, ride one side of the road, etc.) The BV Board supports biking and doesn’t want to limit RAGBRAI through the county, but wants to make riders aware of their situation. If legislature doesn’t approve, many counties will not be in favor of agreeing to RAGBRAI in their counties. Marilyn Monson spoke in favor of the county protecting itself; the resolution is a good idea. RABRAI registered riders sign
a release which provides protection to RABRAI, Des Moines Register (sponsor) and the state of Iowa. But the waiver isn’t signed by all riders. The resolution will be on the December 11th agenda.

Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 11/27 meeting as printed and the following report: minutes of Poland Township Officers meeting at which Bruce Stone was appointed to filling a vacancy. Carried.

Regarding a clothing allowance for the request from the custodial department, it was the consensus to not approve at this time.

The Board discussed the current list of assignments to the boards and committees. The new appointments will be made January 2, 2008.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Arends, to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. until Tuesday, December 10th at 8:30 a.m. for a FY’09 budget session to receive organization/agency funding requests.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTY-SECOND MEETING, 2007 SESSION (52)
DECEMBER 10, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on December 10th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Vice Chairman Burnside presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Hach, and Merten, and with Deputy Auditor Leigh Madsen as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Crampton.

Unless otherwise indicated, any motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Hach, Merten, and Burnside. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

The purpose of today’s meeting was to receiving FY’09 budget funding requests. The following agencies/organizations made requests: SLADC by Gary Lalone and Ed O'Toole ($30,000 total); CAASA by Rhonda Dean, Executive Director ($2,000 or more); Sioux Rapids Historical Society by Avis & Don Yungbluth ($1,000); NW Aging by Cynthia Beauman, Executive Director and Marvin Molitor, Floyd Courtwright, Lois Sievert, and Lois Johnson ($10,842, $2.60/person over age 60); Upper Des Moines Opportunity by Ron Ludwig, Executive Director and Storm Lake Site Director, Joan Spooner, and Gena Lullman Hall ($19,715); NW IA ADTU by Cindy Johnson and Mary Sloan ($.90/capita, Board agreed $.75/capita=$15,308); Buena Vista County Library Association by Sue Pederson-AL, Misty Grey-SL, Bette Jolliffe-MA, Patria Jensen-LG, Caroline Boettcher-NE, and Joleen Anderson-RE; and BV Genealogical Society by Kristen Watts.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Arends, to adjourn until Tuesday, December 11th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
FIFTY-THIRD MEETING, 2007 SESSION (53)  
DECEMBER 11, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on December 11th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Burnside. Nays—none. Abstentions—none.

The Board took up the Sheriff’s request for consideration of his employees with regard to the closing of county offices on December 24. Deputy Doug Simons stated that the department is asking for ‘parity across the board’. Following discussion, motion by Merten, second by Arends, to declare December 24th, 2007 a holiday for all county employees. Carried.

The Board welcomed two visitors - ICCC students - Stephanie Drapeaux, and Omot Olok.

VSO Clint Hoferman discussed a request from the Iowa Commissioner of Department of Veterans Affairs that he start visiting nursing home to assist veterans in determining eligibility, and in applying for benefits. An average of 3-5 nursing home residents are veterans. He proposed a schedule to begin after January 1st. The veterans’ grant funds can be used for this purpose. The Board reminded him to communicate with the Commissioners on the matter.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign today’s claims approval list, and the following additional claims—$1,000 for reimbursement to the BV County Treasurer for the Sheriff’s drug investigation, and for $100 to Fitzpatrick Auto Center for the deductible on a community services vehicle. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Burnside, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2007-12-18 requesting legislation to provide liability protection to counties from bicyclists. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-12-11  
Pertaining to the use of Secondary Roads in Buena Vista County, Iowa by RAGBRAI and by cyclists in general.

WHEREAS, the Register’s Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) is a unique event that draws thousands of visitors to Iowa annually and promotes Iowa tourism; and

WHEREAS, biking in general is an excellent form of exercise enjoyed by millions of Americans, as well as a pollution-free form of transportation that should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, secondary roads in Iowa are not designed or maintained to meet any specific standards related to bicycle travel; and

WHEREAS, the recent lawsuit against Crawford County involving the death of a RAGBRAI participant demonstrates the need to address the use of the county secondary road system by RAGBRAI and by cyclists in general; and

WHEREAS, the current situation has created an unacceptable exposure to future bicycle-related lawsuits against this County;
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors that they respectfully request that the Iowa Legislature address this issue in 2008 on a statewide basis so that the Board of Supervisors does not have to act at the local level to regulate the use by cyclists of secondary roads under the jurisdiction of the County.

Approved this 11th day of November, 2007

BUENA VISTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
/s/ Herb Crampton, Chairman

ATTEST:
/s/ Karen M. Strawn, County Auditor

Head Custodian Steve Hammen informed the Board about a third story broken window on the southeast side of the courthouse. The deductible on the property insurance policy is $1,000. The quote for the window and installation is just over that amount. The window has been ordered, and hopefully will be installed next week.

Following discussion of the matter at the 12/5th Safety Committee meeting, it was determined that the custodial department should be wearing high visibility clothing when doing any snow clearing or other maintenance at the street. Also, Hammen will be adding a flashing light for the snow blower for safety reasons. Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve purchase of a high visibility jacket (winter) and vest (summer) for Custodian Hammen, and to approve purchase of the flashing light for the snow blower. Carried.

Three sealed bids were received for the snow blower which was advertised. Motion by Hach, second by Burnside to accept the high, written bid of $410 from David Jansen for a used snow blower. Carried.

Engineer Jon Ites has hired ROW agent hired-Graham & Associates as the ROW agent for C-65. 60’ ROW will be purchased from 22 owners for the 4+ miles of C-65.

The Iowa County Engineers’ Service Bureau (ICESB) has created a mapping tool which will significantly reduce the time required to prepare multi-year project maps. What has previously required up to a day to prepare, can now be done in about 1 hour.

A letter was received from Connie & Dick Moore regarding a request to purchase two additional parcels east of Sioux Rapids which adjoin their property in Section 7, Lee Township. Ites will research the matter.

Buena Vista County is named on 40 of 187 permits to use the roadways which were issued for fertilizer spreaders. Counties will share the permits; up to 10 counties can be named on the permit, and would split the $3,000 fee.

The Board began a discussion of the amount of property tax support to be approved from the General Basic and Rural Basic Fund for Secondary Roads in the FY'09 budget. Ites has not received the RUT projection for FY'09 yet, but noted that those funds will be allocated 60% on the new formula, and 40% on old formula. He is looking to a continued reduction from that source. While the percent of the maximum amount of transfers which may be made from the Rural and General levies has increased, but the percent increase of actual dollars is much more moderate.

An inquiry regarding the opening of a level B road has been received. The request was made to allow a quicker response to a person who is ill and lives just beyond the level B road. Due to the status of the road, a response team would have to go around the section instead of taking a direct route, and therefore would be able to respond as quickly. Ites will call the person who made the request. If the road is opened and cleared, it would have to be kept open due to the liability.
With the departure one of the three case managers, CPC Director Dawn Mentzer proposed not hiring a replacement, but instead re-distributing the caseload between the two remaining CM’s. She proposed providing a financial incentive to the CM’s for picking up the cases, and also to the secretary due to the additional paperwork. Mentzer suggested a $.48/ hour increase to each of the employees. The Board will consider the proposal on December 18.

Auditor Strawn requested the addition of a staff person to her department due to the increased amount of IT work. The request is to hire another clerk who would be responsible for real estate transfers, and general clerical duties. The duties of the IT Technician/Clerk would change to entirely IT. The increased volume of requests for IT assistance from other departments, plus the added election workload over the past 2 years has caused a backlog of work that needs to be completed. The election additional workload is anticipated to continue during the next two years. Motion by Arends, second by Burnside, to approve the addition of a clerk to the Auditor’s department to handle real estate transfer responsibilities and other clerical duties, and to approve the current Clerk/IT Technician assuming fulltime IT responsibilities at the conclusion of the training period for the new clerk. Carried.

Custodian Hammen notified the Board of the request from the District Court Administrator to install keyless locks on Clerk’s and Small Claims office doors.

Motion by Burnside, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the November recap of bills for the LEC construction project in the amount $105,616.24. Carried.

Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to note the receipt of FY’07 forfeited flexible benefit funds in the amount of $583.30 and to direct the Auditor to deposit these funds in the General Fund to offset the $500 allowed to the employee’s wellness program. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 12/4 meeting and the following reports: November budget reports and financial reports, November monthly operating report of Spectra lagoon, and Nov. 20 Board of Health minutes. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Arends, second by Merten, to adjourn at 12:45 p.m. until Wednesday, December 12th at 8:30 a.m. for a special meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (54)
DECEMBER 12, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on December 12th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays—none. Abstentions—none.

The purpose of today’s meeting was to receiving FY’09 budget funding requests. The following agencies/organizations made requests: SCS by Colleen Schwanz, Board Secretary, Bob Donahoo and Dwight Young, Commission Members ($3,000); Buena Vista County Ag Society by Nancy Robbins, Secretary, and Lee & Becky Meyer ($40,000); Newell Historical Society ($1,000) & Western Iowa Tourism ($250) by Marilyn Monson; Buena Vista County Historical Society by Marge Neulieb ($800); Hanover Historical Society by Arlin Hinkeldey ($1,000); Albert City Historical Society by Richard Aronson ($1,000); Regional Transit Authority-Rides by Hugh Lively, Executive Director and Ted Bauer-CFO ($13,000, and $1,300 for SL Sr. Center).
Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 12/10 as printed, 12/11 as corrected, and 12/12 meetings as printed. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Merten, to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. until Tuesday, December 18th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

Karen M Strawn, Auditor
Herb Crampton, Chairperson
Leigh Madsen, Deputy Auditor

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (55)
DECEMBER 18, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 8:30 a.m. on December 18th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Chairman Crampton presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Burnside, Hach, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Burnside, Hach, Merten, and Crampton. Nays--none. Abstentions--none.

Case Management Supervisor Dawn Mentzer discussed information that may have a significant impact on the case management programs in Iowa. A new federal definition of case management could disqualify Iowa case management, eliminating Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement and leaving a substantial hole in the counties’ revenue picture. Up until now, the ISAC County Case Management System programmers have believed that Iowa’s interpretation was acceptable under federal rules. With the departure of two ISAC CCMS employees, it is a little difficult to get information, but she will be following up on the information. Due to these circumstances, she is now not recommending any changes in staffing or pay in her department at this time.

At her meeting with Season’s yesterday regarding the state’s data reporting requirements, Mentzer has been informed that Season’s doesn’t want to honor the codicil to the FY’08 Season’s contract in which the facility was to provide tracking data as required by IAC441-25.41 for each individual indigent medications program participant, a narrative report for the emergency services program, and a narrative report for the number of instances/individuals served in emergency situations. Season’s reported that Dr. Allen Parks, Administrator of the Mental Health and Disabilities Services Division, is fine with the information Division is currently getting, so Season’s has decided not to provide it. However, Dr.
Parks has not put that statement in writing. Also, FY’09 contracts are not currently ready, and Mentzer is not sure when they will be available. She would like to request a proposal from Plains Area Mental Health. It was the consensus of the Board to make the request.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to direct the Auditor to void and re-issue warrant #213539, which was lost, issued 11-13-07 in the amount of $148.20 – Ardyce Anderson. Carried.

Treasurer Kathy Bach communicated a request from Henry Derksen to abate delinquent taxes on a mobile home in the Alta mobile home park, and to assign the tax sale certificate to him. The mobile home was abandoned and has $504 in delinquent taxes plus $373 in penalties and interest on it. He proposes to pay the delinquent taxes and a $10 fee, in exchange for the tax sale certificate and he will fix it up and get the property back on the tax rolls. Motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to approve Henry Derksen’s request for abatement of the penalties and interest on mobile home VIN#GB41292 and to purchase the tax sale certificate #050202 upon payment of the back taxes (2003 to current) in the amount of $504.00 plus a $10 fee. Carried.

A mobile home in Vista Estates was junked out in December 2006, but the junking certificate was not issued until 12/14/07 when the title was turned in. The title was lost last year when the mobile home was destroyed and removed from the lot. Meanwhile, taxes have continued to be levied. Bach recommended abatement of the back taxes. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to abate the delinquent taxes in the amount of $132.00 (2nd ½ 2006 and FY’07 taxes) on mobile home VIN#BU4319E which was destroyed and moved from Vista Estates. Carried.

Sandy Johnson, Gingerbread House Director, requested funds for the GBH operational budget. GHB is an essential service in our community serving many low income families. The recent increase in the minimum wage, and the one scheduled for January 1st has brought the facility to a budget crisis. Without outside help, GBH will have to close its doors. On November 28, the Board of Directors began a fund drive for an operations budget from outside sources. New rates have been approved on the sliding fee scale, but are not sufficient to make up the shortfall. She requested a $10,000 annual contribution from the county. She has met with the Storm Lake City Council, and will be approaching the hospital and the school as well as other large employers in the community. The Board was receptive to the request, and the current budget will be reviewed to see whether funds can be provided immediately.

Custodian Steve Hammen reported that Jerry Seiler will begin the courthouse plumbing replacement project after Christmas. The water and sewer will not be disabled in the jail area since that plumbing serves the 2nd and 3rd floors too, but the jail leads will be capped. The drains will not be removed in the event of a leak. The roof drains to that area. He received proposals to remove 2 dead trees on the south side of the courthouse. Motion by Hach, second by Arends, to accept the low proposal in the amount of $520.00 from Jerry Kahl to remove 2 dead trees, grind out the stumps, and to fill the holes. Carried. Hammen suggested a replacement tree - a blue spruce or a conifer which could be lit for the Christmas season instead of the two trees proposed for lighting on the west side of the courthouse building. This would eliminate the need to install additional exterior electrical service in that location. The price for a 15’ tree is about $900, of $500 for a 10 ft. tree. He will continue to look to see what else might be available before spring arrives. Hammen has two proposals for replacement of electric heaters for the judge’s chambers and hallway. He would move one from chambers to the hallway, and put 2 new ones in chambers. New heaters are smaller but a little more efficient. A stainless steel finish is not available, but aluminum color should blend in satisfactorily. Motion by Arends, second by Hach to accept the low proposal of $1550 installed from Nepple Electric for 2 new heaters, and moving 1 existing unit to a new location. Carried. (Before the meeting adjourned, a third proposal, to find replacement parts, was received. Nepple’s proposal was put on hold pending the outcome of the search for parts.)

Weed Commissioner Norm Lund reported on the installation of a new computer/electronics panel on the weed spray truck. Leftover weed chemicals are currently stored in the (old) Sheriff’s block building on Hudson, but a new storage location will need to be found. Lund also discussed his annual weed commissioner’s report previously filed. The supervisors noted their approval of the report.
Motion by Hach, second by Merten, to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign an amended wetlands agreement for Dry Mud Lake located in Section 25, Garfield Township Clay County - in **Jt. DD #22** for work done which was requested by the IDNR. Carried.

The Board discussed setting a meeting with a personnel consultant who will be employed to update the **employee handbook**. The Auditor will arrange a meeting.

There being no further business, motion by Burnside, second by Hach, to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. until Wednesday, December 26th at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

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Karen M Strawn, Auditor                                    Herb Crampton, Chairperson

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING, 2007 SESSION (56)
DECEMBER 26, 2007

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on December 26th in the Boardroom of the Courthouse with Vice Chairman Burnside presiding, and with the following other members present: Arends, Hach, and Merten, and with Auditor Karen Strawn as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Crampton.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes—Arends, Hach, Merten, and Burnside. Nays—none. Abstentions—none.

General Assistance Director Paula Guerra discussed funds budgeted in the FY’08 General Assistance budget for **daycare fee assistance**. Of the $10,000 budgeted, approximately $400 has been paid out (2 months have been billed). She projected that only a portion of the remaining funds are likely to be needed. It was noted, there are other daycare providers in the community.

Merten and Arends will serve as the **cash count** committee for the Treasurer on January 2, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

The Board discussed designating the **floating holiday** to be a specific date for calendar year 2008. Treasurer Kathy Bach suggested adding another holiday rather than designating the float holiday. Merten suggested surveying the employees before making any changes.

Dr. Keith Geyer and Don Peterson from the **Alta Development Corporation** were present to speak to the issue of the funds provided to SLADC. They suggested that there might be a more equitable way to provide funds for economic development that would benefit other communities in the county. Hach encouraged them to contact the Iowa Corridor 71 Development Corp.

**Marathon** Mayor Dana Snow, and Council Member Al Kinnetz, was present for a FY’09 funding request to complete a couple small items on their community center project. The steel roof needs to be modified to avoid the danger of falling ice, and a second accessible entrance in planned. They will return January 8th with a specific dollar request.
Motion by Arends, second by Hach, to approve the minutes of the 12/4 meeting, the following reports: Nov Conservation Board minutes and Nov budget reports, and to authorize the Chairman today’s claims approval list. Carried.

Engineer Jon Ites discussed the permit application submitted by IA Lakes Regional Water for the Truesdale wastewater project. The request is to use the county ROW for a surface outlet for the pond (NW¼ Section 2, Washington Township). This is a different proposal and a different project than previously discussed. This will cause constant flow of water into the ditch. Hach asked about whether future council can be obligated for maintenance. A 28E agreement would be needed. After discussion, the Board requested that Ites contact Iowa Lakes about the details and other possibilities.

FY’09 Fundco funds (county bridge construction fund) will go for a bridge in Wapello County (scored 98).

Motion by Merten, second by Hach, to approve and to authorize the Chair, the utility permit submitted by Iowa Telecom, Newton, to install 25 pr communication cable to replace cable which was temporarily re-located for the replacement the bridge on 240th St, Section 36, Newell Township. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve and to authorize the Chair to sign, the utility permit submitted by Alliant Energy to install an overhead transmission line North of Rembrandt along 475th St on the north side of Rembrandt, West to 120th Ave, North to 470th St., West on 470th St. for 2½ miles. Carried.

Ites suggested that some specialized tools will be needed to make the jail space suitable for records storage. He suggested another walk-thru of the area.

BV Veterans Affairs Commission members Ray Kurtz, Lloyd Galbraith, Jon Ites were present to discuss the grant program and the expansion of veteran’s services. Members Rich Hal din and John Peters were not able to be present. Galbraith reported that the funds requested in FY’07 are to be spent in FY’08. Merten asked how the funds were planned to be spent. Galbraith and Peters have examined the space which has been designated – the former communications center. Galbraith asked if Hoferman is to remain under the direction of the Supervisors, or if he will be report to the VA Commission. Ites asked if the Veterans Assistance budget and the Veterans Services Officer budget are planned to be combined. The Commission is looking to have the office open 5 days per week. Arends asked the Commission how they want to proceed. So far, a meeting of the Commission has not been called to discuss these issues. Ites noted that the 2 small budgets are not adequate to fund a full time director; however, the director would not have to be fulltime, if someone were to be available to take applications. The Director must be a veteran. Training for a director would be an eligible expenditure under the terms of the grant. How many hours are needed for a Director? If it is anticipated that the office was open 5 days week, would there be enough veterans who would come in? Yes. Could other counties combine to hire the Director? A director has to be responsible to the Commission, and no other Board or person. Merten suggested that the Commission decide on whether they want to a hire a director or not, for how many hours, and what to pay. Will this be a fulltime position with benefits? The Commission’s next meeting is Jan 3.

There being no further business, motion by Hach, second by Arends, to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. until Wednesday, January 2nd at 8:30 a.m. for the 2008 organizational meeting.
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